



What is ABQAURP?

Established in 1977, the American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review Physicians, Inc. (ABQAURP) is the nation's largest organization of interdisciplinary health care professionals. Through its ultimate goal to improve the quality of health care, ABQAURP is dedicated to providing health care education and certification for physicians, nurses, and other health care professionals.

Facts about the Health Care Quality and Management Certification:

ABQAURP is the only Health Care Quality and Management (HCQM) organization with an examination developed, administered, and evaluated through the National Board of Medical Examiners' (NBME) testing expertise. ABQAURP and the NBME collaborate on the planning, development, analysis, and scoring of the certification examination. The NBME's involvement in the certification process reflects ABQAURP's dedication to establishing Health Care Quality and Management as a specialty with definable standards upheld by knowledgeable experts.

The ABQAURP certification process promotes excellence and professionalism through recognition of individuals dedicated to Health Care Quality and Management. These individuals are distinguished by superior skills in analysis, review, case management, and many other areas of health care administration.

Who are our Members?

Diplomates and Members of ABQAURP include physicians, nurses of all specialties, medical directors, hospital administrators, care managers, pharmacists, risk managers, consultants, and other key health care decision makers and professionals who are involved in health care quality and patient safety on a daily basis. ABQAURP Diplomates and Members are professionals dedicated to improving the overall quality of health care. Diplomates who have voluntarily achieved certification in Health Care Quality and Management are deeply committed to patient safety, health care quality, and effective care. Providers certified in HCQM have demonstrated superior skills in their ability to critically evaluate the literature, identify evidence-based best practices, and make a recommendation that balances appropriateness of services with cost and quality. HCQM certification addresses the need for effectiveness, efficiency, equity, safety, and timeliness.

Quality Health Care:

The importance of health care quality and patient safety has never been more in focus than today. It is essential that all health care providers and administrators demonstrate their commitment to health care quality. The rising costs of health care, its impact on American business and the solvency of the Medicare trust funds, in addition to the concerns about patient safety, inappropriate services and unnecessary readmissions, all solidify the need for Health Care Quality certification. Accountable health care leaders in physician organizations and groups, hospitals, care organizations and managed care entities can effectively address this crisis by demonstrating their understanding of quality techniques and tools that can reduce medical errors, ensure patient safety, eliminate waste and unnecessary services, and avoid potentially harmful delays in care. The result is a safer, more efficient and cost-effective system that better satisfies the needs of patients, providers, purchasers, and payers.



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Promoting Health Care Quality through Certification and Education

Quality and Continuing Education:

ABOQURP is recognized by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) as a quality educational provider. This accreditation allows us to assign **AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)[™]** to our educational programs.

ABOQURP has met the educational requirements and is approved by the Florida Board of Nursing to provide continuing education units (CEU) for nurses. These credits are transferable to all 50 states and Washington D.C.

ABOQURP provides live conferences at geographically convenient locations in the United States, as well as online continuing education courses and home study options. Innovative courses provide important updates and practical tools for all health care professionals.

Call Barbara Chalmers at (800) 998-6030 ext. 116. Barbara will be happy to answer any certification questions you may have.

