

# STD Qulps!

Updates from the National Quality Improvement Center



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## Welcome!

We're very excited to announce our new quarterly newsletter "Qulps". This will be a place for the National Quality Improvement Center to keep all of our National PTC partners in the loop, share resources, and highlight innovative QI projects!

## The Spotlight

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), the Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH), and the NYC STD/HIV Prevention Training Center (PTC) are partnering on an enhanced evaluation project to increase Chlamydia (CT) screening of age-eligible sexually-active females in high volume primary care practices in Erie County NY.



### Background:

- Erie County is situated in Western New York (WNYS) and had the highest 2013 CT rate in NYS overall and the highest age-specific rates among females in NYS.
- 2012 Quality Assurance Reporting Requirements (QARR) data suggest that many eligible 16-24 year old females in WNYS are not receiving recommended preventive services.
- Specifically, among six WNYS health plans, reported CT screening among 16-24 year old female MMC enrollees was 63-73%, and among commercially-insured enrollees 44-60% were screened.

### Project:

**The proposed project goal is to increase CT screening of age-eligible sexually-active females and males in high volume primary care practices in Erie County.**

### Activities:

- Academic Detailing Model
  - To increase provider awareness and assess barriers to CT screening to inform a quality improvement (QI) plan for implementation by participating practices.
- Plan, Do, Study, Act (PDSA) Cycle
  - CT screening HEDIS data collected after each cycle will measure improvement with feedback to providers to promote continuous QI.
- Collaboration
  - The project will be a collaboration with the American Academy of Pediatrics with all project materials, including data collection instruments and QI resources, will be available on an American Academy of Pediatrics' (AAP) Quality Improvement Data Aggregator (QIDA) web tool which creates a unified structure for the collection, analysis, and reporting of improvement data.
  - Participating providers will be eligible for up to 20 CME hours or Maintenance of Certification (MOC) part 4 credit through the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP)

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## Quality Improvement Foundational Webinar Series with the Center for Public Health Quality

We are almost done with our Quality Improvement Foundational Webinar Series with Dr. Gregory Randolph and Amanda Cornett, Executive Director and Assistant Director of the National Center for Public Health Quality. If you were not able to join us, here are recordings and evaluations for each of these webinars:

[CPHQ Webinar Part 1 - Introduction to QI Basics](#) - PLEASE NOTE: the link to the recording of this webinar was misplaced. This is a recording of a webinar from CPHQ's universal training for the Maternal and Child Healthcare Workforce Development Center

[What is Quality Improvement](#) - If you are interested in seeing a video, this is a video of a training in Rhode Island by CPHQ Program Manager, Kerri Ward.

- [Webinar Part 1 Evaluation](#)

- [Webinar Part 2 Evaluation](#)

- [Webinar Part 3 Evaluation](#)

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## Quality Improvement Resources - Chlamydia Screening

### [Why Screen for Chlamydia? An Implementation Guide for Healthcare Providers](#)

This resource is a great tool for providers from the **National Chlamydia Coalition**. It includes information on best practices for Chlamydia screening including:

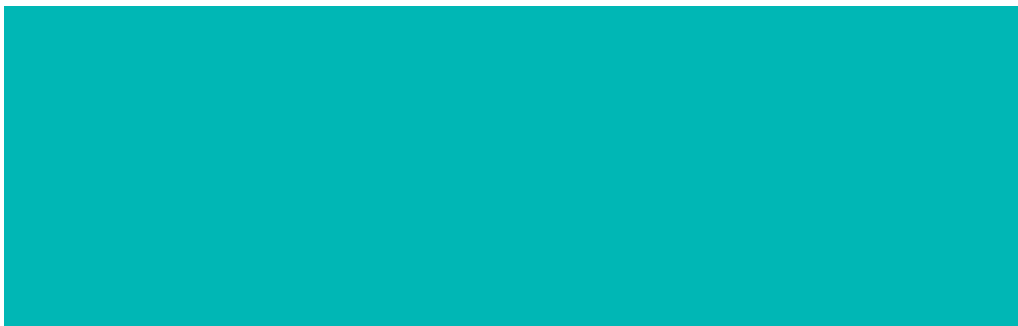
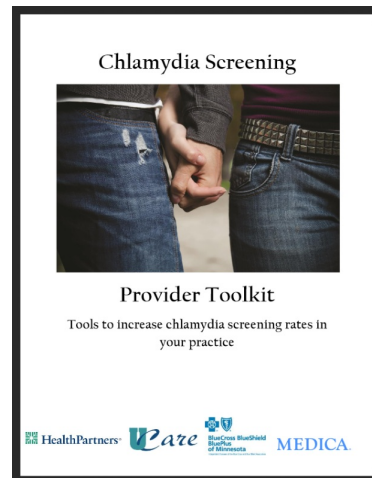
- Screening paths
- Coding
- Tx and Dx paths
- Sexual history taking
- Teen friendliness
- Consent on confidentiality
- **AND MORE!**

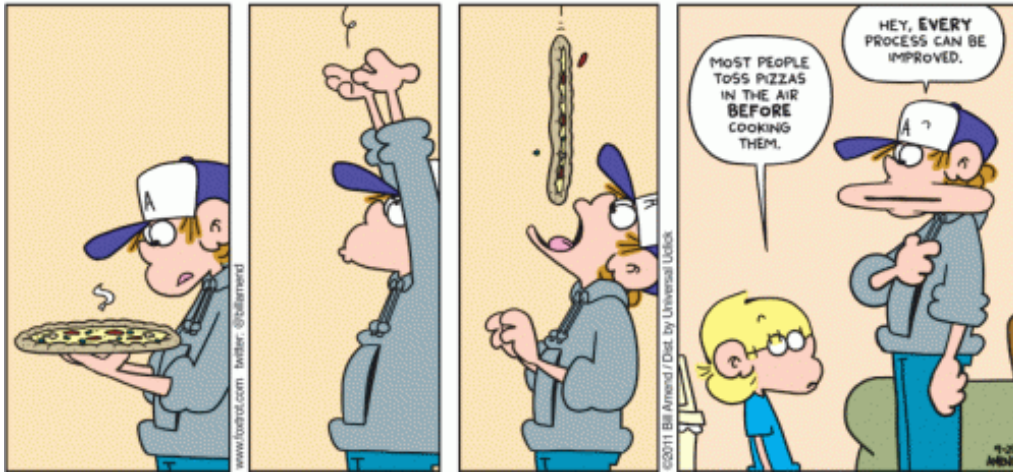


### [Chlamydia Screening Provider Toolkit](#)

This provider toolkit includes a variety of resources for increasing chlamydia screening rates, including:

- Patient and parent education materials
- Provider materials
- Sexual history taking resources
- Expedited partner therapy information
- **AND MORE!**





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