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Alliance Releases “The Quality Improvement Education Roadmap: A Pathway to Our Future” at Annual Meeting

DALLAS, TEXAS—The Alliance for Continuing Education in the Health Professions (ACEhp) is pleased to present the first major milestone in a multi-year national effort: the Quality Improvement Education (QIE) Roadmap.

The development of the roadmap was led by an advisory panel that included a wide variety of health-system stakeholders. The year-long development process included a call for ACEhp member comments and input from 10 “building-block” leaders. ACEhp will release the Roadmap at its annual conference, “Measuring Our Impact, Charting Our Course,” taking place January 13 to 17 in Dallas.

“With the Institute of Medicine’s 2012 report calling for a migration towards ‘healthcare learning systems,’ and the Health and Human Services focus on a National Quality Strategy, this is an important time not just for leaders in continuing medical education, but also for those educating healthcare professionals. As healthcare systems rethink how best to accelerate improvements in patient safety, care effectiveness, and value, a tremendous opportunity exists to systematically link interprofessional educational programming into health systems’ emerging learning models. By bridging current gaps between continuing education and QI, Alliance members’ educational activities will more effectively help clinicians and patients who will increasingly find themselves in value-driven care-delivery models,” said ACEhp board president and Roadmap co-author, Destry Sulkes, MD, MBA, FACEHP.

ACEhp launched the QIE initiative with the following vision:

1. Integrate healthcare-education activities for health professionals, patients, and caregivers more consistently and successfully into broader QI efforts, in alignment with system-based performance-improvement goals.

2. Foster a universal understanding of the value of healthcare education and educators, starting with QI stakeholders, then broadening the reach to other healthcare professionals.

“We are excited to share the QIE Roadmap with ACEhp members and solicit more input going forward,” added Lou Diamond, MBChB, QIE chair, president of Quality in Health Care Advisory Group, LLC, former professor of medicine at Georgetown School of Medicine, and former medical director at Thomson Reuters. “Last October, we introduced the QIE initiative at the Alliance’s Quality Symposium in Baltimore and received robust feedback from internal and external stakeholders. We are looking forward to continuing the
dialogue and prioritizing the building blocks that we will begin work on immediately and throughout the upcoming year.”

Jack Kues, PhD, FACEHP, Alliance Foundation board president and roadmap co-author, added, “The Roadmap also provides an existing QI tool to start designing, delivering, and reporting on QIE in a consistent manner to help ACEhp providers and grantors obtain a clear understanding of the integration of education into QI, as well as success drivers. This tool will evolve throughout the QIE initiative, providing a starting point for educators and QI teams to work together.”

This first phase of the QIE Initiative was funded by unrestricted independent grants from AbbVie, Genentech, Novo Nordisk Inc. sponsorship from Medscape, Astellas, and Takeda Pharmaceuticals.

More information about the ACEhp annual meeting, QIE Initiative, and QIE Roadmap can be found online at www.acehp.org.

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Read the QIE Roadmap Now (hyper link QIE Roadmap to http://www.acehp.org/iMIS15/aCME/Innovate/QIE_Initiative/aCME/QIE_Initiative.aspx?hkey=bf0c132d-bac9-4d97-80fd-a0f43019e940)

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Through the Foundation for CEhp (FCEhp), the Alliance is working to develop strategic relationships with national healthcare quality organizations to fund and use innovative
research and leadership to shape future QI and achieve more inclusive, data-driven, and accountable CE across all health professions.