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Wisconsin Association for Healthcare Quality (WAHQ) News Blast - August 2013

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**WAHQ News Blast**

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN - EARLY BIRD RATE ENDS SEPTEMBER 2, 2013**  
**38th NAHQ Annual Educational Conference in Louisville**

For more details and to register, navigate to -> <http://www.nahq.org/annualconference/2013/registration.html>

*You are now able to attend the conference in person or online!*

**SAVE THE DATES**

**CPHQ Exam Study & Review Session**  
**Quality Essentials for the Healthcare Professional**

November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 2013

Stevens Point, Wisconsin - Holiday Inn Hotel & Convention Center

A 1.5 day session with national speaker Susan Mellott, PhD, RN, CPHQ, FNAHQ  
Study for the CPHQ Exam or earn CPHQ credits for a comprehensive overview of the CPHQ content  
outline.

Details, including agenda and registration, will follow in mid-September.

**Questions?** email [cme@metastar.com](mailto:cme@metastar.com)

**2013 MetaStar Health Care Quality Symposium:**  
**Creating Teams That Work**

November 6, 2013

Glacier Canyon Conference Center at the Wilderness, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

This conference is presented by MetaStar as part of their contract with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. For your planning purposes: the anticipated cost of this conference will be < \$50 a person, to cover meals and breaks.

Watch for full conference information and registration coming by the end of August.

<http://www.metastar.com/symposium>

**Questions?** Email [symposium@metastar.com](mailto:symposium@metastar.com)

**WAHQ Annual Conference**

March 7, 2014

Glacier Canyon Conference Center at the Wilderness, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin



## Wisconsin Association of Healthcare Quality

- **Next edition of WAHQ News & Views coming to you soon!**
- Events <http://www.wahq.org/eduoff.asp>
- Job Offerings <http://wahq.org/jobs.asp>
  - Current posting:
    - Quality Improvement Manager, Langlade Hospital, Antigo
- Contacts for WAHQ <http://www.wahq.org/eduoff.asp>
  - Regional Representatives:
    - North Central - Val Freundl [freval@rhahealthcare.com](mailto:freval@rhahealthcare.com)
    - Northeast – Carol Durocher [carol.durocher@aurora.org](mailto:carol.durocher@aurora.org)
    - Northwest – Anna Green [agreen@milebluff.com](mailto:agreen@milebluff.com)
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    - Southeast – Therese (Tracy) Dodd [tdodd@chw.org](mailto:tdodd@chw.org)
    - Southwest – Paul Frigoli [paulfrigoli@gmail.com](mailto:paulfrigoli@gmail.com)



## National Association for Healthcare Quality (NAHQ)

- Events <http://www.nahq.org/education/events/calendar.html>
  - **“Introduction to Healthcare Quality”** September 13, 8 am – 5 pm, San Francisco Women's Center, Inc., San Francisco, CA. NAHQ is partnering with the California Association for Healthcare Quality to deliver a course "Introduction to Healthcare Quality". This course will provide new healthcare quality professionals with a basic understanding of quality and patient safety principles, methodologies, and toolsets to enable them to enhance their knowledge in their healthcare practice setting. Registration is now open for this program.
  - **NAHQ CPHQ Review Course, September 25, 10 am - 3 pm and September 26, 7:30 am - 3 pm**, Christiana Hospital Campus, Newark, DE. Registration is now open for this program.
  - **NAHQ CPHQ Review Course, October 5, 1 - 5 pm and October 6, 8 am - 5 pm**, Kentucky International Convention Center, Louisville, KY. Registration is now open for this program.
  - **NAHQ's 38th Annual Educational Conference, October 6–9, 2013**, Kentucky International Convention Center, Louisville, KY. Registration is now open for this program. **EARLY BIRD RATE ENDS SEPTEMBER 2, 2013.**
  - **NAHQ CPHQ Review Course, October 17, 1 - 5 pm and October 18, 8 am - 5 pm**, Days Hotel and Conference Center, Flatwoods, WV. Registration is now open for this program.
  - **National Healthcare Quality Week (HQW), October 20-26, 2013**  
<http://www.nahq.org/membership/content/celebratehealthweek.html>

- **NAHQ CPHQ Review Course, November 5, 1 - 5 pm and November 6, 8 am - 5 pm**, Richmond, VA. Registration is coming soon.
- **NAHQ CPHQ Review Course, November 7, 1 - 5 pm and November 8, 8 am - 5 pm**, WakeMed Cary Hospital Cary, NC. Registration is coming soon

## 2014

- **NAHQ's 39th Annual Educational Conference, September 7–10, 2014**, Music City Convention Center, Omni Hotel and Resort, Nashville, TN



## Healthcare Quality Foundation (HQF)

### • Grants

Each May, the Healthcare Quality Foundation (HQF) team awards up to 15 individual grants to deserving applicants. Use those funds to attend the NAHQ Annual Educational Conference and other NAHQ educational programs or to pay for Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality (CPHQ) certification examination or review costs. **Stay tuned for 2013 grant opportunities!**  
<http://www.nahq.org/hqf/content/individualgrants.html>

**Career Development Grant** The HQF Career Development Grant is awarded to a NAHQ member who has been employed in the healthcare quality field for at least 5 years and holds CPHQ certification. The grant is valued at \$1,000, which can be used for travel and registration expenses for attendance at either a NAHQ CPHQ Review Course or the annual educational conference. One grant will be awarded annually. **Completed 2013 Career Development Grant applications were due at the NAHQ office by April 30, 2013.**

**Certification Grant** The HQF Certification Grant awards financial assistance to healthcare quality professionals who have not yet attained the CPHQ credential by sponsoring their examination fee. These grants are awarded twice year in January and July. 14 grants will be awarded in 2012: 7 in February and 7 in August. **Completed 2013 Certification Grant applications were due at the NAHQ office by July 31, 2013.**

**Leadership Development Grant** The NAHQ Past Presidents' Council sponsors the Leadership Development Grant, intended to further professional leadership development opportunities. A \$1,000 stipend is awarded in support of educational that enhances professional skills and nurtures leadership potential. The recipient will also receive mentoring from a NAHQ Board of Directors member or past president and complete a strategic project under the direction of the board. The applicant agrees to conduct a project under direction of the NAHQ Board of Directors. An example of a potential project might be completing an association award application on NAHQ's behalf or working with a board member to complete a project charter. A grantee could expect to spend about 15–25 hours annually, but this amount may be adjusted for changes in scope. One grant will be awarded annually. **Applications for 2013 grants are not yet available.**

**Janet A. Brown New Quality Professional Grant** The HQF New Quality Professional Grant is awarded to a NAHQ member who has been employed in the healthcare quality field less than 2 years and is not yet a CPHQ. The grant is valued at \$1,000, which can be used for travel and registration expenses for attendance at either a NAHQ CPHQ Review Course or the annual educational conference. One grant will be awarded annually. **Completed 2013 New Quality Professional Grant applications were due at the NAHQ office by April 30, 2013.**

## Illinois Association for Healthcare Quality (IAHQ)

- Events <http://www.iahq.net/education/index.html> *No upcoming events posted.*

## Indiana Association for Healthcare Quality (InAHQ)

- Events <http://www.inahq.com/presentations.html> *No upcoming events posted.*

## Iowa Association for Healthcare Quality (IAHQ) *No upcoming events posted.*

- Events <http://www.iaahq.org/IAHQ/Events.aspx>

## Michigan Association for Healthcare Quality (MAHQ)

- Events <http://www.mahq.com/events.htm> *No upcoming events posted.*

## Minnesota Healthcare Quality Professionals (MHQP)/HealthForce Minnesota

- Events <http://www.mhqp.com/>
- **MHQP Webinar – “Pressure Ulcer Prevention” June 20, 2013, Noon – 1 pm** To access this event, navigate to -> <https://umconnect.umn.edu/hcq> Enter your name in the guest field to join the webinar.
- **MHQP Webinar – “Lean Quality Tools” September 19, 2013, Noon – 1 pm** To access this event, navigate to -> <https://umconnect.umn.edu/hcq> Enter your name in the guest field to join the webinar.
- **MHQP Webinar – “Quality Tool: Forcefield Analysis” October 17, 2013, Noon – 1 pm** To access this event, navigate to -> <https://umconnect.umn.edu/hcq> Enter your name in the guest field to join the webinar.
- **MHQP Webinar – “Benchmarking” November 21, 2013, Noon – 1 pm** To access this event, navigate to -> <https://umconnect.umn.edu/hcq> Enter your name in the guest field to join the webinar.