

HEALTH CARE QUALITY WEEK

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The VA/DoD Evidence Based Practice Program Joins in Celebrating National Healthcare Quality Week

The week highlights the influence of healthcare quality professionals in improving healthcare delivery systems and achieving improved patient care outcomes. The VA/DoD Evidence Based Practice Program develops high quality evidence-based Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) that are free from conflict of interest for both military-unique and the high cost, high volume health conditions faced by VA and DoD health care systems. They are essential to the provision of quality, effectiveness, and patient-centered care for our VA and DoD beneficiaries.

CPGs are "systematically developed statements to assist practitioner and patient in choosing appropriate healthcare for specific clinical conditions" (Institute of Medicine, 1990). The VA/DoD CPGs are developed under the auspices of the VA/DoD Evidence Based Practice Working Group.

VA/DoD Evidence Based CPGs have been developed in the following areas:

- Chronic Disease
- Mental Health
- Military Related
- Pain Rehabilitation
- Women's Health



There are various CPGs that can be downloaded and printed. Please view the website for more information: www.healthquality.va.gov.

About the National Association of Healthcare Quality (NAHQ)

NAHQ is the nation's leading organization for quality professionals in healthcare. Founded in 1976, NAHQ has more than 6,500 individual members and 8,600 Certified Professionals in Healthcare Quality (CPHQ). The association's goal is to promote the continuous improvement of quality in healthcare by providing educational and development opportunities for professionals at all management levels and within all healthcare settings. For more information, visit www.nahq.org.