

## **MHQP Publishes Clinical Quality Measures with Consumer Reports**

In an effort to better reach consumers with reliable performance information, MHQP partnered with Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and seven other communities to publish three clinical quality measures in Consumer Reports. The measures focus on how well over 300 local primary care doctors' offices provide evidence-based care for cervical and colon cancer screenings, and monitor medications which may be used for heart disease.

Twenty-six of the participating medical practices in Massachusetts earned top scores in all three measures. While Massachusetts primary care practices perform better than the national average on these and other measures of physician performance, the ratings show differences in quality of care regionally and among practices.

“By giving both consumers and clinicians access to quality data, clinicians understand how they can improve the care they give their patients, and consumers can make better informed decisions about their care,” said Barbra Rabson, president and CEO at MHQP. “Collecting and publishing reliable quality data has driven steady improvement and reduced the variation in care over time.”

[Click here](#) to see the three Massachusetts clinical quality measures published in *Consumer Reports*<sup>i</sup>. The ratings for over 500 Massachusetts primary care practices for these three and other clinical quality measures are available at [www.healthcarecompassma.org](http://www.healthcarecompassma.org).

A national leader in measuring health care quality, MHQP has been publicly reporting statewide physician performance information on its website since 2006.

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