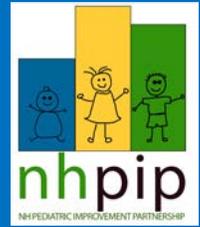


# NH Pediatric Improvement Partnership

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## *Welcome to the NHPIP newsletter!*

The NHPIP is a state-level multidisciplinary collaborative of private and public partners dedicated to improving the quality of health care received by all NH children through the use of systems and measurement-based quality improvement processes. The NHPIP is coordinated by the Institute for Health Policy and Practice at the University of New Hampshire, with Medical Director leadership from the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth. The purpose of our newsletter is to update pediatric care stakeholders about the quality improvement (QI) work of the NHPIP and others in NH. In addition, we will provide links to practical resources.

## Project Updates

### *Neurology Telehealth Pilot*

In September of 2015, the NHPIP contracted with NH Family Voices to address the Facilitating Access to Care for Epilepsy and Transition Success (FACETS NH) grant. This collaboration aimed to increase access to appropriate care and improve ability of neurology and primary care providers to effectively co-manage children and youth with epilepsy residing in medically underserved/rural areas of NH. One pediatric neurologist from CHaD participated as well as five primary care clinicians from four clinics. By the end of the contract period, fourteen teleconsults (provider-to-provider video chats) were conducted to support the care coordination/co-management of shared patients with epilepsy. One teleconsult also included the child's school nurse, principal, and paraprofessional to better care for the child in all settings. In addition, six telehealth patient visits for routine neurology follow-up care were completed in the child's primary care clinic using telehealth technology (see Figure 1).



Figure 1. Telehealth cart

### *HPV Immunization*

The New Hampshire Pediatric Society and NHPIP are currently recruiting NH practices to participate in an AAP District-wide initiative to improve HPV vaccination rates. For more information about this six-month MOC-awarding quality improvement (QI) project [click here](#) or contact [nhpip@unh.edu](mailto:nhpip@unh.edu) by Wednesday, March 8th.

## Data Feature

*The Voice of New Hampshire's Young Adults: Results of the 2015 Young Adult Needs Assessment*

Young adults in NH experience higher rates of drug and alcohol use than young adults nationally. 9.8% of NH young adults compared to 7.8% in the Northeast region and 8.3% nationally reported non-medical use of prescription painkillers. This report summarizes data collected from a survey and focus groups of NH young adults to identify current substance abuse rates as well as potential mitigation strategies. To read more about these study results, [Click Here](#).

## Case Study

*Improve Care Now*  
NHPIP recently spoke with pediatric gastroenterologist, Dr. Harohalli Shashidhar about his experience with Improve Care Now, a national pediatric quality improvement (QI) initiative network that his practice and many others regionally, participate in. Through his practice's QI efforts, their remission rate for children with inflammatory bowel

disease exceeds the national network standard of 83%. To read more about Dr. Shashidhar's experience with QI, [Click Here](#).

## Resources

*Children's Behavioral Health Online Training Modules*

The NH Children's Behavioral Health Workforce Development Network has developed a set of online trainings that provide a description of and best practices for taking a "systems of care" approach to support children with behavioral/mental health challenges. Modules include: [Special Education Process](#), [Early Childhood Mental Health](#), and [Substance Use](#). To access the full list of trainings [click here](#).

*EQIPP module: Infancy and Early Childhood*  
New online AAP module to support clinicians in using a QI approach to implementing on Bright Futures Guidelines. MOC and CME credits are both available. NH's Dr. Suzy Boulter served on the faculty development team. [Click here to register](#). Find other EQIPP modules such as,

immunizations, asthma, and use of antibiotics [here](#).

*Family Voices: Helping Families & Professionals Maneuver the Maze of Complex Conditions*

The New England Genetics Collaborative (NEGC) and child health improvement partnerships in Maine (ME CHIP), New Hampshire (NHPIP) and Vermont (VCHIP) bring you this webinar about state-level family support agencies. This topic builds upon our previous five webinars ([archived here](#)). This webinar will be held on March 30, from 12-1pm and CME will be available. To register [click here](#).