Call for Quality Improvement (QI) CPA Grant Competition Applications

The COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated the need for quality improvement in healthcare more urgently than ever. The Department is providing funding to support up to an additional two (2) QI projects to facilitate scholarly activity as aligned with the Department’s and Hospital strategic priority: to ensure quality and accountability in everything we do including partnering with patients and families, exemplifying compassionate communication and care, eliminating preventable harm, and optimizing efficiency and resource use.

Adjudication of the grant will include a score derived from the following recommended requirements that should be included in the submitted proposal:

- Advance one or more domains of quality: safety, timeliness, effectiveness, efficiency, equity, and patient-centeredness. Alignment with strategic quality and safety priorities is encouraged.
- Identification of key stakeholders and collaborators (projects involving an interprofessional and multi-disciplinary team-based approach are encouraged)
- A family of measures (outcome and balancing measures are required at a minimum) along with the data measurement plan
- A systems-based and/or multipronged intervention strategy planned
- An implementation plan that involves iterative tests of change using PDSA (Plan, Do, Study, Act) Cycles
- Analysis plan using data over time with run charts and/or statistical process control (SPC) charts

Application for this grant will be through the usual CPA grant competition process with a deadline of May 19th, 2023.

For more information or questions about whether your project qualifies for QI, please email olivia.ostrow@sickkids.ca or cpagrantcompetition@sickkids.ca

The full application can be found online [here](#)