

# FEBRUARY 1, 2024

**Collaborative-Wide Meeting to be held via Zoom on:**

**FRIDAY  
 FEBRUARY 23, 2024  
 @10:00AM**  
 (see Link below)

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**ZOOM CONFERENCE LINE:**

**<https://umich-health.zoom.us/j/4271854792>  
 Meeting ID: 427 185 4792**

*Directors' Column*

The secret is out! The ED (and our data) is where the action is. As a result of your many contributions and excellent work in the MEDIC improvement journey, real and potential collaborators both within and outside the CQI family of programs seek partnership with us. This is an exciting phase of our development as a program. While we continue to work on existing quality modules, MEDIC is developing several opportunities to leverage our platform and broaden our impact on care of patients in emergency settings.

We are very excited to announce two separate MEDIC initiatives in partnership with Michigan Health & Human Services that will begin this year (more information to come at the upcoming CW meeting):

- ◇ An ED Pediatric Readiness pilot program
- ◇ A surveillance & referral program for EDs to address HIV and other rising sexually transmitted diseases in Michigan.

Other important development work is ongoing including:

- ◇ Our recent partnership with the Michigan Value collaborative (MVC) will now allow us to measure and analyze an ED patient's journey starting at the ED visit through a 30-day post visit period opening a new window to evaluate outcomes.
- ◇ Collaboration with potential partners in our pediatric asthma work as we redefine that measure.
- ◇ Partnership with researchers and programs in Michigan to analyze aggregate data to better understand disparities in ED care.

All of this is good news and a good place to be as we kick off creatively in 2024 with new ways to participate, partner and communicate the value of MEDIC. Many thanks to the improvements made by all of you in the MEDIC family. Looking forward to seeing you (virtually) in February! Stay warm.

- Michele & Keith

## All in for

MEDIC's All in for Kids campaign offers resources to providers to incentivize improving emergency care for pediatric patients. Created to combat the pediatric respiratory illness surge - a combination of COVID-19, influenza, and RSV, All in for Kids campaign utilizes MEDIC's toolkits and resources including reducing unnecessary chest X-ray utilization, a key component of respiratory care.

As in this past season, multiple respiratory ailments bring cyclical spikes to emergency departments (ED) who are faced with unique challenges surrounding pediatric care. MEDIC has taken the opportunity to assist sites in identifying and addressing quality improvement opportunities by supporting member providers with comprehensive resources to facilitate better delivery of care to Michigan's youngest patients.

Utilizing online registry performance reports, MEDIC's All in for Kids is able to provide real solutions to crucial emergency care issues across Michigan by showcasing the importance of quality improvement efforts to reduce critical wait times by reducing unnecessary tests and chest X-rays in children, lessening the strain on overwhelmed staff, resources, and equipment, while improving life-saving care.

**Please join us in welcoming New Site & Clinical Champion**

\*\* OSF Healthcare St. Francis Hospital & Medical Group  
 Clinical Champion: John Bednar



**EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT!**



Alex Janke is an emergency physician and health services researcher. He studied economics and math at the University of Michigan before attending medical school at Wayne State University in Detroit.

He went on to train in emergency medicine at Yale-New Haven Hospital in Connecticut, where he joined the Yale Emergency Scholars and completed a *Masters in Health Sciences* with a focus on data science and health services research.

He returned to Michigan in June, 2022 to join the Michigan Emergency Department Improvement Collaborative, and he sees patients at Michigan Medicine and the Ann Arbor VA. As part of the MEDIC Coordinating Center, he aims to leverage the unique richness of the data registry and the MEDIC community's expertise to advocate for emergency care in the state.

He's passionate about emergency medicine's role in healthcare, and collaborating with clinicians across academic, community, urban and rural settings to advocate for patients. In his spare time, he enjoys wrangling his two spirited boys and reading economics papers.

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**Dates to Remember:**

- Thursday, February 1, 2024  
Data & Publication Committee Call @ 10:00am
- Friday, February 23, 2024  
Collaborative-Wide Meeting via ZOOM Conference Call @ 10:00am
- Friday, March 15, 2024  
Executive Committee Call @ 9:00am
- Monday, March 18, 2024  
Recruitment Webinar @ 1:00pm
- Tuesday, May 7, 2024  
Pediatric Committee Call @ 8:00am
- Tuesday, May 21, 2024  
Clinical Champion Call @ 8:00am
- Friday, June 7, 2024  
Executive Committee Meeting Amway Grand Plaza, Grand Rapids @ 8:00am
- Friday, June 7, 2024  
Collaborative-Wide Meeting Amway Grand Plaza, Grand Rapids @ 10am

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