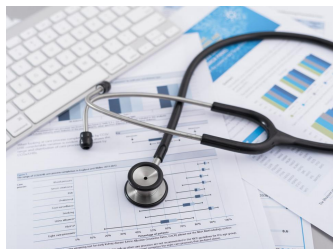


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### Reminder: End of MROQC Quality Performance Measurement Period



As we enter the 3rd quarter of 2024, this marks the end of our quality performance measurement period (1/1/24-9/30/24) for the 3 **MROQC-BCBSM/BCN incentive programs** (Pay for Performance, Gold Card, and CQI Value-Based Reimbursement). Please take this opportunity to review your progress and ensure all data is up-to-date.

**Don't forget to refer to the monthly reports issued on July 15th for the latest insights and performance metrics standings.** Your attention to these details is crucial for our continued success-and incentive program eligibility.

If you have any questions or need assistance in clearing reports, do not hesitate to reach out to [support@mroqc.org](mailto:support@mroqc.org)

### Recent Publications and Abstract Acceptances Highlighting MROQC Members' Contributions

We are excited to share some recent achievements and contributions from our talented members, showcasing their dedication to advancing radiation oncology research and patient care. Here's a roundup of noteworthy publications and abstract acceptances:

#### Publications:



#### "Are We Missing Acute Toxicities Associated With Hypofractionated Breast Irradiation? A Report From a Large Multicenter Cohort Study?" **The Red Journal**

- **Authors:** Hassan Beydoun (Karmanos), Kent Griffith (University of Michigan), Reshma Jagsi (University of Michigan), Jacob Burmeister (Karmanos) Jean Moran, (University of Michigan), Frank Vicini (MHP), Jim Hayman (University of Michigan), Pete Paximadis (Corewell Health South), Tom Boike (MHP), Eleanor Walker (Henry Ford Detroit), Lori Pierce (University of Michigan) and Mike Dominello (Karmanos)

#### "Factors Associated with Acute Esophagitis During Radiation Therapy for Lung Cancer" **Radiotherapy & Oncology**

- **Authors:** Dan Herr (University of Michigan), Maggie Yin (University of Michigan), Derek Bergma (Trinity Health Saint Mary's), Alekszandar Dragovic (Brighton Center for Specialty Care) Martha Matuszak (University of Michigan), Maggie Grubb (University of Michigan), Mike Dominello (Karmanos), Benjamin Movsas (Henry Ford Detroit), Larry Kestin (MHP), Tom Boike (MHP), Amit Bhatt (McLaren Greater Lansing), Jim Hayman (University of Michigan), Shruti Jolly (University of Michigan), Matt Schipper (University of Michigan), and Pete Paximadis (Corewell Health South)

### "Variation in Androgen Deprivation Therapy Use Among Men With Intermediate-Risk Prostate Cancer: Results From a Statewide Radiation Oncology Quality Consortium" The Red Journal

- **Authors:** Michael Dykstra (University of Michigan), Sam Regan (University of Michigan), Maggie Yin (University of Michigan), Bill McLaughlin (Ascension Providence), Tom Boike (MHP), Amit Bhatt (McLaren Greater Lansing), Mark Zaki (Covenant), Danielle Kendrick (University of Michigan), Mazen Mislmani (West Michigan Cancer Center), Sarah Paluch (Covenant), Dale Litzenberg (University of Michigan), Melissa Mietzel (University of Michigan), Vrinda Narayana (Ascension Providence), Andrea Smith (University of Michigan), Dave Heimburger (Munson), Matt Schipper (University of Michigan), Will Jackson (University of Michigan), and Bob Dess (University of Michigan)

## Abstract Acceptances

We are also pleased to announce that 14 abstracts from our consortium have been accepted for presentation at major conferences in 2024 (2 at ASCO GU, 10 at ASTRO, 1 at NAHQ, 1 at ASCO Quality). This achievement reflects the high caliber of investigation and collaboration within our community.

### MROQC 2024 Abstracts

Please visit our Media tab on the website to see all of the MROQC publications. *(please note that until the national meeting occurs, the abstracts are embargoed and cannot be released just yet!)*

We congratulate all our members involved in these publications and accepted abstracts for their dedication to advancing the field of radiation oncology and improving patient outcomes.

Thank you for your continued contributions to MROQC's mission of excellence in quality care!

## MROQC's Commitment to Health Equity: Meet M-EQUAL



In our quest to fulfill MROQC's commitment to identifying and addressing health disparities experienced by our patients, we are excited to announce the formation of a new health equity committee titled M-EQUAL. Our first meeting was held in April 2024. This committee is dedicated to promoting an antiracist mindset and creating an inclusive space for sexual and gender minorities, as well as other marginalized groups. Through our quality improvement goals, materials, and actions, we aim to embody these values in all our efforts.

**M-EQUAL committee members are: Elizabeth Covington (MROQC), Michelle Mierzwa (MROQC), Courtney Friedle (MyMichigan), Bob Dess (U-M Health), Renu Sharma (WMCC), Nancy King (McLaren Central), Michael Dominello (Karmanos), Melissa Mietzel (MROQC), and Danielle Kendrick (MROQC).**

Along with focusing on improving health outcomes for our patients, we will also provide educational resources to MROQC members. This quarter, we will focus on understanding health equity. One widely used definition of health equity comes from physician and epidemiologist

Camara Jones, MD, MPH, PhD: **health equity is “assurance of the conditions for optimal health for all people. Achieving health equity requires valuing all individuals and populations equally, recognizing and rectifying historical injustice, and providing resources according to need.”**

We encourage you to take a moment to review the health equity video series put together by the CDC: Health Equity Video Series (<https://www.cdc.gov/healthequity/whatis/videos/index.html>).

## Education Opportunity

### Cannabis in Practice Webinar Series

This is a virtual series for healthcare providers with topics including:

Advances in Motivational Interviewing: Practical Strategies for Empowering People to Change; Cannabis, Opioids, and Public Health Implications; Adolescent Cannabis Use; and It’s Just Pot. What’s the Problem? CE available.

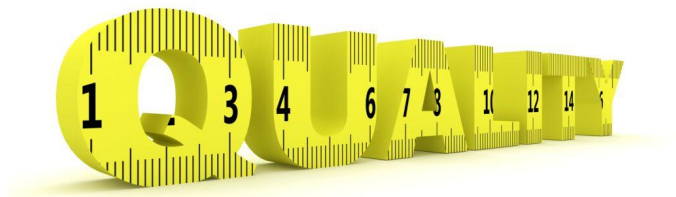
<https://www.washtenaw.org/3207/Cannabis-in-Practice-Webinar-Series>

*Recordings will be available on their website if you are interested and missed the webinar.*

## Upcoming MROQC Meetings & Events

### Attend July Quality Improvement Working Group Meetings!

We are excited to announce that our Quality Improvement Working Groups are moving forward in the quality measure preparation cycle, transitioning from concept consideration to measure drafting. Your participation and insights are invaluable as we advance our efforts in delivering top-tier radiation oncology care.



If your schedule allows, we highly encourage you to attend these meetings. Your contributions will be crucial in shaping the measures that will drive our quality improvement initiatives.

For those unable to join, we will provide detailed minutes. Please ensure you review these minutes to stay informed and contribute to the ongoing discussions.

### MROQC Working Groups|Committees



Wednesday, July 17th @ 12:00 p.m.



Tuesday, July 23rd @ 12:00 p.m.



Thursday, July 25 @ 12:00 p.m.

Monday, August 19th @ 12:00 p.m.

Please click on the logo of the working group you are interested in for more information.

Interested in joining one of our working groups? Click [here](#).

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## CDA Office Hours

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

\*Look for emails every month to sign up.

## Upcoming Collaborative-Wide Meetings

**October 18, 2024**  
**10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
*Radisson Plaza, Kalamazoo*

**February 28, 2025**  
**10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
*Virtual*

For more information, including past events and CE information, please visit the [Consortium Meeting & Events](#) page on our website.

## Past Editions of MROQC News

Past editions of the "ROQCstar News" can be found on the Media page of our [MROQC website](#).

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