



VAHQ 2009 Annual Education Conference
“The Faces of Quality”

Call for Posters and FMEA’s

VAHQ represents healthcare quality professionals in all healthcare arenas in Virginia. VAHQ has issued a call for posters and FMEA’s for its 2009 Annual Educational Conference: *The Faces of Quality*. The conference will be held October 15-16 at the Hospitality House in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Proposals for poster and FMEA presentations representing your work in improving outcomes of care and patient safety are requested. We are interested in exploring the most innovative risk assessments and improvements being conducted in healthcare organizations.

The application should state why the subject is important to the improvement of healthcare quality and what innovative changes were made in your organization or facility. Adherence to the following submission guidelines is essential for abstracts to be screened for acceptance. A submission form is attached for your convenience. Abstracts must be received by **August 28, 2009**. Electronic submission is preferred.

Please submit to:

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Poster and FMEA Submission Guidelines:

- a) Abstracts should be **200 words** or less in length.
- b) Abstracts should be free of grammatical and typographical errors.
- c) Abstracts should include the following required elements:
 - Title
 - Names & Titles of all authors
 - Email Address & Phone number for primary/corresponding author
 - Description of why the process is important to the improvement of healthcare quality
 - Description of improvements made to process
 - Summary of Results/Outcomes

Submissions will be judged for acceptance as follows:

Judges will assign 0-5 points to each of the following criteria:

1. The topic is relevant/important to the improvement of healthcare quality.	0	1	2	3	4	5
2. The reason(s) for choosing the topic is clearly stated.	0	1	2	3	4	5
3. The methods are appropriate for the process redesign.	0	1	2	3	4	5
4. The outcomes are clearly stated.	0	1	2	3	4	5
5. The abstract is written in a scholarly manner.	0	1	2	3	4	5

Abstracts received by August 28, 2009 will be considered for inclusion. VAHQ will notify the Corresponding Author by September 12, 2009 of their decision.