

# EPIQ EPIQ

*A complimentary, turn-key quality improvement program for pharmacy students*

## What is the EPIQ program?



**Educating Pharmacy Students and Pharmacists to Improve Quality (EPIQ)** was developed as a quality improvement educational resource to be used by pharmacy faculty and others to educate pharmacy students, pharmacists, and other stakeholders about measuring, reporting, and improving quality in pharmacy practice.

## Why was the EPIQ program developed?

The American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) and the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) have recognized the needs for future pharmacists to understand quality improvement. They have encouraged the addition of “quality improvement” (QI) to the curricula of Colleges of Pharmacy.(ACPE 2007)

The ACPE states in their accreditation standards effective July 1, 2007 (p14): “As recommended by the Institute of Medicine for all health care professionals, pharmacists must be educated to deliver patient-centered care as members of an interprofessional team, emphasizing evidence-based practice, quality improvement approaches, and informatics.”

## Who developed EPIQ?

The Pharmacy Quality Alliance (PQA, Inc.), [www.PQAalliance.org](http://www.PQAalliance.org), is a consensus-based organization involving over 50 stakeholder organizations that are committed to improving medication use through pharmacist-delivered care and services. PQA provided a grant to the University of Arizona to coordinate the development of this EPIQ program by the following pharmacist educators: Terri L. Warholak, PhD, RPh; Donna West, PhD, RPh; and David Holdford, RPh, MS, PhD to create the EPIQ program. An advisory board helped identify materials and guide the project.

## What content does EPIQ include?

Complete educational materials (slides, speaker notes, activities, readings, assessment questions, etc.) for the following topics:

Module I:	Status of Quality Improvement (QI) and Reporting in US Health Care System
Module II:	Quality Improvement Concepts
Module III:	Quality Measurement
Module IV:	Quality-Based Interventions and Incentives
Module V:	Application of QI to the Pharmacy Practice Setting

◆**Ready for distribution to schools/colleges of pharmacy for educational use**◆

If you would like a copy of the EPIQ program, a complimentary, turn-key quality improvement program for pharmacy students - or know someone who might - please contact:

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