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## PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT UPDATE

PIPS, Outcomes and the PA-TQIP Collaborative—working together

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*The following communication highlights what's happening with Performance Improvement & the PA-TQIP Collaborative. If you have questions, please contact Theresa "Terry" Snavely, RN, MSN—Performance Improvement Specialist at [tsnavely@ptsf.org](mailto:tsnavely@ptsf.org)*

### ACS COMMUNITIES PA-TQIP GROUP—READY TO LAUNCH

The ACS Communities Pennsylvania TQIP group is ready to launch! ACS Communities are members-only, online communications platforms for the American College of Surgeons (ACS).

The ACS Community Administrator has added all of the PA-Collaborative participants to the Community. All participants should have received an email acknowledging that they were added; passwords will remain the same as the TQIP portal.

### ACS COMMUNITIES PA-TQIP GROUP—WORKING FOR YOU

This networking tool creates an environment in which users can not only connect, engage and share information and best practices in real-time, but users can also ask advice, share experiences, exchange resources and build professional relationships.

Please take some time to browse the new Community. This is a unique, private forum where Collaborative leadership and members, along with TQIP staff, can share ideas, information and materials related to Collaborative development and quality improvement.

Features include:

- Document Library & Archive Materials
- Announcement Posts
- Interactive Discussion Boards
- Customized User Profiles

### ACS COMMUNITIES PA-TQIP GROUP—LOGGING ON

Please use the unique username and password combination that you utilize to access the TQIP Portal. If you need to retrieve your password, email [tkozycky@facs.org](mailto:tkozycky@facs.org). You may access ACS Communities directly using this link: <http://acscommunities.facs.org/home>.

For additional information on how to use ACS Communities, please utilize the resources posted within your Community or visit the FAQ's.

(See graphic below)

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idea incubation and professional networking.

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## PA-TQIP COLLABORATIVE LUNCHEON (AT THE ANNUAL MEETING)

The following communication is from the ACS:

*Dear Pennsylvania TQIP Collaborative participants,*

*During the TQIP Annual Meeting, TQIP offers space for each collaborative to meet during lunch on one of the days of the conference. It is an opportunity for networking and continued Collaborative development and takes advantage of everyone being in one location together. The Pennsylvania Collaborative Lunch is scheduled on **Sunday, November 12 from 11:45 a.m. until 12:45 p.m.** during the general attendee lunch break, so it will not interfere with other sessions at the meeting.*

*Due to limited space, we have a **limit of 3 individuals** that can attend the Pennsylvania Collaborative Lunch **from each hospital**. Please consult with your hospital TQIP team to ensure the appropriate individuals are attending.*

*To register for the Collaborative Lunch, please select the "Pennsylvania Collaborative lunch" option during your general TQIP Annual Meeting registration. Please only register for the lunch if you plan to attend; an agenda will be forthcoming.*

*Please let us know if you have any questions regarding the Collaborative Lunch registration process and we will work with the TQIP staff to resolve.*

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### MEETINGS, EVENTS & NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Please make note of these future dates for PA State TQIP Collaborative meetings and events. Further details will be sent prior to the meetings:

- **October 31, 2017**  
PA State TQIP Collaborative Meeting  
10:15 a.m. until noon at the PTSF/PaCOT Fall Conference—October 30-31, 2017 & November 1, 2017  
Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey Hotel, 4650 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111
- **November 11-13, 2017**  
TQIP Annual Scientific Meeting [PA-TQIP Collaborative Luncheon], Chicago Illinois

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