Do you have an Improvement Project?

What’s an improvement project?

- A plan describing your journey in developing, implementing or standardizing a project aimed at improving patient care.

Who can submit an Improvement Project?

- Resident Physicians or Fellows
- WVU Healthcare Employees

The WVU Quality Improvement Fair will be held on Wednesday, May 23rd from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm in the Fukushima Auditorium. If you have a Quality Improvement or Safety project you are working on, even at its early stage (i.e. identification of a problem, baseline data and plan – future plans of collecting data to identify an improvement), you are welcome to submit your project to present to the fair. IRB approval is not necessary to present.

- **April 13th, 2018** Abstracts are due, on this date, no later than 3pm. Please email your abstract in a WORD document to bakirby@hsc.wvu.edu. *Abstracts submitted after 3pm on 4/13 will not be accepted.*

- **April 27th, 2018** 10 abstracts will be chosen for Platform Presentation. If your abstract is chosen you will be notified by this date. Those selected to present will have **6 minutes to present and 3 minutes to answer questions from the judges and audience.**

- **May 14th, 2018** Posters: Everyone who submits an abstract has the opportunity to present a poster as well. Please deliver your posters to Barb Kirby in room 1142 HSC. (Across the hall from the GME office no later than May 14th. *Posters delivered after 5/14 will not be accepted.* You are responsible for printing your poster. Because we have limited display boards we ask that your poster be **22”L x 29”W.** This allows us to maximize the display board space we do have.

- **May 23rd, 2018** 6th Annual Quality Improvement Fair
  - **11:30 – 1:00** Lunch and Poster Presentation in the Pylon Commons
  - **1:00** – Platform Presentations will begin
  - **3:00** – Platform Presentation and Poster winners will be announced
6th Annual Quality Improvement Fair  
West Virginia University Graduate Medical Education  

ABSTRACT & POSTER GUIDELINES  

General Information  

- Please submit a one page abstract as a word document to bakirby@hsc.wvu.edu (figures and tables can be on a second sheet) by April 13th, 2018.  
- In the abstract, please note the authors’ names, the title, along with contact information for at least one author.  
- To ensure patient confidentiality, please do not include any patient identifier information.  

Suggested Format  
We recommend that you consider structuring your abstract and the poster of your improvement project with the following sections:  

- **Title**  
  - Be creative  

- **Introduction:** Why did you start?  
  - Local Problem  
  - Intended Improvement: What was your Clinical Aim?  

- **Methods:** What did you do?  
  - Setting: What was the clinical setting and patient group?  
  - Planning the study of the intervention  
    - Indicate the main factors that contributed to choice of the specific intervention.  
    - Outlines initial plans for how the intervention was to be implemented:  
      - Process Map or Key Driver Diagram  
      - PDSA Cycle  

- **Results:** What did you find?  
  - Graphs of measurement over time (e.g. rub charts or control charts)  

- **Discussion:** What do the findings mean?  
  - Summarizes the most important successes and difficulties in implementing intervention components, and main changes observed in care delivery and clinical outcomes.  
  - Explore possible reasons for differences between observed and expected outcomes.  
  - Suggest steps that might be modified to improve future performance.
Oral Presentations

- Based on the abstracts submitted, 10 projects will be selected for presentation by a panel of judges. Abstracts in a WORD document will be accepted until April 13th, 2018 at 3pm.
- The primary author of the selected abstracts will be notified (via email) by Barb Kirby, no later than April 27th, 2018.

Posters

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Selection Criteria

- Demonstrates excellence in care, service or safety
- Team oriented, collaborative, involving appropriate disciplines
- Demonstrates quality improvement processes
- Creative and innovative
- Contains measurable outcomes

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

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