We are excited to announce a competition for High Value Care Quality Improvement Project Proposals. The NC ACP has provided a $5000 grant to support this competition so that our top three applicant teams will receive a CASH PRIZE with additional funding for statistical support. Quality improvement is a team sport and each team should be composed of at least three individuals. This ensures that the implementation phase starting in January 2016 will be able to continue through your different schedules and rotations. Please feel free to partner with other disciplines (nursing, PT, pharmacy, other departments) and discuss ideas with your attendings.

The deadline for proposals will be October 19th, 2015. Please submit in a Word document to alicia.clark@duke.edu.

Your submission should be a 2-3 page summary of your group’s proposed project. It needs to include the names of your team members and should address the following elements:

1. Introduction: Start with a “SMART” goal to help refine the focus of your proposal (Specific, Measureable, Attainable, Relevant and Time Bound)

2. Background: Include a brief review of any relevant literature on the topic or practice pattern. Provide any preliminary data gathered about Duke’s practices (if these are readily attainable).

3. Outline: Describe your proposed method to intervene and ultimately improve our delivery of high value care.

4. Data: Include your proposed specific outcome measure(s), how you intend to track progress, and how you will know if you have been successful.

5. Discussion: Review factors that you foresee as a barrier to this project’s success and share your ideas about how you might address them.

If you would like advice and assistance as you prepare your proposals, please contact Lindsay Boole.