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## Quality Quest for Health of Illinois Adds New Performance Reports to Website

(Peoria, IL) -- Quality Quest for Health of Illinois, a non-profit healthcare collaborative focused on improving healthcare outcomes and building healthy communities, has added new quality reports to its website at [www.qualityquest.org](http://www.qualityquest.org). The reports include:

### Stay Healthy

The *Stay Healthy Report* helps consumers see how medical practices in 36 central Illinois counties compare on nationally standardized preventive care and diabetes management measures that include: Asthma medications, Breast cancer screening, Cervical cancer screening, Chlamydia screening, Diabetes care - A1c testing, Diabetes care - eye exam, Diabetes care - LDL-C testing, Diabetes care - nephropathy screening, Heart and vascular care LDL-C testing, Patients taking long term medications, and Well child care. The measures were developed by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) and are commonly referred to as HEDIS (Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set) measures.

### Get Better

The *Get Better Report* compares practices in the same 36 counties as the *Stay Healthy Report* and is also based on the HEDIS measures that include: Adult bronchitis, Children with colds, Children with sore throat. Consumers can use this information to learn what treatment information is important when they are sick.

### Quality Colonoscopy

The *High Quality Colonoscopy Report* compares physicians in Peoria county who performed screening and surveillance colonoscopies in 2009 on eight quality measures recommended by a local team of gastroenterologists, pathologists, and surgeons and defined this as the Quality Colonoscopy Index. The information can be used by people when scheduling a colonoscopy. To date, this type of reporting on colonoscopy quality is not being done anywhere else in the country. The eight measures in the index include:

- Patient is over 50 or has a family or personal history increasing their risk of colorectal cancer
- Patient's heart and lung risk factors have been reviewed and documented before the procedure
- Patient's bowel is well cleansed on the day of the test
- The entire colon is examined
- All appropriate information is gathered about each polyp that is found
- The patient experiences no serious complications from having the colonoscopy
- The examination takes an appropriate amount of time and that time is recorded
- The patient is given the appropriate follow-up examination recommendation

“We commend the team and participating physicians for their commitment to improving patient care. This is innovative and courageous and it will save lives. We will be adding more physicians in future reports,” says Dr. Gail Amundson, Quality Quest President and CEO.

### Updated Generic Prescribing Numbers

Consumers can use information from the *Generic Prescribing Report* to compare how their physician’s clinic compares to other clinics when it comes to using generic medications. Generics cost less making it easier for patients to stay on their medicine. The current results are from first quarter 2010. The report covers seven specialties and 38 counties in central Illinois.

### **About Quality Quest**

Quality Quest for Health of Illinois is a healthcare collaborative working together to transform healthcare in our state. We bring physicians, hospitals, health plans, employers, patients and families together to focus on creating healthier communities with better patient outcomes and improving the quality of care delivered. We collect data and report performance information to the medical community and the public. The information helps providers compare their performance to peers and improve patient care.

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