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Dear Colleague,

We are pleased to invite fellows from your institution to apply for the sixth annual *Levine Children's Hospital Quality Improvement Coaching Conference (LCH QuICC)* in Charlotte, NC on October 14–16, 2019. The conference is hosted by Atrium Health Levine Children's Service Line.

LCH QuICC is based on our award-winning QI curriculum and is coordinated by Drs. Laura Noonan and Cheryl Courtlandt with support from the Center for Advancing Pediatric Excellence (CAPE) and a grant from the Atrium Health Foundation. Previously offered only to neonatology fellows, we are thrilled to have expanded resources this year to engage pediatric fellows from a wide range of subspecialties for this exceptional learning experience.

The purpose of this pediatric QI conference is to create an interactive environment where fellows can present their current QI projects, get expert critiques, and benefit from collaboration with both QI faculty and participants. The course group is limited to approximately 20 fellows to ensure one-on-one coaching and optimize the learning environment. More than one fellow from your institution may submit an application, however, attempts will be made to include a broad range of projects from different programs.

This is an opportunity for intensive QI coaching to advance physician knowledge and skills in improvement science, with an emphasis on QI methodology and tools. Our course teaches these skills through a combination of brief didactics, project presentations, and extensive discussion. Previous participants have found the course beneficial in furthering their QI projects and preparing for future quality endeavors.

We encourage project submissions at <u>all</u> stages of development. QI novices and/or early projects are welcome to apply. This is a forum for QI projects only, if you are unsure whether your project fits the improvement science framework, please feel free to contact Sarah Mabus at <u>sarah.mabus@atriumhealth.org</u>.

Project submissions must be sent to <u>sarah.mabus@atriumhealth.org</u> by the <u>submission deadline of May 16, 2019</u>. Invitations to participate will be extended in July. Applicants will receive an acknowledgment email upon receipt; please call us at 704-381-2273 if you do not receive this reply.

The conference will be held at The Westin Hotel in Uptown Charlotte. Those fellows selected for presentation will have transportation, lodging (shared rooms assigned), and most meal expenses provided by Atrium Health Levine Children's Service Line. There is no conference fee. To allow for maximal coaching and to accommodate as many fellows as possible, we require attendance for the entire conference. Arrangements cannot be made for family attendance. 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.

Sincerely,

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