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Dr. David Nau is Senior Director for Research & Performance Measurement at Pharmacy Quality Alliance, Inc. (PQA, Inc.). Prior to joining PQA, he held tenured faculty appointments at the University of Michigan and University of Kentucky, and also served as Manager of Research Strategies for Humana Pharmacy Solutions.

Dr. Nau received his B.S. in Pharmacy from Ohio Northern University and an M.S. in Pharmacy Administration from the University of Toledo. Dr. Nau completed a pharmacy residency program at The Toledo Hospital and a specialized residency in hospital pharmacy management at Shands Hospital at the University of Florida. He also worked in community pharmacy and hospital pharmacy management before receiving a Ph.D. from the University of Florida in 1997.

Dr. Nau's work has focused on the improvement of medication-use within the healthcare system, and he is one of the few pharmacists to hold the designation of Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality (CPHQ). His work has included evaluating the quality and safety of medication-use for patients with chronic diseases, the establishment of pharmacy-based disease management programs, and the development of quality improvement systems for pharmacy services. He has conducted research on the causes and consequences of medication non-adherence and he helped to develop methodological standards for medication-adherence research for the International Society of Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research. Dr. Nau has authored over 40 publications and is a frequently invited speaker on issues related to quality assessment and research methods.

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