

Qicme and PeerPoint Team Up with Wyeth and Amgen to Produce a QI Program That Helps Physicians and Nurses with the Diagnosis and Treatment of Joint Pain

Evanston IL -- Joint pain, with its numerous and frequently hidden symptoms, accounts for a large percentage of doctor visits each year. To relieve the burden on time and resources many primary care practices face attempting to treat patients with joint pain, Qicme LLC and the PeerPoint Medical Education Institute, LLC have teamed up with Wyeth and Amgen to create a QI-based CME program designed to increase the efficiency of the practice flow as it helps improve outcomes for their patients that suffer from joint pain.

According to Dr. Rick Kennison, president and general manager of PeerPoint, this interactive webconference is intended help physicians, nurse practitioners and nurses diagnose and care for their patients suffering with joint pain. “Participants will be able to conduct a self assessment to contrast their own clinical management of join pain with best practice guidelines; identify barriers associated with managing joint pain patients in their clinical settings; find ways to improve coordination between the interdisciplinary care team within their clinic; and understand QI theories and processes available to improve the care of joint pain patients that can also be transferred to other areas providers wish to address,” he said.

Each webconference lasts about an hour; the schedule is as follows: Wed., March 12, 8 pm, EST; Tues., March 18, 1pm, EST; Thurs. March 20, 2pm, EST; Mon. March 24, 12pm, EST. Online registration is available at www.qicme.org/jointpain.

Qicme, LLC, in collaboration with the PeerPoint Medical Education Institute, are focused on improving the delivery of healthcare through quality improvement (QI) initiatives. Qicme services will combine evidence-based data, practice management theories, adult learning principles and quality improvement processes into programs that may change the behavior of healthcare providers, reduce variability in delivery and improve patient outcomes.