

# UPDATE for the Community



## LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Since the Alliance's founding in 2004, we have been fortunate to partner with members and supporters across the state of Washington who are committed to improving the health care system through collaboration and innovation.

One of our longest-standing supporters has been Board member Dorothy Teeter, who has provided valuable counsel to the Alliance throughout its history. Dorothy was one of our earliest supporters, serving as an inaugural member of our Board as a representative for King County. After two years in Washington, D.C., as a senior policy advisor at the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, Dorothy returned to our state as Director of the Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA). In that capacity she has worked tirelessly to promote a value-based health care system in Washington.

[Read more from our executive director.](#)

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### **New Community Checkup Highlight shows well-child visits in Washington**

Well-child visits help with early identification of health issues and help ensure children get the best possible start to a healthy life. The Community Checkup measures rates of well-child visits in Washington state and identifies challenges and opportunities to improve. Community Checkup data show that there is a large disparity among commercially insured patients and patients insured through Medicaid. [Learn more.](#)

## 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](#).

### Alliance presents at purchaser event

Nancy Giunto was among the speakers at a May 18 event for purchasers sponsored by Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. The event, which featured EvergreenHealth and Overlake Medical Center, focused on Eastside purchasers at King County. The Alliance's presentation focused on how its work supports the efforts of purchasers and providers to move toward value-based purchasing. We're grateful to Arthur J. Gallagher, EvergreenHealth and Overlake for the opportunity to spotlight our work.

### Bree Collaborative Public Comment Request: Opioid Prescribing Metrics

Your feedback is requested on the Bree Collaborative's draft opioid prescribing metrics. The Opioid Prescribing Guidelines Implementation workgroup will review and use public comments to develop final metrics submitted to the Bree Collaborative for adoption. Please read the draft [Opioid Prescribing Metrics](#) and the lists of [included](#) and [excluded](#) opioids before completing the survey here: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/opioid-metrics](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/opioid-metrics). We estimate that this survey will take 10-15 minutes to complete. Comments *must be received by 5pm Friday, June 23rd*.

These prescribing metrics are meant to put into practice the 2015 guidelines from the Washington State Agency Medical Directors Group and the 2016 guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to be used for quality improvement internally by hospitals, clinics, and health plans and also to show the state of Washington state. Final metrics will be submitted to the [Washington State Health Care Authority](#). For more information or to give additional feedback, please contact Ginny Weir, Program Director of the Bree Collaborative at [GWeir@qualityhealth.org](mailto:GWeir@qualityhealth.org) or (206) 204-7377 or visit [www.breecollaborative.org](http://www.breecollaborative.org).

### Register for the Washington HPV Roundtable

The American Cancer Society, Washington State Department of Health, and Within Reach are hosting a Washington HPV Roundtable on Friday, June 23, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Sea-Tac, WA. The agenda features presentations and group discussions around best practices in provider education, community engagement and quality improvement across health systems. [Register here](#).

### 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](#).

### Joining the Alliance

Do you know someone who would like to learn more about membership in the Alliance? Our members can be the best ambassadors for our work, and we have an online tool to help you talk about the value of Alliance membership. [Learn more at our Join Us website](#).

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## NEW MEMBERS

We're excited to welcome Quest Diagnostics to the Alliance. [Learn more about our new member](#).

**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.**



WA Health Alliance



1,397 followers

3,351 tweets

following 787 people

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### Latest Tweets

- Check out our new Community Checkup highlight on Well-Child Visits in Washington: <https://t.co/jBdZy4MD7F> 9:27AM
- RT @PDXBIZJournal: Is it time to lower health care costs and bolster quality? You better believe it, says @DonAntonucci <https://t.co/Cdngmc...> 9:40AM
- Most #healthcare providers don't know cost of a common #ER visit, study says <https://t.co/ZimGjgFGjn> 9:10AM
- Welcome to new member @QuestDX! We're excited to have you as part of the Alliance! 11:28AM
- Managed care & #healthcare consumerism didn't deliver the promised value, so purchasers are banding together. <https://t.co/9xzy2TR25Y> 11:15AM

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