Quality Rankings of Doctors and Hospitals

The Maine Health Management Coalition (MHMC) provides a website which ranks the quality of Maine doctors and hospitals. On this website, www.mhmc.info, you will find how doctors and hospitals in Maine are rated based on certain quality measures. A “ribbon” for a quality measure, such as patient safety, means that a hospital has been evaluated and received a high mark for that quality measure. Please go to the website and look at the results for hospitals and physicians. See how many ribbons there are for your personal doctor’s office. You will also see helpful hints on this website on how to be a better healthcare consumer.

Why is this important? Not all hospitals are ranked the same for all services. For example, you may choose one hospital for a hip replacement but choose a different hospital for heart-related services. It is also very important to understand how a hospital ranks for patient safety. One of the most common reasons for extending a hospital stay or needing to be readmitted is due to an infection that develops during a hospital stay. A hospital that ranks high for patient safety is more likely to prevent a patient from getting an infection.

More information will be provided over the next few months about the quality of health care services provided by Maine providers and why this information is important. Please plan to attend an informational session about the Maine Health Management Coalition.