



Carolinah HealthCare System  
Levine Children's Hospital

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Dear Colleague,

We are pleased to invite your fellows and junior faculty to apply for the fifth annual *Levine Children's Hospital Quality Improvement Coaching Conference (LCH QUICC)* in Charlotte, NC on **September 13–15, 2017**. The conference is hosted by the Pediatric Specialties Care Division at Carolinas HealthCare System's Levine Children's Hospital. LCH QUICC is based on our award-winning QI curriculum and is coordinated by Drs. Andrew Herman, Laura Noonan, and Cheryl Courtlandt with support from the Center for Advancing Pediatric Excellence (CAPE) and a grant from Mead Johnson Nutrition.

The purpose of this pediatric Quality Improvement conference is to create an informal environment where neonatology fellows and junior faculty ( $\leq 7$  years out of fellowship) present current QI projects and benefit from collaboration with both QI faculty and participants. We expect to invite approx. 20 participants. More than one fellow from your institution may submit a project proposal, although attempts will be made to include a broad range of individuals from different programs. The conference venues take place in Charlotte, NC, primarily at the Hilton Charlotte Center City.

This is an opportunity for intensive QI coaching to advance physician knowledge and skills in improvement science, with an emphasis on methods and tools. Through a combination of brief didactics, project presentations, and extensive discussion, participants will work on furthering their QI projects and prepare for future quality endeavors. We encourage project submissions at all stages of development. QI novices and/or early projects are welcome to apply. If you are unsure whether your project fits the improvement science framework, please feel free to contact Sarah Mabus at [sarah.mabus@carolinahhealthcare.org](mailto:sarah.mabus@carolinahhealthcare.org).

Project proposals must be submitted to Sarah Mabus ([sarah.mabus@carolinahhealthcare.org](mailto:sarah.mabus@carolinahhealthcare.org)) by the submission deadline of May 26, 2017. Invitations to participate will be extended by late July. Applicants will receive an acknowledgment email upon receipt; please call us at 704-381-2273 if you do not receive this reply.

Those fellows and junior faculty selected for presentation will have transportation, lodging, and meal expenses provided by Mead Johnson Nutrition. We ask that invitations not be accepted unless the fellow or faculty member plans to attend the entire conference. Arrangements will not be made for family attendance since this is a working conference. Specific information regarding travel arrangements and presentation requirements will accompany acceptance notifications.

We are extremely excited to offer this educational opportunity and look forward to your submissions and to meeting your fellows and junior faculty.

Sincerely,

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