

Leading health system improvement

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

Welcome from Executive Director Drew Oliveira

Last month I became the new executive director of the Washington Health Alliance after having supported the Alliance for years as a former Board member, physician participant, and health plan leader. It is an honor to serve with such a dedicated staff and Board of Directors on the crucial work of improving the health of all Washingtonians.

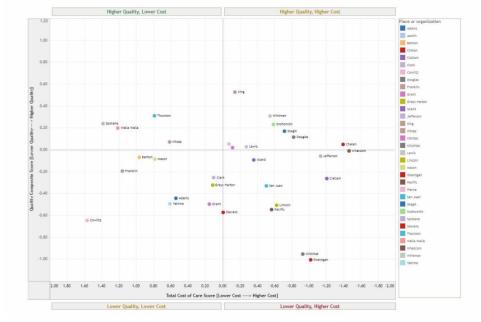
We are grateful for your commitment and support of our collective mission. Looking toward the future, we will build on our efforts to better inform how the value equation of cost, quality, and appropriateness of health care align in all our communities.



Read the welcome letter.

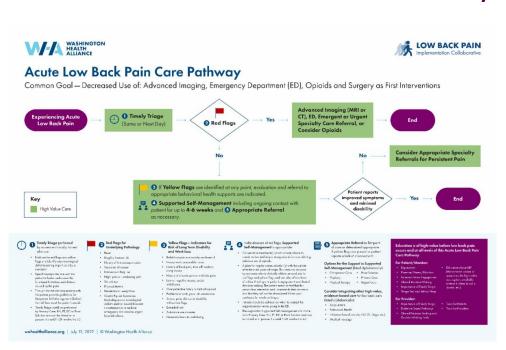
The latest from the Washington Health Alliance:

New highlight: Health Care Quality paired with Total Cost



Building off its work this year on a Quality Composite Score and the Total Cost of Care, the Washington Health Alliance now can offer a glimpse into where higher quality care is paired with lower cost.

Read more about the latest analysis.

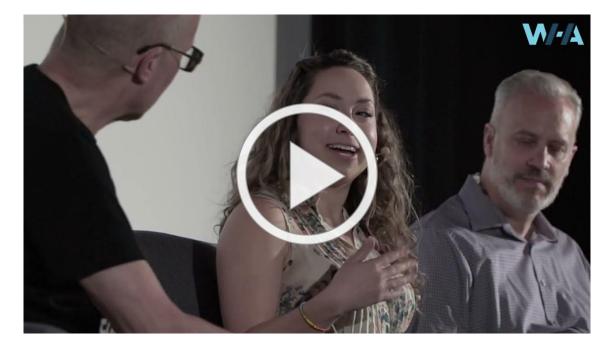


Alliance shares Acute Low-Back Pain Care Pathway

For nearly four months, the Alliance's Low-Back Pain Implementation Collaborative has worked with 30 participants representing an array of stakeholder groups, from employers, insurance plans, unions and labor trusts to physicians, other health care professionals, government agencies, and patient advocates to establish a clear guideline for treatment the Acute Low-Back Pain Care Pathway.

Read more about this new standard of care.

Video highlights from the Alliance's Between the Shades screening, panel discussion



In honor of Pride Month, the Washington Health Alliance hosted a screening of *Between the Shades*, a documentary by director Jill Salvino.

For those who were not able to attend and those who would like to watch it again, the Alliance has put together a video that includes the conversation and interviews with panelists and those who attended.

Read more about the panel.

Welcome new members:

We would like to welcome the following new members to the Alliance:

- Vida Health
- Northwest Health Law Advocates
- Quilted Health

A note on the newsletter: Following a brief hiatus, we have brought back the newsletter with a new design in the hopes of better engaging with our members and supporters. If you have any feedback or suggestions, we encourage you to reach out to Nicholas Rondinone, the Alliance's senior communications manager, at nrondinone@wahealthalliance.org.

Our members can be the best ambassadors for our work. If you know someone who would like to learn more about membership in the Alliance, contact Executive Director Drew Oliveira at doliveira@wahealthalliance.org.





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