

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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**This month's newsletter is packed with updates on network activities, and valuable resources for your practice.**



### CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

Jay Ludwicki- Chair - The Pediatric and Adolescent Center  
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Vibha Sanwal- Rainbow Pediatrics  
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Charizza Sales- Kent Pediatrics

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## KidWell Resource Updates: Data & Analytics: New Reports Available

**New AmeriHealth** reports are available on the SFTP: <https://fts.nemours.org/>

Reporting includes:

Gaps in care with payer claims through 10/30/2024 and internal data through 11/26/2024

- Focus should be on the asthma measures.

**New Highmark** reports are available on the SFTP: <https://fts.nemours.org/>

The files as received from the payer are in the Highmark folder, and the quality data in the standard KidWell format is in the Downloads folder.

Payer claims through 10/26/2024 and internal data through 11/26/2024

- We recommend a focus on Depression Screening and Well Child 3-21 for Highmark Commercial, particularly filtering to those non-compliant patients who did not have a visit in 2023, and who are not yet scheduled for 2024.
- These patients represent an opportunity to ensure our risk scores are up to date by completing a comprehensive well visit. For Highmark Medicaid, Asthma Medication Ratio is our biggest area improvement.

If you need help with filtering and sorting your reports, please contact Mark Wanner [mark.wanner@nemours.org](mailto:mark.wanner@nemours.org)



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## KidWell Resources Updates:

### Friendly Reminder: Complete GPO Vaccine Initiative Spreadsheet

Dear KidWell Community Practices,

Just a friendly reminder to please complete the GPO (Group Purchasing Organization) vaccine initiative spreadsheet that was emailed by Danielle Burns on August 20th, 2024.

This initiative is a fantastic opportunity to potentially reduce your vaccine costs. To participate, we need your help in understanding your annual vaccine purchase volume.

#### Key Points:

- The spreadsheet is organized into four tabs: Combo 2 & 7, COVID, Flu, and Other.
- Each tab asks two key questions for each vaccine:
  - What quantity of each NDC was ordered?
  - Where did you order the vaccine from?

Your timely completion of this spreadsheet is essential for us to move forward with this initiative and potentially unlock cost savings for your practice.

If you have any questions or need assistance with the spreadsheet, please don't hesitate to reach out to [Danielle \(Danielle.Burns@nemours.org\)](mailto:Danielle.Burns@nemours.org).

Thank you for your cooperation!



Reminder



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## KidWell Resource Updates:

### Reminder: Meeting Dates Changed due to Holidays

- BOM in November & December:  
Wednesday, December 18, 2024, 5:30pm -6:30pm
- QCMC Meeting in January will be rescheduled  
Look out for reschedule date



Don't  
Forget!





## CDI Team

### NEW OBESITY AND BMI CODES

#### Risk & Clinical Documentation Integrity

Obesity has been a significant public health challenge, driving the need for more precise medical classification. The new codes reflect the latest clinical guidelines, offering a more granular approach to the diagnosis of obesity, particularly in relation to its severity

#### **New ICD-10-CM codes classify obesity for adults and children into three categories based on severity.**

- **Class 1 Obesity:** Body Mass Index (BMI)  $\geq$  95th percentile to less than 120% of the 95th percentile
- **Class 2 Obesity:** BMI  $\geq$  120% to less than 140% of the 95th percentile
- **Class 3 Obesity:** BMI  $\geq$  140% of the 95th percentile and above

*\*Note: the above classification based on percentile ranges is specific to pediatrics*

*\*\*CDC recommends the use of extended BMI-for-age growth charts for children and adolescents with BMI above 97th percentile*

#### **New Obesity Codes**

- **E66.811:** Obesity Class 1
- **E66.812:** Obesity Class 2
- **E66.813:** Obesity Class 3

#### **New Pediatric Obesity BMI Codes**

- **Z68.54:** BMI pediatric 95th percentile to less than 120% of the 95th percentile (Obesity Class 1)
- **Z68.55:** BMI pediatric 120% to less than 140% of the 95th percentile (Obesity Class 2)
- **Z68.56:** BMI pediatric 140% of the 95th percentile and above (Obesity Class 3)

*\*Note: BMI pediatric codes are for use for persons 2-19 years of age.*



Note: Use the new E- Codes (E66.811, E66.812 & E66.813 ) together with the new BMI codes (Z68.54, Z68.55 & Z68.56) to increase accuracy of Pediatric Obesity documentation

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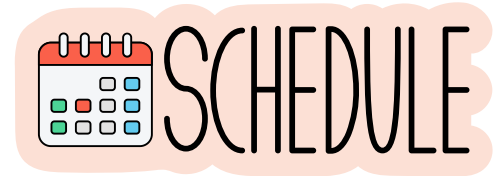
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## **KidWell Resource Updates:** **End of Year Practice Visits**

Attention all community providers!  
Our quality team is still actively planning site visits  
for December.

We look forward to seeing you soon!





# BUILDING A STRONGER PRACTICE: PARTNERING WITH A QUALITY IMPROVEMENT SPECIALIST

-Your Ally in Quality Improvement

## What is the Role of a Quality Improvement Specialist?

Achieving better patient outcomes is at the heart of everything we do. Quality Improvement Specialists are healthcare professionals dedicated to partnering with practices like yours. We work collaboratively to assist practices in interpreting and improving quality metrics by engaging with designated practice quality leads, clinical leadership, and operations managers. The Quality Improvement Specialist also assists practices with implementing best practices, performance improvement plans, clinical workflows and documentation resulting in quality improvement. We work alongside you to:

- **Assist practices** in developing targeted performance improvement plans and tracking progress
- **Provide ongoing education** regarding quality measures, including measure specifications, clinical workflow recommendations, and documentation requirements
- **Identify best practices** to share broadly through periodic lunch & learn webinars
- **Provide guidance and support** for practices to meet reporting requirements
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## Why Partner with Us?

- **Increased Efficiency & Productivity:** Streamline workflows, improve patient flow, and ultimately dedicate more time to patient care.
- **Enhanced Patient Satisfaction:** A better practice experience leads to happier and more engaged patients.
- **Improved Financial Performance:** Reduced costs, optimized utilization, and potential new revenue opportunities

## How Can We Partner?

Attend our monthly Kidwell Quality & Care Management Committee meetings held on the first Wednesday of each month. Include me in your team meetings, which would allow me to understand your practice's unique strengths and dynamics. Reach out to me anytime you'd like to brainstorm an opportunity for quality improvement within your practice.



**NICOLE SCHWEGLER, MSN, RN, CCM, CPN**  
Quality Improvement Specialist

### Let's work together!

I am here to support you and your team. Don't hesitate to reach out! Invite me to your next meeting, and let's discuss how we can partner to engage your practice.



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# BUILDING A STRONGER PRACTICE: PARTNERING WITH A PRACTICE TRANSFORMATION SPECIALIST

-Your Ally in Operational Analysis

## What is the Role of a Practice Transformation Specialist?

Achieving better patient outcomes is at the heart of everything we do. Practice transformation specialists are healthcare professionals dedicated to partnering with practices like yours. We work collaboratively to identify areas for improvement in efficiency, cost management, and operational processes. By streamlining your practice, we empower you to deliver the highest quality care and ultimately, improve patient health and satisfaction. We work alongside you to identify areas for improvement and implement strategies to:

- **Reduce Costs & Utilization:** We analyze data and identify opportunities to optimize resource allocation, potentially reducing unnecessary spending and overutilization of services.
- **Find New Opportunities:** We can help you identify areas of untapped potential, such as improving patient engagement programs or implementing preventive care initiatives.
- **Understand the Problem & Partner for Solutions:** We offer a fresh perspective and collaborative approach, working with you to understand your specific challenges and develop solutions tailored to your needs.

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## How Can We Partner?

I invite you to include me in your team meetings!

This allows the opportunity gain a deeper understanding of your practice dynamics and collaboratively brainstorm solutions. Additionally, I offer:

- **Data Analysis & Reporting:** I can partner with the data team to analyze your data to identify trends and present clear, actionable insights.
- **Implementation Support:** I can partner with the quality team to assist with implementing new processes and strategies.
- **Success Story Sharing:** I can share real-world examples of how other practices have implemented successful strategies to reduce costs, improve patient outcomes, and achieve their goals.



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Practice Transformation Specialist

### Let's work together!

I am here to support you and your team. Don't hesitate to reach out! Invite me to your next meeting, and let's discuss how we can partner to engage your practice.



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## Nominate a Stellar Colleague!

Do you know a coworker who consistently goes above and beyond? We want to celebrate their dedication in our Kudos Corner!

## Shape the Newsletter!

We're always looking for ways to improve the departmental newsletter. Do you have ideas for future content, suggestions for topics, or feedback on the format? We value your input!

Share your thoughts and suggestions with Asya Richardson directly at [asya.richardson@nemours.org](mailto:asya.richardson@nemours.org).

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See you next month!  
The KidWell Network  
Team







*Happy  
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