



WCHQ Improvement Toolkits Now Available on HIPxChange

The [Wisconsin Collaborative for Healthcare Quality](#) (WCHQ) is partnering with the [Health Innovation Program](#) (HIP) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison to make three improvement toolkits – focused on diabetes, hypertension, and colorectal cancer screening – publicly available through the [HIPxChange](#) website, dedicated to translating knowledge into clinical practice to improve healthcare delivery and health outcomes.

WCHQ Improvement Toolkits

The WCHQ toolkits present evidence-based strategies and a variety of supporting resources that healthcare provider organizations can use to improve care and outcomes in three areas:

- Blood sugar (A1c) control for patients with diabetes
- Blood pressure control for patients with hypertension
- Screening for colorectal cancer

What do the toolkits contain?

Prepared by WCHQ's quality improvement steering teams – composed of clinical, quality, and operational leaders from Wisconsin healthcare provider organizations, as well as subject-matter experts from other key stakeholders – each toolkit contains:

- Improvement strategies that offer the combined advantages of being evidence based and effective, without requiring provider organizations to purchase expensive new technology or hire more staff
- Resources – e.g., guidelines, protocols, workflows, EHR screenshots, videos, web links – to support implementing these strategies

Who should use the toolkits?

The WCHQ toolkits are designed for administrators, clinicians, and staff within healthcare provider organizations who are seeking improvement strategies and tools for diabetes, hypertension, or colorectal cancer screening. The toolkits may also interest others – e.g., researchers, payers – involved with quality improvement activities in the ambulatory setting.

How to Access the Toolkits

The WCHQ toolkits are publicly available on the HIPxChange website:

- **Diabetes toolkit** at <http://www.hipxchange.org/DiabetesCare>
- **Hypertension toolkit** at <http://www.hipxchange.org/HypertensionCare>
- **Colorectal Cancer Screening toolkit** at <http://www.hipxchange.org/CRCScreening>

When downloading a toolkit, you will be prompted to register (at no cost) within HIPxChange. This allows WCHQ and HIP to gather information about how the toolkits are being used.

Questions? Please contact Meghan Meeker, WCHQ, at 608-826-6838 or mmeeker@wchq.org.

About the Health Innovation Program

The [Health Innovation Program](#) at the University of Wisconsin–Madison improves healthcare delivery and population health across Wisconsin and the nation through conducting and disseminating health systems research that partners UW faculty with Wisconsin healthcare and community organizations.

About the Wisconsin Collaborative for Healthcare Quality

Founded in 2003, the [Wisconsin Collaborative for Healthcare Quality](#) (WCHQ) is a voluntary, non-profit consortium of organizations committed to using the public reporting of comparative measures of performance to catalyze improvements in the quality and affordability of health care in our state, and the health status of individuals and communities. In addition, WCHQ designs and facilitates collaborative learning sessions to promote the active sharing of “best practices” among its provider member organizations in an effort to elevate and accelerate improvement across Wisconsin.