

ABQAURP Conference in Las Vegas to Highlight How Quality is Transforming the Healthcare Delivery System

TAMPA, Fla., Aug. 13 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- The American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review Physicians, Inc. (ABQAURP) announces their 30th Annual Health Care Quality and Patient Safety Conference examining the latest developments in healthcare quality initiatives. The event, "Reducing Risk and Improving Quality", will be held on November 6-7, 2007 at Bally's in Las Vegas, Nevada.

"With policymakers and purchasers interested in improving quality, it is important for patients, purchasers, clinicians and hospitals to learn about the many initiatives underway," notes Arthur I. Broder, MD, ABQAURP Chairman of the Board. "This conference is a 'must attend' event for any healthcare professional who wants to stay abreast of the numerous programs taking place in the private and public sectors to improve quality that will dramatically change healthcare delivery and payment."

Join our national speakers who will address the following issues:

- Thomas Valuck, MD, JD, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services -- "Value-Based Purchasing: Transforming Medicare from Passive Payor to Active Purchaser"
- Michael Barr, MD, MBA, FACP, American College of Physicians, Division of Government and Public Policy -- "Is the Advanced Medical Home the Solution for Managing Patients and Improving Care?"
- Jonathan Perlin, MD, PhD, HCA Inc. -- "Is the Hospital System the Answer for Coordinating Care through Pay-for-Performance?"
- A. Mark Fendrick, MD, University of Michigan and American Journal of Managed Care -- "Will Value-Based Insurance Design Improve Outcomes and Align Incentives?"
- Douglas Moeller, MD, McKesson Clinical Outreach Initiative -- "Can Benchmarking Drive Practice Performance to Improve Outcomes?"
- Cheri Lattimer, RN, BSN, Case Management Society of America -- "Transition and Coordination of Care: Opportunities for Improvement"
- Donald Holmquest, MD, PhD, JD, CalRHIO - "Building the Country's Largest Health Information Exchange: Pitfalls and Lessons Learned"
- C. Bernie Good, MD, MPH, FACP, Veterans Health Administration -- "Pharmacy Benefits and Clinical Guideline Design: The Search for Evidence in Improving Care"
- Louis Diamond, MD, American College of Medical Quality and Thomson Healthcare -- "Using Data to Drive Quality Improvement and Benefit Design"
- Nick J. Paslidis, MD, PhD, MHCM, Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care -- "Reducing Risk and Coordinating Care through Quality Improvement Organizations (QIOs)"
- Joel V. Brill, MD, AGAF, Predictive Health, LLC -- "Is Now the Time for Predictive Modeling to Improve Medical Care and Control Costs?"

Don't miss our special session on The Challenges of Medical Tourism: Ensuring Healthcare Quality When Patients Go Off-Shore, to hear from our distinguished expert panel:

- David Boucher, MPH, FACHE, Companion Global Healthcare
- Sherry Kaufield, Joint Commission International (invited)
- Cai Glushak, MD, FACEP, AXA Assistance
- Mark Lutes, Esq., Epstein Becker & Green, P.C.
- Rudy Rupak, Planet Hospital Inc.

"This conference will provide attendees with a unique opportunity to meet the leaders who are designing and implementing the latest performance value programs in the healthcare," noted conference co-chair, Garry Carneal, MA, JD. "Attendees will hear from private and governmental purchasers, providers, and other thought leaders addressing the challenges associated with quality and transparency initiatives."

Please see web page for additional information about the conference, including registration and exhibiting information:

<http://www.abqaurp.org/vegas-2007.asp> or call Patti Rivers at (800) 998-6030 x 117.

Registration Fees: ABQAURP Diplomate \$ 595; AIHQ Member: \$ 645; and Non- Member: \$715. Room Block Deadline: October 10, 2007.

The American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review Physicians, Inc. (ABQAURP), a non-profit education and certification board, has certified over 9,400 physicians, nurses and other health care professionals in Health Care Quality Management (HCQM) and Patient Safety. Established in 1977, ABQAURP has become the nation's largest organization of interdisciplinary health care professionals. ABQAURP remains at the forefront of HCQM, a field vital to all medical specialties and health care professions. ABQAURP is the only organization with a Health Care Quality Management Certification examination developed, administered and evaluated through the National Board of Medical Examiners' (NBME) testing expertise. ABQAURP is accredited by the ACCME as a provider of Continuing Medical Education.

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