

ASPIRE Quality Champion

Roles and Requirements

Role Summary

The Anesthesiology Performance Improvement and Reporting Exchange (ASPIRE) is the quality improvement (QI) arm of the Multicenter Perioperative Outcomes Group (MPOG). Each participating site is required to have a Quality Champion, whose primary function is to oversee the administration and implementation of the ASPIRE program at their institution. As a direct link among multiple perioperative teams, the Quality Champion serves as the leader of MPOG QI efforts to improve outcomes for patients undergoing procedures requiring anesthesia.

Key Responsibilities Include:

- **ASPIRE Meeting Attendance.**
 - *Quality Committee meetings* - Quality Champions are members of the MPOG Quality committee which meets virtually 5-6 times per year, on the fourth Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m. EST. Quality Committee members provide the primary governance for ASPIRE. During the meeting, measures are discussed and approved, QI Stories are shared, and the coordinating center obtains feedback on QI initiatives.
 - *ASPIRE Collaborative meetings* - As part of ASPIRE's involvement in the BCBSM funded Collaborative Quality Initiative, Quality Champions at Michigan sites have the additional responsibility of attending up to 3 offsite meetings per year. Refer to BCBSM Pay-for-Performance [scorecard](#) for specific requirements as they are updated annually.
- **QI Measure Review.** Quality Champions are assigned to review existing measures to ensure ASPIRE quality measures remain current and align with literature recommendations. The current measure review cycle allows for each measure to be reviewed at least every 3 years. Reviewers will provide recommendations (with supporting evidence) to retire, modify or continue the measure as specified. The goal is to leverage the vast experience of quality champions and gain expert consensus among the MPOG quality committee for measure modifications.
- **Support for the Anesthesia Clinical Quality Reviewer (ACQR)*.** Michigan Quality Champions should maintain a professional and consistent working relationship with the ACQR. It is recommended this team meets monthly to review ASPIRE data using tools provided by MPOG and identify areas for quality improvement.
- **Provide QI Education.** Quality Champions should communicate performance results and expectations to anesthesia providers, nursing, administration and leadership at their institution. Providing QI education can include group presentations on the ASPIRE metrics incorporating best practice recommendations, discussion with an individual provider to review performance, or responding to provider questions via email regarding practice changes.
- **Implementation of QI Projects.** MPOG provides validated data to enable continuous quality improvement through reports, dashboards, and other resources necessary to make informed decisions about improving care to patients undergoing anesthesia. Quality Champions are responsible for implementing QI efforts at their site.

*Michigan sites only

Required Qualifications

- Must be a practicing anesthesiologist at the institution they are representing
- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively and communicate well with others

Desired Qualifications

- Clinical Quality Improvement experience
- Experience with literature review to identify and summarize recommendations for practice

Alternate Quality Champion

MPOG sites may designate an alternate Quality Champion to 'stand in' for the site lead Quality Champion and fulfill his/her role when he/she is unavailable. Alternate Quality Champions should be selected based on the following requirements:

- Must be a practicing anesthesiologist at the institution they are representing
- Ability to disseminate information to the department either through communication back to the Quality Champion or directly to team members