

# Spring Newsletter

## 2026

### Message from the Board

As we step into the spring season, **we want to thank all our NCAHQ members and partners** for your continued engagement, support, and leadership. Last year, our annual conference theme “Renew, Refresh, Revitalize: Cultivating Quality Organizations” stemmed from the idea that healthcare quality is a continual growth process. That focus continues in 2026 as we look to expand our organization’s impact through new members, new learning opportunities, and new ways to plug in.

Please check out all the information below to make sure you have access to all NCAHQ has to offer the rest of the year. We’ve extended the nomination window to highlight excellence and impact from our members through our annual awards. There are **multiple education events on the calendar**, including virtual options, our annual conference, and supporting CPHQ prep through AHEC. On top of that, you will be able to access these opportunities through a NCAHQ website very soon!

Spring just started, but we’re already thinking about plans for 2027. Our Board of Directors is actively preparing for the future and there will be many ways for leaders across our state to participate. If you’re interested in joining the Board or just learning more, **please reach out** to Deborah Priebe ([dpriebe@capefearvalley.com](mailto:dpriebe@capefearvalley.com)) or Ben Masten ([ben.masten@advocatehealth.org](mailto:ben.masten@advocatehealth.org)). We would love to share more details and discuss ways to plug in.



### Highlights in this edition:

- NCAHQ Awards Nomination Extension
- Education & CPHQ Prep Course Events
- Fall 2026 Conference Details
- New Website Coming Soon
- Ways to get involved



Learn more at [NCAHQ.org](https://NCAHQ.org)



# Annual NCAHQ Awards Extension

We have extended the submission date for our annual awards recognizing quality professionals impacting patients, care teams, and communities across our state. **Nominations are due April 30.** Please consider nominating a colleague and sharing with your network.



NCAHQ's 2026 QUALITY PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR Nomination Form

\* Required

Nominee Information

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Name of Nominee \*

Enter your answer

## NCAHQ Quality Professional of the Year

Honoring an experienced leader who has made a lasting, significant contribution to their organization and the quality profession

**Nominate a colleague here:**  
[Professional of the Year Form](#)

## NCAHQ Quality Rookie of the Year

Celebrating an emerging professional who is already demonstrating exceptional promise and impact early in their quality career

**Nominate a colleague here:**  
[Rookie of the Year Form](#)

NCAHQ's 2026 QUALITY ROOKIE OF THE YEAR Nomination Form

\* Required

Nominee Contact Information

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Name of Nominee \*

Enter your answer



# CPHQ: Prep & Continuing Education

There are many ways to gain CPHQ training through our various events, including the **CPHQ prep course** with South Piedmont AHEC highlighted below.

We will host healthcare compliance leaders at our **next virtual education seminar** on June 2 from Noon-1:00 PM EST. They will focus on the power of collaboration across departments. Join us for a great discussion and earn CPHQ credit at [Breaking Healthcare Silos: Incorporating Quality and Safety into Compliance Programs](#).

**Save the date** for our NCAHQ annual conference featured on the next page. We're heading to the Research Triangle area in October this year and hope to see you there.

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## CPHQ Prep: June 9-11, 8:00 AM-12:45 PM *Sign up for virtual course by May 9*



NCAHQ is proud to partner with South Piedmont AHEC. South Piedmont AHEC is offering a Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality (CPHQ) review course supporting quality professionals across our region as they prepare for certification and continued professional growth. NCAHQ will be a guest speaker during the course. Our team will share the organization's purpose and mission, highlighting educational opportunities available to assist CPHQ candidates build a strong foundation for professional growth, networking, and ongoing educational support.

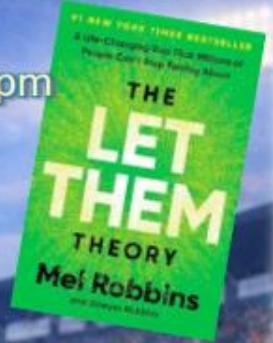
This collaboration reflects our shared commitment to advancing healthcare quality, strengthening the workforce, and promoting excellence in patient outcomes through education and connection. We greatly appreciate South Piedmont AHEC's partnership.

Sign up & learn more at: [South Piedmont AHEC CPHQ Review Course](#)

North Carolina Association for Healthcare Quality presents the  
2026 Annual Education Conference

# HITTING IT OUT OF THE PARK: *Advancing Healthcare Quality Together*

Main Event: Friday, October 16, 2026  
Networking & Bookclub: Thursday, October 15, 2026 at 5pm



Keynote Speaker:

*Clarisa Thomas*

Founder & CEO of CRT Consulting Solutions

Embassy Suites Raleigh Durham Research Triangle | Cary, NC

Early Bird Tickets until 9/30/26 | Student Registration \$99

In-person & Virtual Attendance Options | pending CEU approval

[Hotel Reservations Link](#)  
Booking deadline 9/16/2026

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## New Online Platforms

Check out and follow our new [LinkedIn page](#) that's easier to access and share. Keep an eye out for events and highlights you can amplify through your network

We're also very excited to launch our new NCAHQ website in April. Members will see messaging about access and the rollover to the new platform. This upgrade will allow us to better serve our members, improve interaction with NCAHQ resources, and provide visitors with a better online experience.

### Ways to Get Involved:

- Join NCAHQ
- Share NCAHQ with a colleague or student
- Reach out to learn about opportunities to join the Board of Directors
- Check out our next webinar – [\*Breaking Healthcare Silos: Incorporating Quality and Safety into Compliance Programs\*](#)

