



## Michigan Breast Oncology Quality Initiative

**Year launched:** 2006

**Participants:** 22 Michigan hospitals

**Description:**

Launched in 2006, Michigan Breast Oncology Quality Initiative is the first statewide effort to examine practice patterns in surgical, radiation, and medical oncology to improve breast cancer treatment and outcomes. This CQI is helping hospitals and associated medical practices compare treatment methods with nationally accepted treatment guidelines.

Located at the University of Michigan, the initiative's coordinating center is helping hospitals and associated medical practices compare treatment methods with accepted National Comprehensive Cancer Network treatment guidelines.

**Select objective:** To examine practice patterns in surgical, radiation and medical oncology to improve breast cancer treatment and outcomes.

**Top-line Results:** Not yet available.

**About the Coordinating Center:**

The University of Michigan Health System serves as the Coordinating Center and is responsible for collecting and analyzing comprehensive clinical data from the participating hospitals. It uses these analyses to examine practice patterns, to generate new knowledge linking processes of care to outcomes, and to identify best practices and opportunities for quality and efficiency improvement. The Center further supports participants in establishing quality improvement goals and assists them in implementing best practices.

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## **Collaborative Quality Initiatives**

Sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, Collaborative Quality Initiatives (CQI) bring together Michigan physicians and hospital partners to address some of the most common and costly areas of surgical and medical care. As a result of the collection and analysis of procedural and outcomes data from each hospital, the participants are able to implement changes in practice based on the knowledge acquired from the initiative. These changes in practices lead to increased efficiencies, improved outcomes (decreased complication and mortality rates) and enhanced value (improved clinical outcomes and lower costs).

This model is the first of its kind nationally and is highly regarded as an innovative approach to improving health care quality and enhancing health care value. Findings from these programs have been published extensively in peer reviewed journals, adding measurably to knowledge about optimal approaches to patient care. In 2006 this unique approach received a “Best of Blue” award from the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association for collaborative efforts in “excellence and innovation.” In 2007, the program was recognized by the National Business Coalition on Health with an “eValue8 Health Plan Innovation Award.”

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