

# PI Collaboratives Open Enrollment



**Do you want to enhance your understanding of the characteristics and dynamics of frequently admitted patients?**

## **Announcing the Frequently Admitted Patients Benchmarking Study**

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Aug. 24, 2016 – 11 a.m. CT

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Project enrollment deadline is October 3, 2016

Frequently admitted patients are defined as patients who are admitted five or more times within one year<sup>1</sup>. Their admissions are driven by multiple chronic conditions and there may be behavioral comorbidities resulting in acute episodes requiring hospitalization. By understanding the characteristics and dynamics of frequently admitted patients along with relevant utilization and financial indicators, hospitals can develop and implement solutions that address the needs of this small group of patients who consume a highly disproportionate share of healthcare resources.

The Frequently Admitted Patients Benchmarking Study will use member submitted surveys, and possibly other member data sources.

The Frequently Admitted Patients Benchmarking project will assist organizations in:

- Identifying the number of frequently admitted patients
- Exploring the underlying reasons for multiple hospitalizations, while gathering information about acute care and ambulatory care processes focused on preventing readmissions.
- Improving the management of frequently admitted patients, transitions to secondary levels of care and involvement of primary care teams.

This benchmarking study is designed to provide comprehensive information allowing the participants to identify actionable opportunities.

Organizations participating in the Frequently Admitted Patients Benchmarking Study will receive:

- Results of the Frequently Admitted Patients Benchmarking Survey
- Access to Vizient Knowledge Transfer webinar and Field Brief

The benchmarking study is offered at no charge to all members currently participating in the Vizient Performance Improvement (PI) Collaborative Programs.

### Information about Enrolling in the Study

- PI Collaborative Coordinators (same as IQ coordinators) can enroll in the Frequently Admitted Patients Benchmarking project by using the [IQ Coordinator Workstation](#).
  - If you need to identify your PI Coordinator [click here](#) or contact [Mary Pierson](#) at 312.775.4293.
  - You will need to enter the name of the project liaison, the physician liaison, and the executive liaison. The project liaison is the main point of contact for the project.
- Enrollment for participation in the Frequently Admitted Patients Benchmarking Study will close on Oct. 3, 2016

If you have any questions or require additional information, please visit the project [Web page](#) or contact [Linda Avery](#) at 972-830-7949 or [Mary Pierson](#) at 312.775.4293.

<sup>1</sup> Szekendi MK, Williams MV MD, Carrier D, Hensley L, Thomas S, Cerese J. The characteristics of patients frequently admitted to academic medical centers in the United States. Journal of Hospital Medicine [J Hosp Med] 2015 Sep; Vol 10 (9), pp. 563-8.