

Washington State Pharmacist Quality Improvement Project (PQIP)

[PQIP \(PPT\)](#) is a statewide, pharmacist-led quality improvement project focused on improving care for patients with cardiovascular conditions. Specific goals of PQIP include increased utilization of indicator drugs for patients with acute myocardial infarction and congestive heart failure as well as delivery of specific educational messages such as medication adherence and smoking cessation. Pharmacists from 17 health systems around Washington State participated in monthly teleconferences, communicated via e-mail list, and attended full-day educational sessions around quality improvement methodology.

Improvement was seen in most indicators (aspirin and beta blocker use), however the most significant gains were realized in those with lower baseline adherence rates (ACE-inhibitor and lipid-lowering agent prescribing and smoking cessation interventions). Other benefits included education and enhanced awareness of pharmacists around [quality improvement tools](#) and techniques as well as the creation of a network for future pharmacist-led quality improvement projects.

This initiative addresses Goal #3 for the ASHP 2015 Initiative.

Quality Improvement Tools

1. [HMC Nicotine "Readiness to Quit" Assessment Tool](#) (PowerPoint presentation)
2. [HMC Staff Training: How To Talk to People About Their Tobacco Use](#) (PDF)
3. [HMC Smoke Free Patient Information flyer](#) (PDF)
4. [Clinical Pathway Orders](#) (PDF)
5. [HMC Patient Education Site Map for Smoking Cessation](#) (PDF)
6. [UW Medicine Statin Selection Tool](#) (PDF)