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### IQH Insights

**Win-Win:** Nursing homes can improve care while reducing unnecessary readmissions to acute care hospitals by learning how to effectively identify, evaluate and communicate changes in a resident's status. [To learn more, click here.](#)

### New Tools

**[New Care Transition Intervention Models Are Available](#)**

**[Updated Core Measures Booklet](#)**

**[Reducing Adverse Drug Effects Tool - The ADE Pocket Guide](#)**

## Presentations Set at IQH

### "Dementia Beyond Drugs" Webinar Nov. 30

"Dementia beyond Drugs: Changing the Culture of Care" is the title of a webinar/teleconference set for Nov. 30 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. featuring G. Allen Power, MD, FACP, Eden Mentor at St. John's Home in Rochester, New York. Dr. Power is a board-certified internist and clinical associate professor of medicine at the University of Rochester. The Learning & Action Network (LAN) event is designed to encourage learning and sharing among participants, including trying different approaches when providing care to elders with dementia. The Partnership to Improve Dementia Care, a 10-member coalition, is sponsoring the meeting. Registration is available at [www.msqio.org/mspidc](http://www.msqio.org/mspidc). Invited to participate are clinical staff working with elders with dementia including LPNs, RNs, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, Administrators, Pharmacists, Physicians, and Medical Directors.

### Dec. 4 "Increasing Cancer Screening Rates" Meeting in Greenville

"How to Increase Cancer Screening Rates in Your Practice" is the focus of a Quality Improvement Learning & Action Network meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 4, at Kepler's Italian Grill in Greenville. The American Cancer Society, the Mississippi State Department of Health Comprehensive Cancer Control Program and Information & Quality Healthcare are sponsoring the program. The event is designed to give primary care providers the tools needed to increase cancer screening rates in their practice, with a primary focus on increasing colorectal cancer screening referrals. The tools may be easily adapted to increase breast cancer screening rates as well as other preventive screenings. The newer colorectal cancer screening fecal immunochemical tests (FIT) will be featured along with an outline of how FIT screening can be incorporated into annual flu immunization campaigns. For information, contact Ramona Drake at 601-957-1575 ext. 231.

### Strategies to Decrease Hospital Readmission Rates to be Presented in Dec. 6 Webinar

A webinar/teleconference Dec. 6 from 10 to 11 a.m. will feature "Communication Strategies: Working Together to Decrease Hospital Readmission Rates." The Learning & Action Network (LAN) meeting will include Brad Massey, NP, of Pioneer Healthcare discussing Situation, Background,

## Upcoming Events

**Nov 30, 2012** -  
"Dementia Beyond  
 Drugs" Webinar

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 Greenville

**Dec. 6, 2012** -  
"Strategies to  
 Decrease Hospital  
 Readmission Rates"  
Webinar

Assessment, and Recommendation (SBAR) Stress, Burnout, and Readmission Rates will be the topic presented by Scott Hambleton, MD, FASAM, medical director of Mississippi Professionals Health Program. The event is free, with registration available by visiting [www.msgio.org/hpclan](http://www.msgio.org/hpclan). For more information, call 601-957-1575, ext. 219.

## November Health Observances

Special healthcare observances for November include [Alzheimer's Disease Awareness](#), [Diabetes Awareness](#), [Diabetic Eye Disease](#), [Lung Cancer Awareness](#), and [National Hospice and Palliative Care Month](#).

November is the month that the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE) raises awareness about pancreatic cancer and encourages patients and their families to become educated about the disease. The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network offers a number of resources for pancreatic cancer patients and their families through the Patient and Liaison Services (PALS) program. Patients and their families can call PALS toll-free at 877-272-6226 to talk with trained staff members and receive free educational literature. PALS also offers patient education booklets for physicians to keep in their clinics. To request free booklets, call PALS at 877-272-6226 or visit [www.pancan.org](http://www.pancan.org). More information is available on endoscopic procedures for pancreatic cancer and physicians in specific areas at [www.asge.org](http://www.asge.org).

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