

# Achieving HEALTH Equity in Diabetes (AHEAD)

## Now Recruiting! Primary Care Practices for a Diabetes Quality Improvement Project



### How It Works

Participating practices engage in a structured, 24-month quality improvement (QI) project (October 2026 – September 2028) that includes:

- Kick-off meeting to orient practices to project goals, expectations, and resources
- Monthly webinars featuring evidence-based content, peer learning, and expert-led discussions
- Dedicated QI coaching to support practice teams in implementing and sustaining change
- Rapid Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA) cycles to test and refine evidence-based interventions targeting the key drivers of HbA1c control
- Participation stipend provided to all enrolled practices, along with access to free CME and Maintenance of Certification (MOC) credits

### Success to Date

The NEO QI Hub has demonstrated meaningful, measurable impact across Northeast Ohio:

- 47 primary care practices in Northeast Ohio enrolled to date.
- Percentage of patients with poorly controlled diabetes (HbA1C  $\geq 9\%$ ) improved by ~3 absolute percentage points (relative reductions of 12%-24% depending on the Wave) as of Spring 2026.
- Gains were achieved by improving timely follow-up, pharmacist collaboration, behavioral health integration, medication intensification, and targeted outreach.

### About the Northeast Ohio Quality Improvement Hub (NEO QI Hub)

The Northeast Ohio Quality Improvement Hub (NEO QI Hub) is funded by the Ohio Department of Medicaid and led by Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in partnership with Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED). As part of the statewide AHEAD initiative, the NEO QI Hub is committed to improving the health of adults living with diabetes across Northeast Ohio by applying rigorous QI science to improve glycemic control, enhance care delivery, and eliminate health disparities among the region's most vulnerable populations.

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Space is limited. Registration  
Closes July 1, 2026

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