

Hello, ACMQ Chapter Leader!

Thank you for your interest in establishing a chapter of the American College of Medical Quality (ACMQ). We look forward to guiding you through the process. ACMQ continues to experience significant growth and now all health care professionals who are master's level trained, or who have a higher degree, are eligible for membership. Students, residents and fellows in training programs eligible for membership in the College.

Now that Medical Quality is recognized as a “team sport”, we are excited to see a more diverse and inter-professional membership base in our College and look forward to helping you to establish your chapter and help it to grow. The recommended steps for forming a chapter follow:

STEP 1

Identify a group of students, residents and/or fellows who are interested in starting the chapter with you. We suggest having, at a minimum, a chair, a chair-elect, and a secretary/treasurer. We encourage you to have other board members to meet your chapter’s needs and to enable others also to hold leadership positions. Additional board members could include: quality improvement project chair, liaisons to the various professional schools, community outreach chair, fundraising chair, etc.

STEP 2

Identify advisors for your chapter. Advisors should have completed training in their respective fields and have professional experiences in medical quality and patient safety. It would be most ideal to identify several advisors who also will be accessible to students and trainees. At least one of your advisors should be an active member of ACMQ. Your chapter’s advisors will serve as local resources to help you to establish the chapter on campus and to plan chapter meetings and events.

STEP 3

Contact Sydney Ramsey at ramseysm@musc.edu so that we may help you register your chapter with the national ACMQ organization and answer any questions you may have. Upon receipt of your email, we will reply with several additional resources that will include benefits of membership for students and trainees, meeting ideas, national meetings, networking opportunities, and more.

STEP 4

Begin to outline your year of events with your advisor and leadership board. We recommend having at least three meetings per semester and at least one event in collaboration with other interprofessional groups annually. The suggested themes for each month are listed in a separate document on the ACMQ student, resident and fellow webpage.

Thank you for your leadership! We look forward to helping you establish your chapter and to seeing you and your chapter members at Medical Quality 2017 in Washington, DC.

Yours in Quality,

ACMQ Leadership