



PQA Quality Forum Lecture Series: *Recommendation from a Consensus Conference on Improving Drug-Drug Interaction Clinical Decision Support*

April's Quality Forum Lecture will be presented by Daniel C. Malone, Lisa E. Hines, and Gerald K. McEvoy on April 24, 2014 at 1 p.m. (ET).

Drug-drug interaction (DDI) clinical decision support (CDS) has the potential to improve patient safety but research indicates it is not achieving maximum benefit. Reasons for suboptimal performance of DDI alerting systems include varying methods to evaluate the evidence, differences in determining the most clinically relevant interactions, and poor user-interface characteristics. National guidance and standards are essential to promote evidence-based drug interaction alerts with consistent and clinically relevant content and presentation to end users. An Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)-sponsored conference series was conducted to develop a structured process to improve the quality of drug interaction alerting systems used by health care providers, and thereby, improve patient safety ([view DDI conference series site](#)).

The recommendations that were developed by an international panel will be discussed during this 'must-attend' presentation. Feedback from multiple stakeholders is sought, including perspectives from clinicians, health care systems, and electronic health record and drug knowledge database vendors.

Speakers

Daniel C. Malone, R.Ph., Ph.D., Professor, University of Arizona College of Pharmacy. Dr. Malone is the Principle Investigator (PI) for the AHRQ-sponsored DDI CDS Conference Series. He was also the PI for a previous AHRQ drug interaction conference grant and was the co-director of the Arizona Center for Education and Research on Therapeutics (AZ CERT).

Lisa E. Hines, Pharm.D., Clinical Research Pharmacist, University of Arizona College of Pharmacy. Dr. Hines is a co-investigator for the AHRQ-sponsored DDI CDS Conference Series. She was also a co-investigator for a previous AHRQ drug interaction conference grant and for the AZ CERT.

Gerald K. McEvoy, Pharm.D., Assistant Vice President of Drug Information, American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. Dr. McEvoy is Editor-in-Chief of AHFS Drug Information, a comprehensive reference on the clinical use of medications marketed in the United States. Dr. McEvoy has over 30 years of experience in drug information and medication safety and risk communication.

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