



# INHALE

## Monthly PO Update

11/10/25 & 11/12/25

# Agenda



- Announcements & Reminders
- January 2026 PO Scoring Update
- Data Dashboard Updates
- 2026 Meeting Schedule
- ECHO
- MOC Program
- Committee Recruitment
- Easy Vax
- MDHHS Tobacco Cessation Toolkits
- Coordinating Center Closures



# Announcements & Reminders



## Coverage, Billing, Reimbursement, and Prior Authorization:

- BCBSM has established processes in place to manage inquiries related to member specific coverage, billing, and reimbursement issues



### First Step: Call point of contact

Provider Relations and Servicing Professional providers:	1-800-344-8525
Facility or hospital providers:	1-800-249-5103
Medicare Advantage:	1-866-309-1719
Availity:	1-800-282-4548

### If PO's still need help:

- Go to the Provider Contact Us site: <https://www.bcbsm.com/providers/help/contacts/>
- If you're within the Southeast, East or Mid Michigan region, email Provider Engagement and Transformation [petcontactus@bcbsm.com](mailto:petcontactus@bcbsm.com) (detailed instructions found here: [Contact the Southeast, East and Mid-Michigan Provider Consultant Team \(bcbsm.com\)](#))

# Announcements & Reminders cont'd



## Transitions

- Welcome Qi Zhu – Data Analyst



- Qi Zhu joined INHALE as a data analyst in November 2025. He earned his BS from Hanoi University in China and holds to MS degrees from Michigan State University, one in Electrical Engineering and the other in Statistics. Prior to joining INHALE, Qi worked with The Michigan Arthroplasty Registry Collaborative Quality Initiative (MARCQI). He brings over 18 years of experience in data management and healthcare claims data analysis to the team. In his free time, Qi enjoys cooking, jogging, and photography.

## Next PO Monthly Calls

- Dec 15th, 2025 @ 11am
- Dec 17th, 2025 @ 2pm

## PO 1:1's

- Scheduled as needed with Coordinating Center
- Contact @ [INHALE-support@med.umich.edu](mailto:INHALE-support@med.umich.edu)



# 2026 PO Reward Payment Update



## Performance Scoring (20 pts - Continuing POs)

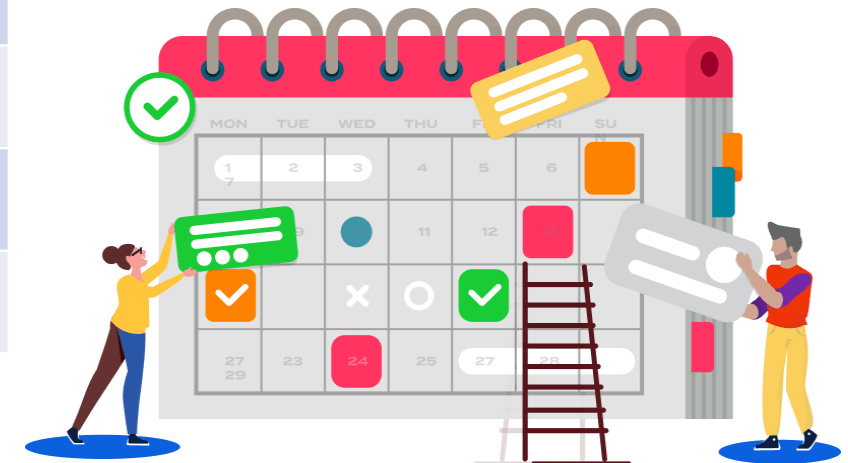
- Due to the Performance Reporting being released in data dashboard in January, PO Reward for January 2026 will be based on participation.
  - 80 points possible for Jan versus 100 pts
- Performance will be added to the July 2026 PO Reward Payment

# 2026 Data Dashboard Release Schedule



Release Month	Data Through
Jan 8, 2026	10/31/25*
Apr 30, 2026	2/28/26
Jun 30, 2026	4/30/26
Aug 27, 2026	6/30/26
Oct 29, 2026	8/30/26
Dec 17, 2026	10/31/26

\* = 2026 VBR Measurement year end data



# November 19<sup>th</sup> Data Release

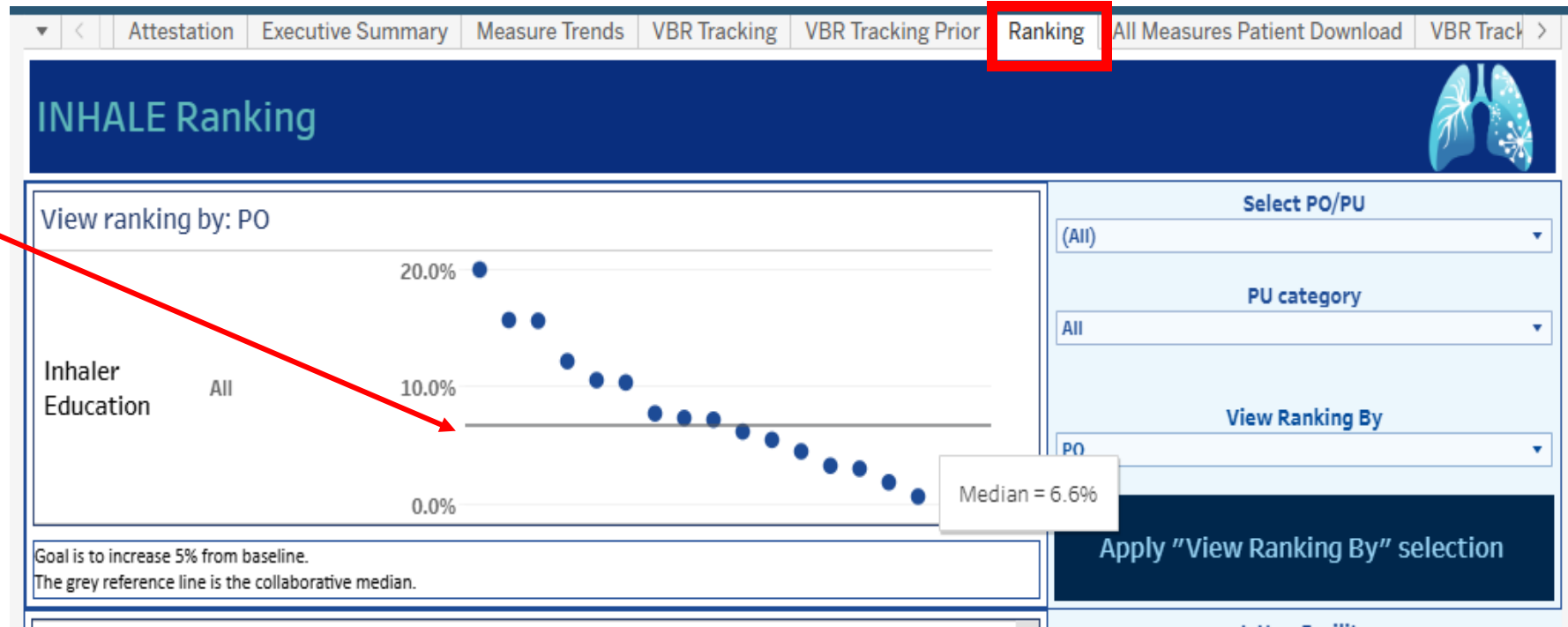


- Pulmonary Rehabilitation measure added
- VBR tracking will have 2 views
- OCS fill exclusion for Dx of croup
- VBR tracking table download and ranking graph

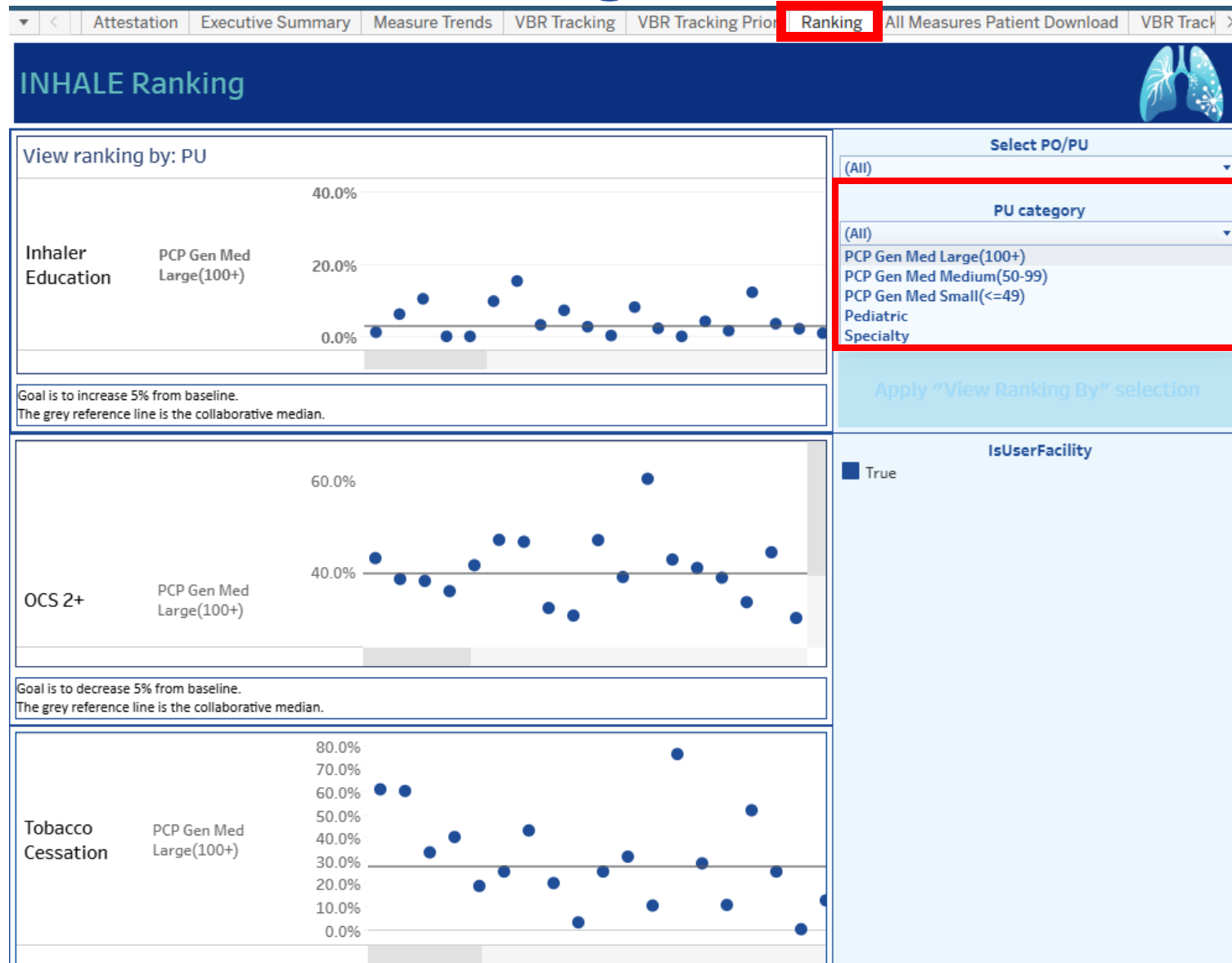


# Data Dashboard Ranking Charts

Collaborative  
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# Data Dashboard Ranking Charts



Ranking by  
practice/PU.  
Your practices will  
display in **blue** and  
others will be gray.

# Coming in 2026...



- MDC will be moving from Duo two-factor authentication to Okta.
- Enrollment for Okta Verify will begin in mid-January.
- Duo as MFA solution will be retired 2/25/26.
- More information to come on how to enroll in December.

# 2026 Meetings – Mark your calendars!



## Spring Regional Meetings

- Monday, March 2nd
- Tuesday, March 10th
- Wednesday, March 18th
- Thursday, March 26th

These meetings will be **virtual** from 6:00pm-8:00pm

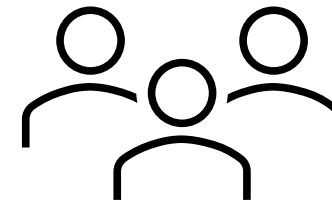
Each practice's clinical champion is required to attend only one session to receive VBR credit.

## Collaborative Wide Meeting

- Thursday, June 4th from 8:00am-3:00pm

The meeting will be held in Lansing, Michigan.

More information and registration to come early 2026.

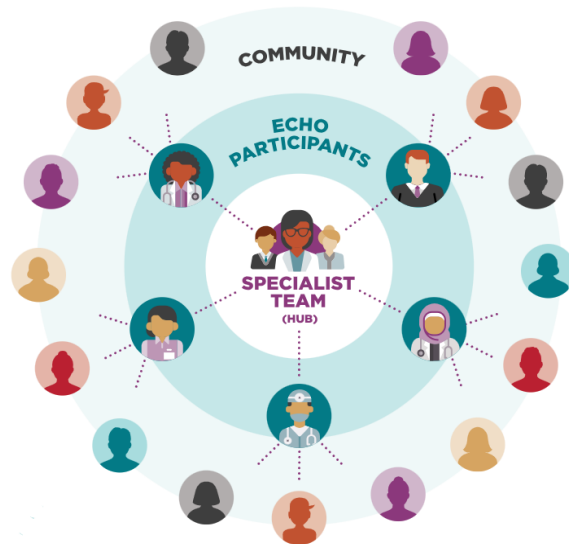


# Project ECHO: Launching in 2026



## What is an ECHO?

- A learning model established in 2003 where participants engage in a virtual community with their peers where they share support, guidance and feedback. Collective understanding of how to disseminate and implement best practices across diverse disciplines continuously improves and expands. **"All teach, All learn"**



## We will be looking for:

- Subject matter experts - you would provide guidance and recommendations during case presentations
- Case Presentations - collaborate with experts across INHALE, receive best practice recommendations, gain valuable insights into your clinical practice

**More details to follow**

# Maintenance of Certification (MOC) IV Opportunity

**OPTIONAL:** \*This is an optional activity and is not required for VBR or offered by INHALE



## Opportunity with MI Asthma Research Group to improve AIR Therapy and Decrease SABA use

- INHALE offered Maintenance of Certification Part 4 to providers in 2024
  - 31 providers received 30hrs of MOC IV credits by participating in a Quality Improvement Cycle to improve Inhaler Education
- Join a quality improvement project on increasing the use of AIR therapy in clinical practice. This is a great opportunity to enhance patient outcomes, streamline treatment approaches, and receive MOC IV & MIPS credit for making a meaningful impact in asthma management.
  - Enrollment to open November 2025 - January 2026

### AIR Therapy MOC IV Activity

## Revolutionizing Asthma Treatment: Implementing ICS-Based Reliever Therapies in Clinical Practice

### AIR Therapy is the Future of Asthma Care

Anti-inflammatory reliever (AIR) therapy comprises the use of an inhaled corticosteroid (ICS) in conjunction with each dose of fast-acting beta-2 agonist (albuterol or formoterol).

AIR therapy represents the future of asthma management by offering a proactive approach that targets inflammation—the root cause of asthma—rather than just treating symptoms. AIR therapy helps patients achieve better long-term control and fewer exacerbations.

Overusing Short-Acting Beta-Agonist (SABA) inhalers and oral corticosteroids is linked to worse asthma outcomes, including more frequent attacks and long-term side effects. AIR therapy helps reduce the need for both by focusing on consistent, anti-inflammatory treatment that keeps asthma stable day-to-day. Bringing AIR therapy into clinics and educating patients about how it works is key to improving care, improving patient outcomes, reducing hospital visits resulting from exacerbations, and helping people manage their asthma more safely and effectively.

Learn more at <https://www.airmoc.org/>  
or email  
[airtherapymoc@med.umich.edu](mailto:airtherapymoc@med.umich.edu)

# OPTIONAL MOC IV & CME Opportunity



## Increasing AIR Therapy Use Through Quality Improvement

- Choose 1 Goal:

**Project Goal**

**1**

**Identify At-Risk Patients**  
Increase Identification of At-Risk Patients by Using Evidence-Based Questionnaires

**Project Goal**

**2**

**Reduce SABA Use in High-Risk Patients**  
Reduce Use of SABA Monotherapy in High-Risk\* Asthma Population  
\*High-risk defined as 2+ OCS or ED/UC visits or hospitalizations

**Project Goal**

**3**

**Reduce SABA Canisters**  
Reduce the Proportion of Patients Receiving 3+ SABA Canisters During the Intervention Period as Compared to Baseline

**Project Goal**

**4**

**Reduce SABA Overprescribing**  
Reduce SABA Overprescribing by Implementing a Process to Reduce the Number of SABA Canisters Provided Per Prescription

Learn more information about project goals here

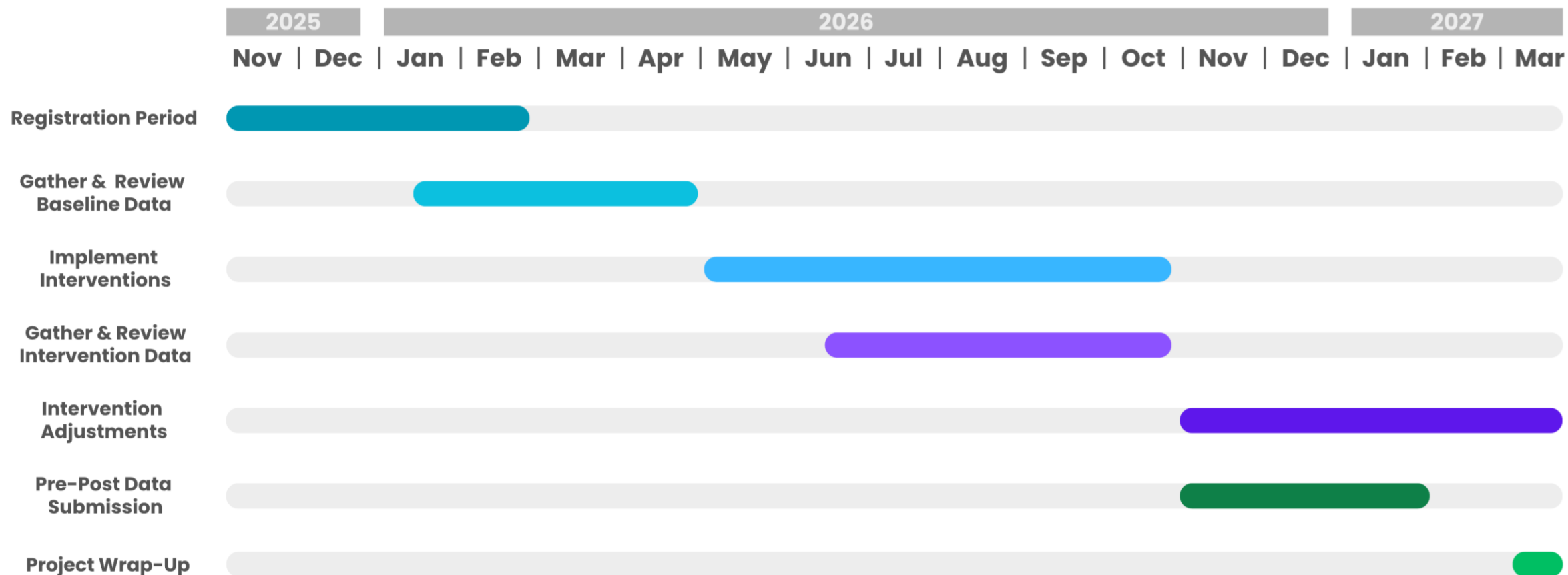


# OPTIONAL MOC IV & CME Opportunity



## Increasing AIR Therapy Use Through Quality Improvement

- Timeline



# OPTIONAL MOC IV & CME Opportunity



Increasing AIR Therapy Use Through Quality Improvement  
Interested? Sign up using QR Code:



Or at this link: [umich.qualtrics.com](https://umich.qualtrics.com)

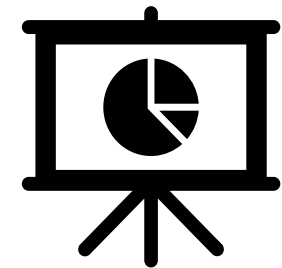
# Data and Publications Committee



## What is the INHALE Data and Publications Committee?

The INHALE Data and Publications Committee is responsible for:

- Reviewing, guiding, and approving plans for data analysis and dissemination
- Evaluates the feasibility and validity of proposals, ensuring the integrity and accuracy of publications using INHALE data
- Promotes consistent authorship standards when multiple contributors are involved



**For more information about the Data and Pubs Committee scan the QR code or email us at [inhale-support@med.umich.edu](mailto:inhale-support@med.umich.edu)**

# Patient Advisory Board (PAB)



## What is the INHALE Patient Advisory Board?

The INHALE PAB is a group of 8 advisors who:

- Bring the patient voice to INHALE's work
  - Give input and create educational resources and tools for patients
  - Work with the community to help people understand how to best take care of their lungs
  - Brainstorm ideas for improvement to care
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- The PAB meets on Zoom (virtually) every other month
  - Members are paid for their time

**Please have interested patients contact us at the form on our website or email us:**  
**[inhale-support@med.umich.edu](mailto:inhale-support@med.umich.edu)**

**We are looking for new members!**

Scan below for more information

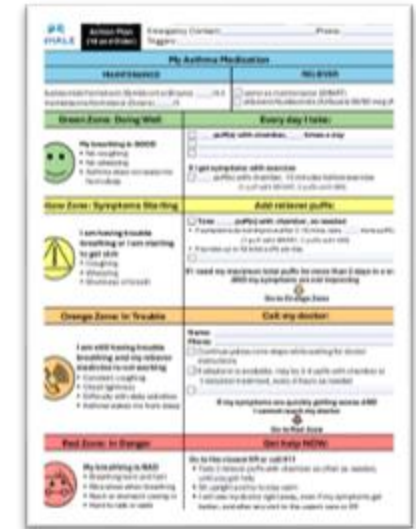


# PAB Accomplishments 2024-2025



## 2024 - 2025

- First meeting November 2023
- Meeting best practices established:
  - Frequency, co-chair, norms, rules of engagement
- INHALE materials review:
  - Website Resource Library
  - News and industry updates
- Recommended and Reviewed Patient Facing Tools:
  - SMART Asthma Action Plans (Adult, Pediatric, COPD)
  - OCS Overuse Graphic
- Leah participated on Pediatric Panel at 2024 Fall Regional Meeting
- Steve shared his experience with Pulmonary Rehab at the 2025 Spring Regional Meetings
- Highlighted 2 Advisors in the newsletters (more to come!)
- Assisted in the School of Information website project



Patient Advisor  
Highlight  
-Steve Kraus-



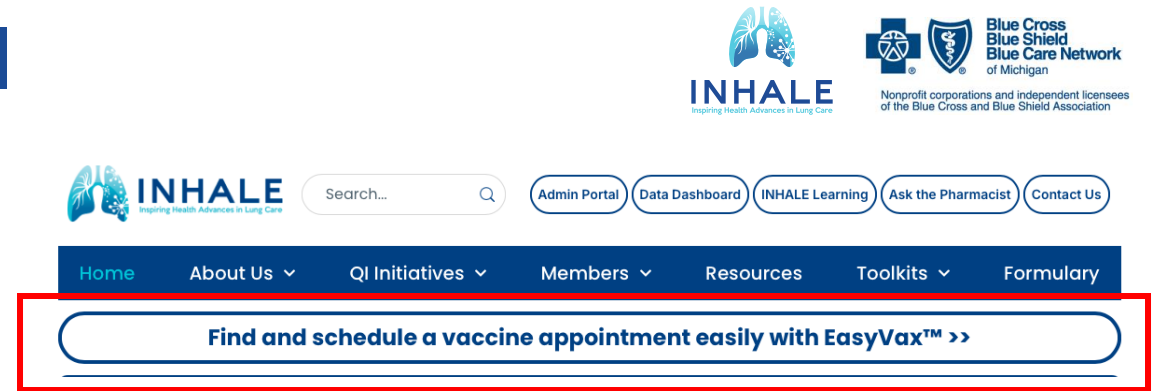
# Easy Vax – New Website Tool

Help patients find a vaccine appointment easily by using the **EasyVax** application; a universal vaccine scheduling tool that covers **all** adult vaccines (18+) and **all** retailers (not just big brands).

Patients will be prompted to:

- select a vaccine
- enter their zip code
- select their desired pharmacy

Pharmacies with online appointment availability will display time slots directly on the tool. For other pharmacies, links to their scheduling sites or instructions for scheduling by phone will be provided.



# MDHHS Free Tobacco Cessation Toolkits



The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Tobacco Cessation Toolkit offers comprehensive resources for individuals and organizations supporting tobacco cessation. They are free of cost and ship directly to you.

This toolkit includes:

- practical guides
- fact sheets
- referral information
- evidence-based strategies to create a smoke-free environment



Explore the toolkit and order them here:

<https://www.hbomich.org/mdhhs-tobacco-cessation-toolkit/>

# INHALE Coordinating Center Closures



The Coordinating Center will be closed:

- November 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>
- December 24<sup>th</sup> to January 4<sup>th</sup>

# Questions



# Contact



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