



Join AMGA Foundation’s Obesity Management Quality Improvement Collaborative

The Obesity Management Quality Improvement Collaborative is designed for organizations interested in teaming with other high-performing medical groups and health systems to develop and implement strategies to increase the number of people with obesity who receive:

- A formal diagnosis
- Evidence-based comprehensive care, including counseling, nutrition, medical and surgical therapeutic interventions
- Education on the importance of long-term sustainable outcomes.

This initiative will provide a platform for participating organizations to improve both clinical and economic outcomes for this patient population through the development and implementation of quality improvement projects, best practice sharing, and peer learning. Participants in this Collaborative will learn ways to improve diagnosis and integrate evidence-based treatments from other groups into their organizations. Organizations will need to be able to access electronic health record data to track measures stratified by sex, age, race, ethnicity, insurance type, etc. These data will help organizations to develop and implement a tailored health equity intervention to address barriers.

Applications will open on March 24, 2025, and six organizations will be selected.

AMGA will prioritize applicants that can take an organization wide approach. However, if you are only able to target a subset of clinics, please describe the pilot patient volume and plan to scale in your application.

What is AMGA offering?

- Financial stipend and travel reimbursement (if applicable)
- Education and resources
- Internal measure tracking, including benchmarking against your peers
- Coaching in application of best practices
- Peer-to-peer shared learning

What are you expected to do?

- Establish an internal implementation team
- Send team members to one in-person meeting and one virtual meeting
- Participate in regular webinars and virtual engagement activities
- Submit regular quality improvement documentation
- Submit regular quantitative data

Quality Improvement Plan & Documentation	Proposed Quantitative Measures Reporting*
Submissions include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gap analysis • Root cause analysis 	Prevalence of overweight and obesity: by weight class



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motivating needs list worksheet • Action plans • PDSA cycle 	
<p>Obesity management “Motivating Needs” that participants will be asked to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership Support • Clinician and Staff Education • Patient Education & Awareness • Multidisciplinary Care Approach • Increase Access to Clinical Services • Electronic Health Record (EHR) Integration • Community Partnerships 	<p>Obesity diagnosis: Percentage of adults with BMI ≥ 30 who have a documented diagnosis of obesity</p> <p>Evidence-based obesity care: Percentage of adults with BMI ≥ 30 who received evidence-based obesity management treatment, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lifestyle changes, behavioral counseling, or nutritional services • Obesity medications • Metabolic and bariatric surgery, and endoscopic procedures <p>Data may require stratification by patient demographics and social determinants of health. AMGA Foundation will provide measurement specifications.</p>

*Measures will be finalized after consultation with subject matter expert advisors.

Benefits include:

- Stipend of \$5,000 plus travel expenses for two team members to attend the in-person meeting (if applicable)
- Incorporation of quality improvement techniques, best practices, operational tips and tools, resources, and engagement activities with other leading medical groups and health systems to improve care for patients with obesity
- Improvement of value through better patient care and outcomes (quality and value)

Preliminary Timeline

- **March 24, 2025:** Application cycle begins. Applications and Motivating Needs Ranking due **May 16, 2025.**
- **June 19-20, 2025:** Applicants will be notified of selection status.
- **July 1, 2025, 1:00 - 2:30 pm ET:** Orientation and data webinar
- **August 15, 2025:** Initial baseline data due and first quality improvement documentation (root cause analysis & gap analysis due) due
- **September 12, 2025:** Final baseline data due
- **September 15-19, 2025:** First in-person meeting, 2 days
- **May 2026:** Final virtual meeting

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