

# Critical Decision Making for Medical Executives: Keys to Improving Population Health



The course content covers the following areas specified in the OASD(HA)-promulgated Joint Medical Executive Skills Program (JMESP) competencies for health care leaders:

- Decision Making
- Leadership
- External Accreditation
- Financial Management
- Information Management & Technology
- Personal & Professional Ethics
- Organizational Ethics
- Epidemiologic Methods
- Clinical Investigation
- Integrated Health Care Delivery Systems
- Quality Management
- Quantitative Analysis
- Outcome Measurements
- Patient Safety

## Upcoming Courses:

25-29 October 2004  
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10-14 January 2005  
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## Factsheet

**“Critical Decision Making for Medical Executives: Keys to Improving Population Health”** is an advanced-level course offered by USUHS to educate military health care professionals in the tools and methods needed to continuously improve high-quality health care systems. The course supports the **Congressional mandate** that health care leaders receive training in health care management. With the establishment of the National Quality Management Program, medical executives are accountable for clinical effectiveness and efficiency in the use of health care resources at their facilities. This course focuses on improvement in the quality and cost efficiency of clinical practice and population health outcomes through **evidence-based decision making**. Course presentation is structured around the **Malcolm Baldrige Quality Criteria**.

The course provides an **overview of current approaches to the assessment and improvement of health care delivery in the DoD and civilian managed care environments**. Emphasis is placed on the analytic methodologies that support decision-making by medical executives, and the evaluation of processes that improve health status of the patient and minimize resource costs.

The course, delivered approximately four times a year to 3 CONUS TRICARE Regions and 1 OCONUS TRICARE Region, consists of a **combination of pre-course distance learning modules, in-class lectures and discussions, hands-on computer laboratory exercises, and group case study assignments**. A pre-course survey and assessment of participants is conducted via distance learning. On the final day of the course, the afternoon session involves an integration of the methodologies covered during the week and a post-test evaluation. This group discussion gives participants the opportunity to reflect on current issues and problems encountered by medical executives, integrate what they have learned from the course and to exchange ideas.

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