

CPSO's Quality Improvement (QI) Partnership for Hospitals Program



CPSO is now launching its second five-year Quality Programs cycle for the 2026-2030 period. Ontario physicians are required to participate in a Quality program once during every five-year cycle, from their second year in independent practice. Participants can also earn CPD credits.

The QI Partnership for Hospitals Program offers the opportunity for hospitals to:

- Engage their physicians in a QI initiative aligned with organizational priorities, and
- Offer their physicians a means to satisfy their CPSO Quality requirements for the five-year cycle.

If you and your organization would like to be part of the 2026-2030 QI Partnership Program:

- Review the new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), including criteria for QI Partnership Program participation and associated CPSO and hospital expectations.
- Submit the QI Partnership Program proposal form, ensuring a physician QI lead is identified and Chief of Staff approval is documented

Upon receipt of the proposal form, CPSO QI Partnership leadership team will review your submission and move to approve or suggest revision. Once approved, the following steps occur:

- QI Partnership staff will send a CPSO signed MOU with a request for a Chief of Staff signature.
- Your hospital will send an initial list of participants including names and CPSO numbers.
- CPSO QI Partnership staff will review and send out enrollment notifications to participants.

QI Partnership Program physicians will complete the following requirements:

A) Three requirements overseen by CPSO:

- **Step 1: Information Sharing Consent** – Confirm if they will participate in QI Partnership and/or share QI Partnership participation information with their hospital.
- **Step 2: QI Activities Selection** – Complete three activities from a menu of QI activities ([link](#)) and provide a brief reflection on past QI involvement.
- **Step 3: QI Initiative Reflection Activity** – Answer three questions about their hospital's current QI initiative.

Physicians are to complete Step 1-3 by their CPSO deadline provided to them on enrollment (typically 90 days from the point of enrollment).

B) One requirement overseen by the hospital: Fully participate in the hospital's specific QI initiative, as outlined within the approved QI Partnership proposal

Frequently Asked Questions



1. If our hospital had an approved QI Partnership initiative during the initial five-year cycle (2020–2025) that is continuing into 2026 and beyond, do we need to re-apply?

Yes. For any previously approved QI Partnership initiative that will continue into any period of the 2026-2030 cycle, a new proposal and subsequent MOU is still required.

2. Our organization had an approved QI Partnership initiative in 2023, and we submitted all our physicians' names at that time. If we are ready to submit a QI initiative now, do we need to wait until 2028 to send a new Partnership proposal?

No. Organizations are welcome to submit their proposal for the 2026-2030 cycle from October 2025 through May 2030, regardless of when they last submitted their previous proposal. Physicians are required to complete one CPSO Quality program in each 5-year cycle and may wish to leverage their hospital organization's proactive engagement.

3. At the time of the QI Partnership initiative approval, does our hospital have to submit all physician participant names and CPSO numbers at the time of the QI Partnership approval?

Participant names may be submitted to CPSO from October 2025 to May 31, 2030. By submitting the name of a physician to the CPSO for the purposes of enrolling in the QI Partnership Program, the hospital organization attests to all terms within the MOU.

4. Before submitting physicians' names and CPSO numbers as participants in the Partnership program, are hospitals required to confirm their participation?

As outlined in the MOU, by submitting a physician's name to CPSO for QI Partnership enrollment, the hospital affirms the following:

- There are no concerns with the physician's hospital practice
- The physician is an actively practicing physician at the hospital
- The physician will be fully engaged in the hospital QI initiative

When a physician receives their QI Partnership program enrollment notification, the first step involves completing the Information Sharing Consent. Through this, physicians indicate whether they will participate in the QI Partnership and/or agree to share their participation details with their hospital.

5. If a physician is not currently due to complete their Quality Program requirements, can they still participate in our hospital's QI Partnership Program?"

A physician can participate in a QI Partnership Program even if they are not due to complete a Quality Program. By completing all requirements of the QI Partnership program, they will have satisfied their CPSO Quality requirements for the 2026-2030 5-year cycle.

6. Once a physician is enrolled in the QI Partnership Program, what is the timeframe for completing their requirements?

Once a physician has received their Partnership enrollment notification, they will be provided a minimum of 90 days to complete their CPSO specific requirements (i.e. Steps 1-3). However, the timeline for the hospital's QI initiative may differ, and it is the organization's responsibility to oversee physician participation accordingly.

7. How does CPSO ensure that QI Partnership Program participants have completed all their expected requirements?

Quality Programs staff will oversee physicians' completion of CPSO specific requirements Step 1-Step 3. Once Steps 1-3 are successfully completed, physicians will receive confirmation that they have met their CPSO Quality Program requirements for the 2026-2030 5-year cycle. However, it is the responsibility of the hospital organization to monitor and verify physician participation in the hospital's QI initiative and inform CPSO if a physician does not meet your participation requirements.

8. How can hospital QI leads and other involved hospital staff support physicians to complete their CPSO Partnership requirements?

Reminder notifications are sent to physicians at various stages including prior to their QI deadline and if necessary, when their deadline has passed. The CPSO Quality Programs team will also ensure that QI leads and other relevant hospital staff are informed about the timing and content of these reminders.

9. If a physician is only participating in the hospital's QI initiative and not fulfilling the CPSO requirements, does that still count toward their QI Partnership participation?

A physician may choose to participate solely in the hospital's QI initiative and opt not to complete the CPSO activities. However, participation in the hospital initiative alone does not satisfy their CPSO Quality requirements.