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Quality-Based Procedures: Improving Quality and Consistency in the Health System

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Erik Hellsten is Senior Specialist for Quality Based Funding at HQO. Erik has worked with HQO since September 2011, with a focus on developing the Episode of Care methodology that HQO has subsequently applied to a wide range of clinical populations in order to produce evidence-based analysis and recommendations to support the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's Quality-Based Procedures policy.

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