



The NCPIQE (NC Physician Institute for Quality Enhancement) is a program within the NCMS Foundation whose purpose it is to establish an infrastructure and resources to support Quality Improvement processes for specialty medical care in North Carolina. The NCPIQE will collaborate with NC Center for Hospital Quality and Patient Safety (please see <http://www.ncqualitycenter.org/>) to provide support to physicians as “champions” for quality improvement in their practice environment. NCPIQE will work with physicians to participate in Care registries, identify improvement opportunities from these registries and other data sources, develop problem statements and create project teams to develop, test and implement process improvements.

NCPIQE will recruit three Orthopedic Surgeons as QI “fellows”. The goal of the QI Fellows program is to demonstrate that involving physicians as “champions” in Quality Improvement will improve the quality of care provided. Prospective Fellows should demonstrate interest in developing their skills in clinical quality improvement and willing to commit to the necessary education and participation in Quality Improvement activities to enhance the quality of specialty medical care in North Carolina. Training costs will be paid by the NCMS Foundation and physicians will be compensated on a predetermined per diem basis. Ideally, Surgical Fellows will bring their surgical teams to the training as well. Training expenses for surgical team members is available as well.

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