

Shari Welch, MD, FACEP, FACHE

Speaker Profile

Dr. Welch has been a practicing emergency physician for twenty-six years and a quality improvement consultant for ten years. She is trained in emergency medicine at Emory University where she was chief resident and has served on the clinical faculty at Case Western Reserve University, Albany Medical College and the University of Utah, School of Medicine. She is board certified and a fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians. She is also certified by the American College of Healthcare Executives in Healthcare Management.

She has served as a quality improvement consultant for Utah Emergency Physicians, Intermountain HealthCare, VHA, and Quality Matters Consulting Abaris Group. She has been an educator in the area of quality improvement for organizations like ACEP, SAEM, EDPMA, and AHRQ. She is a member of ACEP's QIPS section (Quality Improvement and Patient Safety) and a member of EDBA. She has been a guest speaker at numerous meetings including the Scientific Assembly, ED Benchmarks Conference, the EDPMA Solutions Summit, the NAHQ Annual Meeting, the SAEM annual meeting, the World Research Group's Emergency Department Management Conference, and the International Conference on Emergency Medicine. Her QI research has been presented at ACEP's Research Forum and the Robert Wood Johnson "Urgent Matters" Conference. She was appointed to the faculty at the Institute for Healthcare Improvement for their ED Collaborative in 2006 and has lectured at the National Forum. She is currently a fellow at the Institute for Health Care Delivery Research. In 2010, she was awarded a grant from AHRZ to study emergency department intake models.

Currently Dr. Welch writes a regular column in Emergency Medicine News (which has a circulation of 40,000) titled "Quality Matters". She has recently co-authored a book for Health Administration Press on Patient Flow and her second book titled "Quality Matters: Solutions for the Safe Emergency Department" was published by Joint Commission Resources Publishing. Her research has been published in The Annals of Emergency Medicine, the Journal of Emergency Medicine, The Journal of Healthcare Quality, Academic Emergency Medicine, The American Journal of Medical Quality and The Joint Commission Journal of Quality and Patient Safety. Her third book on risk management for the emergency department will be released this summer.