

UPDATE for the Community



The Alliance marked two important milestones last week. On December 10, we celebrated our tenth anniversary, gathering together many of the people who [built the Alliance](#). Looking back to celebrate what we have accomplished and to recognize the work we've done to get here is important. But we are not resting on our laurels. We are excited about the future of health care in Washington state, and the role the Alliance will play to drive improvement. [Read more from our executive director](#).

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ALLIANCE UPDATES

Community Checkup and Washington State Common Measure Set results now online

The Alliance has published the first results for the Washington State Common Measure Set for Health Care Quality and Cost, as well as results for the ninth Community Checkup, on the [Community Checkup website](#). The website includes first-ever medical group and clinic-level results for six new counties, as well as reports on health plans and ACHs.

CPIN Webinar: Introducing the new Community Checkup: a look at the Washington State Common Measure Set for Health Care Quality and Cost

Learn about the Washington State Common Measure Set for Health Care Quality and Cost and Community Checkup key findings. Participants will also learn how the Community Checkup can be used as a guide for quality improvement. The Clinical Performance Improvement Network is an educational program designed to assist physician practices' efforts on quality improvement. *This activity has been approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*. [Register online](#).

The savvy health care shopper

The Washington Health Alliance is partnering with the Washington State Health Care Authority's [Healthier Washington](#) initiative to educate consumers on finding value in health care. We've created a series of infographics, blog posts and a video centered on the theme of the savvy health care shopper. We

Choosing Wisely

Choosing Wisely is a campaign designed to provide easy-to-understand guides for getting better, safer, more effective care. It is a partnership between the Alliance, The American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM), the Washington State Medical Association, and others. [Learn more](#).

Visit the Community Checkup website

The Community Checkup website helps consumers make informed choices by giving them access to a robust and accessible supply of data and resources. [Learn more](#).

Follow the Alliance on Twitter

We invite you to follow the Alliance on Twitter [@WAHealthCheckup](#).

Follow the Alliance on LinkedIn

We invite you to follow the Alliance on our [LinkedIn company page](#).

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encourage purchasers and other organizations to use these materials. [Learn more.](#)

Register today! Learn how to engage patients through shared decision making

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), Washington Health Alliance, the Washington State Health Care Authority and Group Health Cooperative are co-sponsoring two free, one-day train-the-trainer workshops on the SHARE approach, a five-step process for shared decision making. The master trainer workshops will train health care leaders who will in turn go back to their organizations and communities to train others in shared decision making. These workshops are the launch of a statewide learning network to support ongoing implementation of shared decision making.

NOTE: There is a limit of two participants per hospital, medical group or Accountable Community of Health. Space is limited and registration is anticipated to fill up fast.

- [Register for the February 2 workshop](#)
- [Register for the February 4 workshop](#)

Save the date! Washington Colorectal Roundtable

The first Washington Colorectal Cancer Roundtable will be March 25, 2016 at the Conference Center at the SeaTac Airport. The event is co-hosted by the American Cancer Society and Healthier Communities, Washington. More information about the event will be coming soon. [Learn more about the 80% by 2018 Colon Cancer Screening Challenge.](#)

ON THE BLOG

[Common Measure Set measures health care progress in Washington](#)

The Washington State Common Measure Set for Health Care Quality and Cost is a set of 52 measures that enable a common way of tracking important elements of health and how well the health care system is performing.

[The savvy health care shopper](#)

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[Shared decision making and strengthening the role of the health care consumer](#)

Improving the performance of our health care system requires collaboration between all stakeholders – providers, purchasers, health plans and consumers. As advocates for health care consumers, we are part of a growing movement to promote shared decision making, which is gaining support both nationwide and in our own state.

NEWS TO KNOW

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Gov't survey: Fewer Americans struggle to pay medical bills | *The Seattle Times*
