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New Mexico Medical Review Association

### ***How does I<sup>3</sup> work?***

Practices will designate a “team” of one physician, one nurse or allied health professional, and one administrator who will attend one training session (**July 9, 2008, in Albuquerque, NM**) and participate in two conference calls over a 9-month period.

### ***So what exactly would my practice be committing to?***

If you agree to participate, you will be expected to do the following:

- Designate a team of three practice members to participate in this program. The team must consist of one physician, one nurse or allied health professional, and one office administrator
- Provide practice data from 35 patients via chart review. Baseline prior to the first learning session, and follow-up nine months later.
- Send in 2 short progress reports for review on the conference calls.
- Obtain any IRB approvals necessary from your institutions (ACP will assist you).

### ***What’s in it for me?***

Through participation in the project you will receive the following:

- Free participation! There are no tuition or registration fees.
- ABIM recognition of this program for re-certification (MOC Part 4)
- 26 hours of CME credit (for the training session and the practice-based learning) for physicians
- 6 hours of CE credit for nurses and other allied health professionals
- Reports on your practice measurements
- Educational materials, chart tools, patient tools, data abstraction forms and support materials
- Access to ACP’s most eminent faculty who will give you hands on advise and coaching throughout the program
- Assistance with IRB approval. ACP is responsible for overall IRB approval of this project and we will provide you with all IRB approved materials, consent forms, etc and we will assist you with any IRB applications you may have.
- Reimbursement for local travel expenses



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## **I<sup>3</sup> Timeline**

**Baseline Abstractions Due: Monday, June 30**

**Training Session: Wednesday, July 9**

**Embassy Suites Hotel, Albuquerque, New Mexico:**

- Fundamentals of the Chronic Care Model, systems change, the improvement model using the PDSA cycle
- Immunization measurement at the practice level
- An overview of the latest adult vaccination recommendations for adults

**1st Conference Call: October 2008**

- During this 2-hour call, participants share their successes and challenges with PDSA cycles

**Follow-up Data Abstractions: April 2009**

- Practices provided 35 follow-up patient abstractions

**2nd Conference Call: May 2009**

- During this 2-hour call, participants provide an overview of their efforts during the 2008-2009 flu season

In between conference calls, the practices implement QI activities in areas determined as needing improvement (based on baseline and PDSA data). The teams learn to continually review, adjust, and re-measure their targeted outcomes. Scheduled and consistent communication between the ACP staff and the teams facilitates the measurement process.

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