

QIT 2026 Program (preliminary - as of April 24, 2026):

7:30 – 8:00	Registration		
8:00 – 8:15	Welcome and Opening Remarks		
8:15 – 9:15	Opening Keynote – Amanda McFarland		
9:30 – 10:30	Sanjay Murthy Leading with AI: Practical Quality Engineering Strategies for the Modern Enterprise	Tim Whetten To Err is Human, but It's Not a Root Cause: A Practical Framework for Eliminating "Human Error" Findings	Sheronda Jeffries The ISO19011:2026 Revision: The Future of Auditing
10:45 – 11:45	Amita Sherwood Augmenting Excellence: AI in Continuous Improvement	Sunita McCoy Leading with Quality: From Engineering Execution to Strategic Influence	Rob Findling, Robert Hennings Why Lean Six Sigma Feels Like Loss: Navigating Change Through the Grieving Process
11:45 – 12:45	Lunch/Networking		
12:45 – 1:45	Sara Haddad AI Risks and Data Integrity Fundamentals in Regulated Environments	Wes Paterson Drop the Rope – Quality Through Systems, Not Heroes: Why Organizational Excellence Fails When It Depends on Individual Heroics	Russ Munisteri The People Problem Behind Every Security Incident
2:00 – 3:00	Chris Andrassy From Reactive to Proactive: How AI is Transforming Quality Investigations in Manufacturing and Life Sciences	Greg Singleton Same Room, Different Worlds: The Generational Conversations Your Quality Team Isn't Having	Charles DeBusk Design It, Prove It, Make It Stick: Improving Emergency Department Flow with Simulation and Change Leadership
3:15 – 4:15	General Session – Amna Shabbir The Confidence Cure From Perfectionism to Excellencism: Building Real Executive Presence		
4:15 – 4:30	Closing remarks		