

21st Annual Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) Scientific Symposium on Improving the Quality and Value of Health Care

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BACKGROUND

Hosted by the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI), the 21st Annual Scientific Symposium on Improving the Quality and Value of Health Care takes place on Monday, December 7, 2015, in Orlando, Florida, USA. The Scientific Symposium aimed to attract high quality, scientific work, focused on the improvement of health and health care. The symposium also aimed to foster dialog and share learning among participants. The day features keynote speakers, methods sessions, poster presentations and oral presentations. The 32 oral presentations were selected from 191 abstract submissions, through a process peer review process, that ensured each abstract was reviewed by four reviewers. For those authors that gave permission, the abstracts of the selected oral presentations are published below.

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