



National Medicare Provider Education Program (NMEP) Meeting

Physician Compare

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Welcome

Purpose of today's session:

- Overview of Physician Compare
- Question and answer



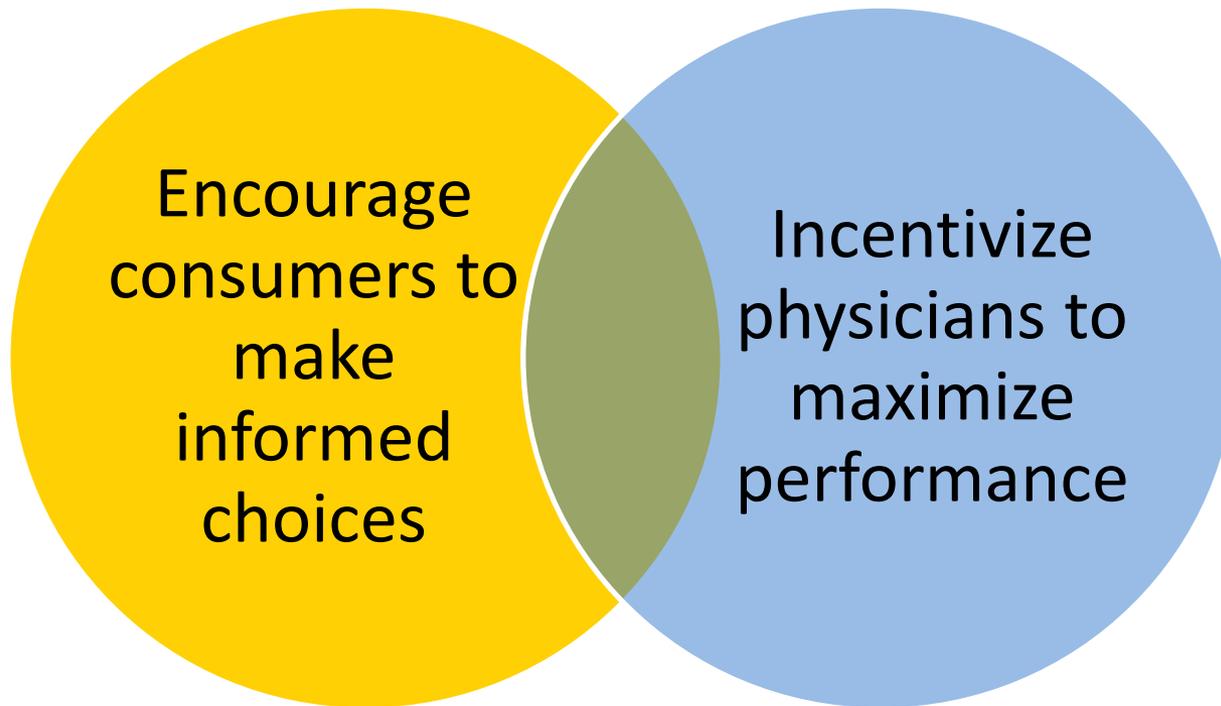
The screenshot shows the Medicare.gov Physician Compare website. At the top, the URL is https://www.medicare.gov/physiciancompare/. The page features a navigation menu with links for "Physician Compare Home", "About Physician Compare", "About the data", "Resources", and "Help". Below the navigation, there is a search bar with the text "Physician Compare Home" and a "Share" button. The search bar includes three tabs: "Find physicians and other health care professionals", "Find group practices", and "Search another way". Below the search bar, there is a form with two input fields: "Location" (with a note "A field with an asterisk (*) is required.") and "What are you searching for?". The "Location" field has a placeholder "ZIP code/City, State/Address/Landmark". The "What are you searching for?" field has a placeholder "Doctor last name or specialty or medical condition". A green "Search" button is located to the right of the search fields, and a link for "Additional search options" is below it.



Questions? Contact us at PhysicianCompare@Westat.com

Physician Compare Overview

Two-Fold Purpose



Physician Compare Overview

- Who's included on Physician Compare?
 - Physicians currently enrolled in Medicare
 - Other health care professionals currently enrolled in Medicare
- What information is on Physician Compare?
 - Basic contact and demographic information
 - Group practice-level quality measures
 - Individual-level quality measures
 - Patient experience measures

What information is on Physician Compare?

PALLAVOLU N REDDY, MD 
Primary specialty: Internal medicine

[Add to My Favorites](#) [Print all information](#)

[Is this you?](#)
Go here to learn how to update your information.

General information | Locations | Clinical quality of care

Participation in quality activities: Participation in quality activities is important because it can improve care for people with Medicare. The most recent information on quality activities is from 2014. If this health care professional participated in any quality activities, they are listed below.

 Reported [quality measures](#). 

[View information about quality activity participation.](#)

Board certification:  Internal Medicine

Gender: Male

Education: Graduated: 1982

Hospital affiliations: **MEMORIAL HERMANN KATY HOSPITAL**
METHODIST WEST HOUSTON HOSPITAL

Medicare assignment:  Accepts Medicare assignment 

Quality Measure Data

- Participation in quality activities is important because it can improve care for people with Medicare.
- Health care professionals and group practices can participate in various quality activities, including CMS Quality Programs.
- These voluntary activities indicate that health care professionals and group practices have a commitment to quality care.

Quality Measure Data

CMS quality programs:

- ✓ Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS)
- ✓ PQRS Maintenance of Certification Program Incentive
- ✓ Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) for PQRS
- ✓ Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program
- ✓ Million Hearts

Public Reporting by Year



Quality Measure Data

General information **Locations** **Clinical quality of care**

These clinical quality of care measures are reported by eligible health care professionals. Health care professionals report these measures to Medicare. A selection of these quality measures are publicly reported on this website to help consumers make informed decisions and to encourage health care professionals to improve the quality of care they provide to patients. It is important to understand that not all health care professionals report the same measures, and the measures available to report are different depending on the types of services a physician or other health care professional provides to patients. Reporting more or less measures is not a reflection of the quality of care given to patients. ([Get more information.](#))

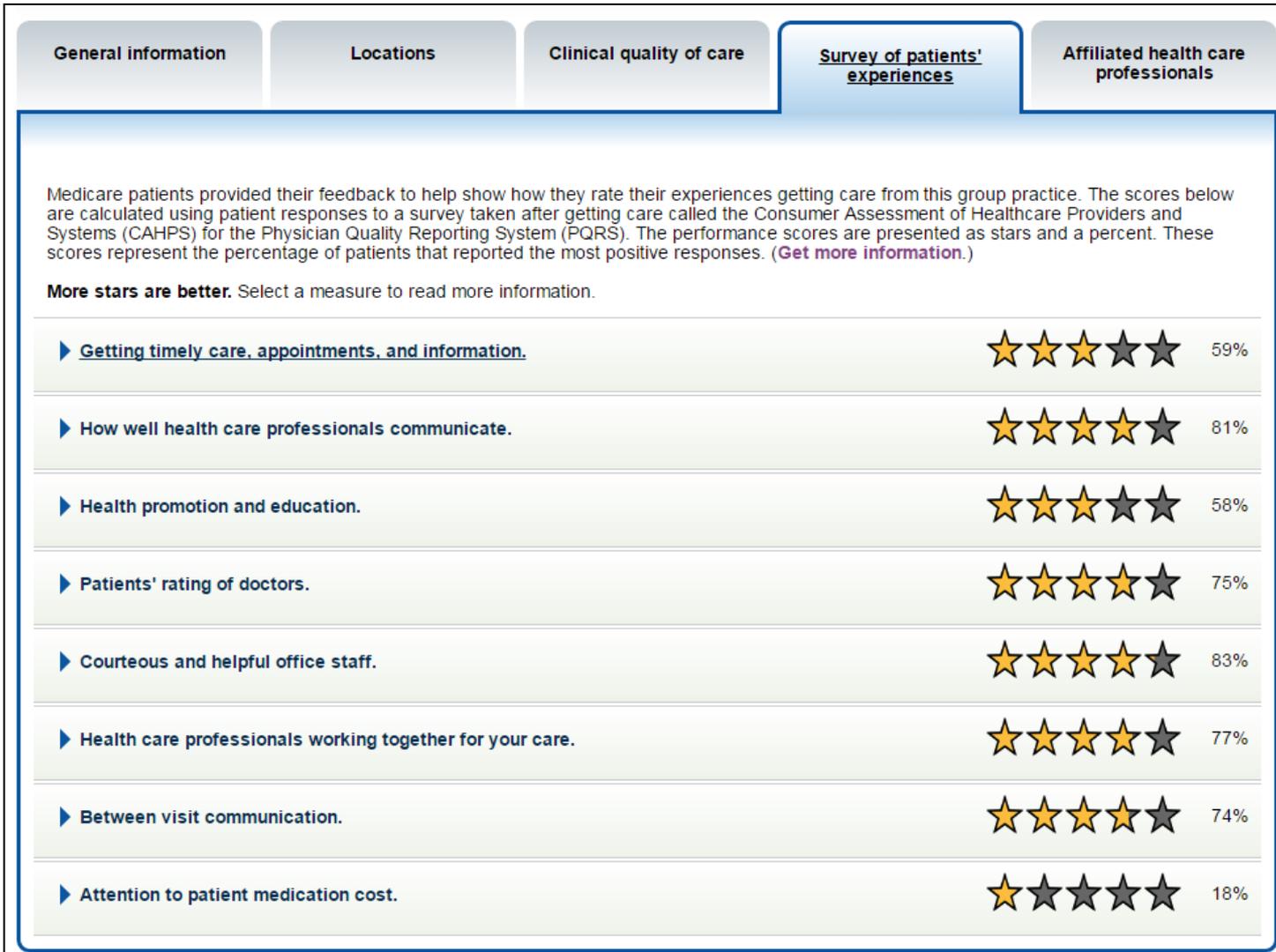
More stars are better. Select a measure to read more information.

Preventive care: General health

Some health care professionals do a better job than others providing care that keeps patients healthy. Medicare gave this health care professional a performance score based on how well this health care professional did on each measure. The scores are presented as stars and as a percent.

▶ Screening for depression and developing a follow-up plan.	★★★★☆	65%
▶ Screening for tobacco use and providing help quitting when needed.	★★★★☆	59%
▶ Screening for an unhealthy body weight and developing a follow-up plan.	★★★★☆	76%
▶ Screening for high blood pressure and developing a follow-up plan.	★★★★☆	56%

Quality Measure Data



Quality Measure Data

- Any measure designated in the PFS Rule as “available for public reporting” **may be included** on the Physician Compare website.
- All measures on Physician Compare must meet the public reporting standards.

Public Reporting Standards

HOW DOES PHYSICIAN COMPARE SELECT MEASURES FOR PUBLIC REPORTING?

an infographic on public reporting

All measures designated as "available for public reporting" must meet Physician Compare's public reporting standards

start with
a measure



20 minimum
patient threshold



conduct various analyses
to ensure data are statistically
valid, reliable, accurate,
and **comparable**



plain language
the measure and
description



conduct **consumer testing**
to evaluate best measures
that are **most relevant to**
consumers

**PUBLICLY
REPORT ON
PHYSICIAN COMPARE!**

Physician Compare: Next Steps



We want to hear from you!

Have you used Physician Compare?

The Physician Compare Support Team is gathering stories about consumers' experiences and we want to hear from you!

Please contact us at PhysicianCompare@Westat.com to share your Physician Compare stories.

More Information

- Watch the [Physician Compare video](#) to learn more about the information available on the website and how to use the site.
- Find additional information on CMS.gov and search for “Physician Compare Initiative”



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