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Special Theme Issue: Ethics and Quality Improvement

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Over the last 20 years the term “quality improvement,” or QI, has become a regular part of the acute care lexicon. More recently, QI has been gaining traction across the wider healthcare landscape, including community mental health and addictions.

Quality improvement (QI) is an approach whereby consistent and continuous steps are taken to make measurable improvements to the services that are offered to healthcare consumers. At its core, QI is about taking steps to make care better. There are, however, some important caveats to QI which can potentially raise some questions worthy of exploration through an ethics lens. Additionally, if we are seeking to improve the care and services we provide to individuals and families, what steps must be taken to ensure that changes to care made under the auspice of QI are in fact improvements and that ethical implications are considered?

The Journal of Ethics in Mental Health (JEMH) is inviting submissions on the topic of ethics and quality improvement. Academics, health practitioners, students, family members, caregivers, consumers, policy makers, frontline workers, and other interested persons are encouraged to submit brief articles, case studies, reflection pieces, or legal discussions relating to this topic by Oct 1, 2017.

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