

# Quality Forum

- 7:00 – 8:30 Physician Breakfast – (Bronze room)** This physician-only event will include breakfast and peer-to-peer discussion on two issues: appropriate imaging and appropriate prescribing of opioids.
- 8:00 – 8:30 Registration**
- 8:30 – 8:45 Welcome – Owen Bailey, Alabama Hospital Association Chairman and CEO of USA Health (Emerald, Gold, & Silver rooms)**
- 8:45 – 9:15 Updates on CMS Quality Reporting for Hospitals and Physicians – Akin Demehin, MPH, Director of Policy, American Hospital Association,** will share the latest quality reporting requirements from the Medicare inpatient and outpatient final rules.
- 9:15 – 10:45 Understanding Star Ratings and Learning How to Improve on Claims-based Measures – AlaHA's Quality Task Force** has dedicated several months to uncovering opportunities to improve Hospital Star Ratings. These tips will be shared by two hospital representatives, along with an overview from Akin Demehin on the methodology behind the ratings.  
Hospital Speakers: *Stefanie Ledbetter, RN, BSN, MSHI, Business Analytics, Clinical Decision Support, Clinical Documentation Integrity, EAMC, and Amy Butler, RN,BSN, CPHRM, Chief Quality Officer, Flowers Hospital.*
- 10:45 – 11:30 Appropriate Imaging – Jim Duncan, MD, PhD, FSIR, Professor of Radiology, Vice Chair for Quality and Safety Washington University School of Medicine** will share ways hospitals can ensure appropriate imaging and avoid undue exposure to radiation, measures now being reported on Hospital Compare.
- 11:30-12:15 Lunch (BD/MedMined Services break out session in Bronze room)**
- 12:15 – 1:00 Impacting Opioid Misuse: A Team-Based Approach to Combatting the Opioid Epidemic –** This session will feature lessons learned from hospitals and from the AlaHA Opioid Task Force on ways to ensure appropriate prescribing of opioids. Two members of the task force will be presenting:  
**Role of the physician - Randy Stewart, MD, ED Director and Hospitalist, Marshall Medical Centers**  
**Roles of pharmacists-Elise A. Dasinger, PharmD, MHA, VA Quality Scholars Fellow, Birmingham VA Medical Center & UAB**
- 1:00 – 1:45 Antimicrobial Stewardship: Best Practices and New Opportunities - Calvin Yu, MD, Medical Director MedMined Services, BD Digital Health**
- 1:45 – 2:30 Improve Care and Patient Satisfaction by Understanding Patient Populations – Deborah Grimes, RN, JD, MSHQS, Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer, UAB,** and Mary Coleman Dobbins, Patient Experience and Engagement (OPXE) Analyst, MPH, will share her work in exploring the differences in patient populations and developing processes to meet the varying needs to improve care and quality measure scores.

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**Registration:** [Click here](#) to register for the forum or go to <http://www.aqaf.com> and click on “News and Events” and then “Events Calendar.” **Physicians,** [click this link](#) to register for the physician-only breakfast. There is no charge for either registration.

**Dress:** Business attire

**Accommodations:** **Hampton Inn & Suites, Birmingham-Pelham (I-65)** [Click](#) to reserve a room in the AlaHA discount block for \$95, deadline is October 1. [Click here](#) for directions to the hotel (232 Cahaba Valley Road, Pelham, AL 35124).

**Directions to meeting site** – Pelham Civic Center [500 Amphitheater Road Pelham, AL 35124](#)  
Free WiFi will be available.

**Parking:** Facility is next door to the Oak Mt. Amphitheater, with plenty of free parking.

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- **Alabama Board of Nursing CEUs** will be offered through AQAF.
- **Alabama Hospital Association** will offer continuing education credits from the following organizations: American College of Healthcare Executives, Alabama State Board of Public Accountancy, Alabama Board of Social Work Examiners, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Alabama Nursing Home Administrators.
- **CMEs for physicians and CPEs for pharmacists will be offered through St. Vincent’s Health System:**

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