

HCAHPS Care Transitions Rapid Improvement Project

Orientation Webinar November 17, 2017



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Whose Job Is It Anyway?





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Did You Know?

- 20% of patients discharged from the hospital experience an adverse event within 3 weeks?
- Within 30 days of discharge, approximately 2.6 million Medicare beneficiaries are re-hospitalized, at a cost of over \$26 billion every year?
- Medication errors harm 1.5 million people each year in the US at an annual cost of at least \$3.5 billion?

Survey Says...

HCAHPS Survey Composite Measure 7

Understanding your care when you left the hospital

Q23: During this hospital stay, staff took preferences and those of my family or caregiver into account in deciding what my health care needs would be when I left

Q24: When I left the hospital, I had a good understanding of the things I was responsible for in managing my health

Q25: When I left the hospital, I clearly understood the purpose for taking each of my medications. As of Q1 2017, the HCAHPS Care Transitions measure scored 51% in North Carolina and 52% in the US.

Rapid Improvement Project

Goal: Improve HCAHPS score on Care Transitions

Project Objectives:

- Provide opportunity for collaboration with peers to make measurable improvement in a targeted measure
- Transition from "data to doing" by providing educational support, tools and networking opportunities to facilitate a rapid-cycle improvement project

Project Format

Series of five virtual meetings and one in-person workshop over a 3-month period.



February – April, 2018

Virtual Sessions

- Last 1-2 hours, depending on topic and discussion
- Occur every 3 weeks
- Expect "homework" assignments between sessions
- Include all team members
- Work as a cohort
- Participate, and have fun!



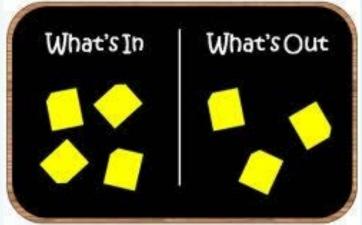
In-Person Workshop

- 10:00 3:00, convenient location(s)
- Include all team members
- Opportunity to network and share
- Hands-on learning



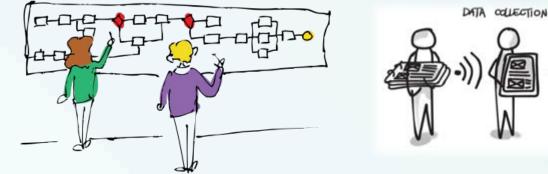
Virtual Session 1: Defining the Project Scope

- Review process improvement methodologies
- Understand the importance of project scoping
- Use project scoping tools to create a project scope document



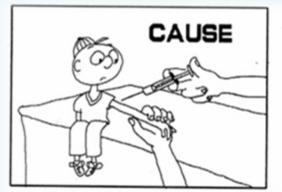
Virtual Session 2: Analyzing the Current State

- Review Lean Rules of Engagement
- Understand the importance of the patient perspective
- Use process mapping and observation tools to create a visualization of the current state
- Develop a user-friendly method for data collection



In-Person Workshop

- Review Cause & Effect Diagrams for opportunities identified in the current state
- Learn how to prioritize issues identified from cause and effect exercises

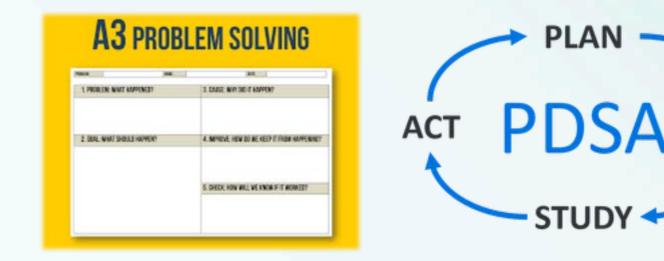






Virtual Session 3: The Right Side of the A3

- Introduce A3 problem solving and the PDSA cycle
- Understand the importance of small tests of change and the development of countermeasures
- Develop a framework for the implementation plan



Virtual Session 4: Tools Review & Sharing

- Review elements of the improvement process
- Learn about standardization vs. compliance and related tools
- Understand the importance of training and sustainment



Virtual Session 5: Share Successes

- Learn from peers and share tools implemented
- Identify additional improvement opportunities



Dates to Remember

