ACP Quality Connect: Extending Patient-Centered Diabetes Care

ACP Quality Connect Diabetes utilizes a collaborative, data-driven approach to encourage patient-centered, team-based clinical care and to foster improved care processes and outcomes. Building on a successful first phase of this diabetes quality improvement (QI) initiative, ACP Quality Connect is moving forward with **Phase II**, designed to expand and extend the program.

**Mission:** To create and sustain a learning community of empowered physicians and other health care professionals, patients and caregivers, to improve health, care delivery and outcomes.

**Key Strategies** include:
- **Collaboration** with state chapters and regional healthcare system leaders;
- **Live or virtual launch** events for each state/region emphasizing quality topics such as patient centered medical home/neighborhood, care collaboration, patient communication, medication adherence, and reducing disparities;
- **Diabetes measures** that are nationally recognized by the National Quality Forum and CMS and include Hemoglobin A1C poor control, LDL-C Control, Blood Pressure Control, Dilated Eye Exam, Foot Exam, Medical Attention for Nephropathy, Body Mass Index (BMI) Screening and Follow-Up, and Tobacco Use, Screening and Cessation;
- **Added value** through direct links to professional and reimbursement requirements, including Maintenance of Certification (MOC) for Practice Assessment points; Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) for submission to CMS; and BTE;
- **Webinars and coaching calls** and technical assistance/practice facilitation to import, upload or enter data, receive reports on performance, and implement QI projects and practice changes;
- **Tools and resources** to improve care, including free access to the ACP Practice Advisor;
- **Peer-to-peer collaboration** and learning, with ongoing opportunities for live, virtual, and social networking communication and exchanges;
- **Evaluation** led by expert team from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

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