

Care Transitions Leadership Academy



“As a result of attending the Leadership Academy, I am inspired to improve discharge planning in our facility to help our clients gain the knowledge and resources they will need to stay healthy at home and reduce readmissions,”

- Healthcare Provider

After identifying a need for education and knowledge-sharing among healthcare providers within Connecticut’s Communities of Care, Qualidigm developed the Care Transitions Leadership Academy forum. The Leadership Academy is a series of statewide workshops on topics that impact hospital readmissions.

Since its beginnings in 2012, ten separate one-day workshops have been held, with an average of 250-400 health care providers, representing all aspects of the healthcare continuum, in attendance at each session.

The Academy’s curriculum includes national perspectives on care transitions, safety in care transitions, essential skills for community leaders, action and intervention planning, case studies, palliative care, and data analysis and interpretation.

The diverse group of health care providers who attend the Leadership Academy work in hospitals, home health care agencies, nursing homes, hospice agencies, the physician community, and community-based organizations throughout Connecticut.

Participants collaborate and communicate closely with each other on a voluntary basis to ensure that patients discharged from their respective community hospitals are not readmitted due to failures in communication or coordination of care gaps between health care settings.

They also work toward standardizing systems that include the critical information which should accompany every patient as they move from one health care setting to another or return home.

Who We Are

Qualidigm is a mission-driven healthcare consulting company that provides innovative and scientifically-based solutions to transform care and improve care delivery and patient outcomes. With nearly 200 peer-reviewed articles published, Qualidigm is recognized among the healthcare provider network as a facilitator and leader in performing peer-reviewed research, providing evidence-based education, and implementing learning sessions that foster collaboration and accelerate change.

Our professional staff has expertise in clinical medicine, quality improvement, patient safety, public health, patient-centered medical home (PCMH), care coordination, utilization review, data evaluation and analysis and patient/provider education. The staff includes Registered Nurses, Physicians, Social Workers, and many other staff with advanced degrees, e.g., PhDs, MAs, and MBAs.

Qualidigm is part of a team that is serving as the Medicare Quality Innovation-Network Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO) under contract with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services for New England. Previously, Qualidigm served as the Medicare QIO for the State of Connecticut charged with protecting the rights of Medicare beneficiaries and improving the safety and quality of care they receive.

We serve a diverse group of healthcare stakeholders in government, industry, and clinical practice including academic institutions, national and international healthcare consulting firms, local and national foundations, healthcare providers in all settings, payers and purchasers.

Learn More About the Care Transitions Leadership Academy

The Care Transitions Leadership Academy was developed to provide practical tools to help healthcare professionals across the continuum who are committed to improving the transitions of patients between care settings, thereby decreasing preventable readmissions.

For more information on Qualidigm's next Care Transitions Leadership Academy, please contact:

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Our Mission

Improving the quality, safety and cost-effectiveness of healthcare through transformational change.