

# UPDATE for the Community



## LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*Nancy Giunto, our executive director, is taking a well-deserved vacation. In her absence, Deputy Director Susie Dade shares the latest news from the Alliance.*

High-value health care: that's the goal, for ourselves, for our loved ones, for our community. No one knowingly chooses low value, not for something as important as health care. We all want health care that offers the best possible outcomes, with confidence that no matter where we go for care that we'll reliably experience high quality and effective care—that there's “no wrong door” to go through when seeking care. We want safety and to trust that things won't be done to us or given to us that we don't need, that won't help us and may harm us. And, of course, we need to know that when we get the test, procedure or prescription that's recommended, we won't have to dig deeply into our life savings to pay for it. [Read more from our deputy director.](#)

## ALLIANCE UPDATES

- [Community Checkup Report will be released at All-Alliance Meeting on December 7](#)
- [Choosing Wisely Clinical Toolkit for Consumer Engagement](#)
- [New and improved Own Your Health website empowers consumers to be active participants in their own health](#)
- [We're hiring!](#)
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### **Community Checkup Report will be released at All-Alliance Meeting on December 7**

Please join the Washington Health Alliance and Healthier Washington for the release of results for the 2016 Community Checkup and the Washington State Common Measure Set for Health Care Quality and Cost! We'll also be joined by some of Washington's most thoughtful health care industry leaders to discuss, “Embracing the Imperative to Improve Quality and Service in a World of Value-Based Health Care.” This event is open to the public. [Space is limited so please RSVP early!](#)

## LEARN MORE

### **Join Us**

Are you interested in learning more about membership in the Alliance? [Learn more about the value of Alliance membership.](#)

### **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 Facebook**

We invite you to follow the Alliance on Facebook.

### **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](#).

***The Washington Health Alliance***

*brings together those who give, get and pay for health care to create a high-quality, affordable system for the people of Washington state.*

### **Choosing Wisely Clinical Toolkit for Consumer Engagement**

The Washington State Choosing Wisely Task Force, of which the Alliance is a member, just launched a beta toolkit for clinicians interested in engaging patients with messages and materials from the Choosing Wisely® campaign. [Learn more about the toolkit.](#)

### **New and improved Own Your Health website empowers consumers to be active participants in their own health**

In September, we launched the newly enhanced Own Your Health website. The Own Your Health campaign empowers Washington consumers to become active participants in their own health and health care. As a benefit of membership, Alliance purchaser members can choose to direct their employees or members to a customized page on the site. [Contact us](#) if you would like to learn more about becoming an Own Your Health partner.

### **We're hiring!**

Do you know someone who wants to join with like-minded individuals and health care industry leaders to successfully transform the health care system in Washington state? We have an exciting opportunity to join our team: **Senior Health Data Analyst**. [Learn more about Alliance careers on our website.](#)

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## **ALLIANCE REPORTS**

The latest reports and publications from the Alliance.

*Different Regions, Different Care: A Report on Procedure Rate Variation in Washington State*

*Less Harm, Less Waste: Choosing Wisely in Washington State*

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## **ON THE BLOG**

Governor Inslee announces executive order to address opioid epidemic

Helping consumers be savvy health care shoppers

Washington State gets federal support for Healthier Washington plan

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