

Driving Quality Improvement: Looking beyond eCQMs





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- Describe the purpose, goals, outcomes of the DQIC and expected next steps
- Identify key milestones in the evolution of the eCQMs
- Identify strategies to drive quality improvement



Driving Quality Improvement Collaborative Overview and Next Steps Susan McBride, PhD, RN-BC, CPHIMS, FAAN Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center





History

 The DQI Collaborative originated from December 2014 Kaizen focused on improving eCQM process from concept to execution out of the workgroup:
 eCQM Implementation Workflow Workgroup

Goals

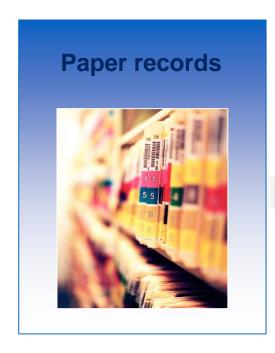
- The DQI Collaborative considers the clinician/implementer perspective to inform how to design workflows, streamline data capture, ensure data quality, and improve usability while ensuring a high quality of care
- An outgrowth of this exploration was to generate useful insights into enhancements to quality improvement approaches that achieve helpful and accurate performance measurement and effective improvement in patient outcomes and provider effectiveness in a manner that enhances and does not disrupt clinical workflow and care



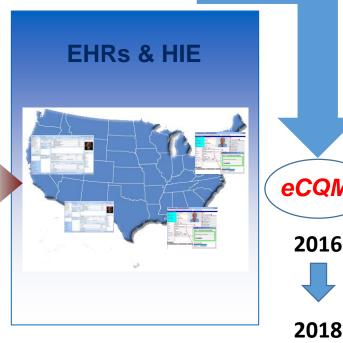


HITECH: Catalyst for Transformation

We cannot improve what we cannot measure,...







eCQMs

2016



Pre 2009

A system plagued by inefficiencies

2009

EHR Incentive Program and 60 Regional **Extension Centers**

2015

Widespread adoption and meaningful use of EHRs

Realizing the Triple Aim requires ability to measure cost, quality and population health!



- 100 participants including, broken into work streams:
 - Clinician/implementers
 - Federal agency representatives
 - Provider and health data exchange organizations
 - HIT developers
 - And QI content developers
- All participants were be asked to consider the issues facing clinician/implementers as a primary goal, with other stakeholder needs and improvement opportunities as supplementary considerations



Work Streams/Work Groups

- Implementation Management (IMWG)
- Work/Data Flow: (Inpatient and Outpatient Subgroups)
- Data and Information Governance: Data Provenance, Mapping, Reporting, and Asset Management
- Electronic Clinical Quality Measure (eCQM) and Clinical Decision Support (CDS) Development
- 5. User Interface and Experience



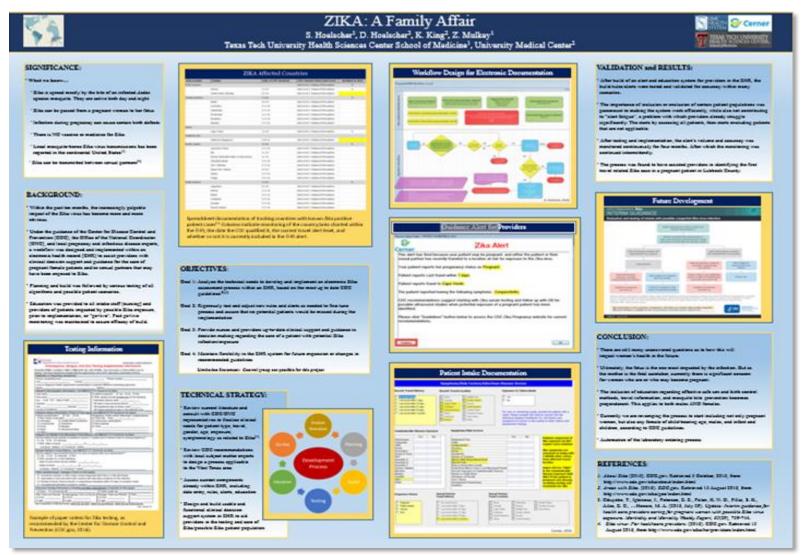


Recommendations and Considerations from the DQIC

- Align and create opportunities to share best practices
- Develop standards that facilitate sharing of best practices
- Provide resources to support continuing quality improvement
- CDC, ONC and CMS continue working on strategies to automate workflow and CDS with ability to capture valid eCQMs and public health reporting



Commonality between eCQMs and Public Health Reporting







National Development Underway to Address Standards

Objective

To determine a viable, sustainable approach to workflow portability, building upon existing standards, to support sharing across and among healthcare organizations

"The Work"

Two workstreams have been initially identified and launched: Field Guide & workflow pilot

The Approach

- Intent is to leverage existing industry standards (Business Processs Modeling Notation, Case Management and Modeling Notation, and Decision Management notation) languages
- Define extension mechanisms within the standard to address gaps adversely affecting modeling work
- Identify early adopter organizations to develop, share, and consume workflow models
- Collect lessons learned and feedback into the Guide
- Promulgate the Guide among content developers, including professional societies, clinical colleges, and healthcare providers
- Extend the work to focus on institutional adoption / implementation





A call to action: "the quadruple aim": Health and Well-being of the Clinical Team

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From Triple to Quadruple Aim: Care of the Patient Requires Care of the Provider

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Abstract

The Triple Aim—enhancing patient experience, improving population health, and reducing costs—is widely accepted as a compass to optimize health system performance. Yet physicians and other members of the health care workforce report widespread burnout and dissatisfaction. Burnout is associated with lower patient satisfaction, reduced health outcomes, and it may increase costs. Burnout thus imperils the Triple Aim. This article recommends that the Triple Aim be expanded to a Quadruple Aim, adding the goal of improving the work life of health care providers, including clinicians and staff.

Bodenheimer T, Sinsky C. From triple to quadruple aim: care of the patient requires care of the provider. Ann Fam Med. 2014;12(6): 573-576.

"The joy of practicing medicine is gone." "I hate being a doctor...I can't wait to get out."

"I can't tell you how defeated I feel...The feeling of being punished for delivering good care is nerve-racking."

"I am no longer a physician but the data manager, data entry clerk and steno girl... I became a doctor to take care of patients. I have become the typist." "Yes, the documentation of "quality standards" has greatly improved, but patient care and patient safety has not.

In fact nurses have to enter false information sometimes and work around the system (I use vendor X, Y and Z) and all have similar issues.

I know first hand of 2 sentinel events caused by the systems (X and Y). Also systems audits are being used to evaluate and discipline nurses; this is a big ethical issue as nurses are charting stuff for the wrong reasons ...creating a conflict of interest"

http://www.annfammed.org/content/12/6/573.full





Important Considerations for Organizations

- Focus on improved data standards and reliability of data within EHRs
- Interoperability within and across care settings and usability can present challenges for eCQMs
- Workflow redesign with clinical teams and quality improvement specialists are critical to success
- Enterprise Data Warehouse (EDWs) and Business Intelligence tools that capitalize on electronic data to track and trend process and outcomes are important particularly for validating eCQMs
- <u>eCQMs are foundational</u> to improvement efforts
- *eCQMs set us up for ethical dilemmas* (Harman & Cornelius, 2017, p. 185)
- Just Culture are critical throughout the organization





Evolution of Electronic Clinical Quality Measures Kimberly M. Bodine, DNP, RN Tenet Healthcare





Delivery of the First eCQMs

April 30, 2010 Version 1.1

HITSP Quality Measures Technical Note ED, VTE, and Stroke Examples for Implementation of the HITSP Quality Interoperability Specification

HITSP/TN906



Submitted to:

Healthcare Information Technology Standards Panel

Submitted by:

Quality Measures Tiger Team

- Retooled chart abstracted measures
- National Quality Strategy Domains
 - Patient Safety
 - Care Coordination
 - Population and Public Health
 - Clinical Process/Effectiveness
 - Efficient Use of Healthcare Resources
 - Patient and Family Engagement
- Conditions represent national public health priorities

The Early Days

Healthcare Information Quality Measures Technical Note: April 30, 2010

Active Diagnosis
DATA
DATA
ELEMENT
PROCEDURE





Health Quality Measures Format (HQMF)

Header Metadata

Measure Name	Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) Prophylaxis	EMeasure Id	1.3.6.1.4.1.33895.1.2.16000.1.1 STK-1
ion number	1	Set Id	1.3.6.1.4.1.33895.1.2.16000.1.1.1 Stroke (STK)
Available Date	No information	Effective Date Range	October 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010
Author	Joint Commission		
Verified by	Joint Commission		
Verified by	National Quality Forum		
Description	Ischemic and hemorrhagic stroke patients who received VTE prophylaxis or have documentation why no VTE prophylaxis was given the day of or the day after hospital admission		
Measure scoring	Proportion		
Measure type	Process		Population
Rationale	Stroke patients are at increased risk of developing venous /*** IF Patient Class of Inpatient Encounter THEN deep vein thrombosis in more than a third of patients with		

Body

unfractionated hepa

not recomme

Population **Data Criterion** Stratification Observation

'Y' ELSE 'N' */

vary depending on the type of screening used. Prevention risk patients is a noted recommendation in numerous clini-

who are confined to bed, thromboprophylaxis with low-mo Denominator

Denominator Inclusion

*** Ischemic or hemorrhagic stroke patients //

"Principal Diagnosis of Ischemic or hemorrhagic stroke "THEN 'Y' ELSE 'N'*,

Principal Diagnosis of Ischemic or hemorrhagic stroke " */

oses CONTAINS ValueSet (Joint Commission Ischemic Stroke Value Set) OR Diagnoses CONTAINS ValueSet (Joint ion Hemorrhagic Stroke Value Set)) AND Problem Status CONTAINS ValueSet (Joint Commission Problem Status Active) AND

N 'Y' ELSE 'N'

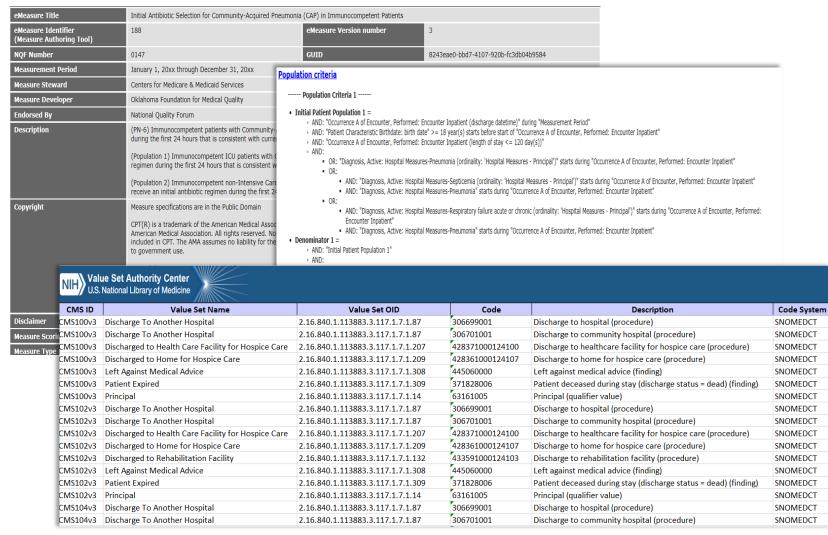
enominator Exclusion

- Patients <18 years of age
- Patients who have a Length of Stay >120 days
- Patients who have a Length of Stay < 2 days
- Patients with Comfort Measures Only documented on day of or day after hospital arrivalComfort Measures Only documented on day of or day after hospital arrival
- Patients enrolled in Clinical Trial
- Patients admitted for Elective Carotid Intervention





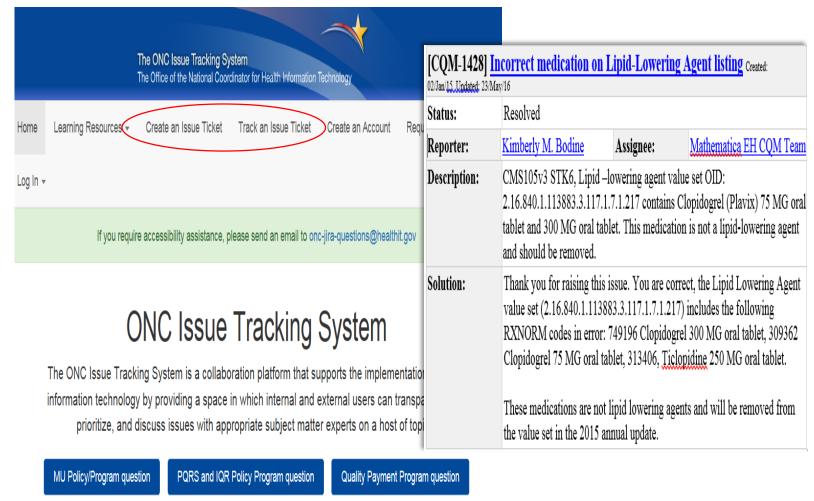
2014 eCQM Specifications







The Office of National Coordinator Issue Tracking System







2016: A Year of Change

- eCQMs recognized as future of quality reporting
- Required for Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting Program
- Alignment of reporting periods to CY for hospitals
- Inclusion of new operators
- Submission using Quality Reporting Data Architecture Category 1

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Population Criteria

    Initial Population =

    AND: Age >= 18 year(s) at: Occurrence A of $EncounterInpatientNonElective

    "Diagnosis, Active: Hemorrhagic Stroke (ordinality: Principal)"
    "Diagnosis, Active: Ischemic Stroke (ordinality: Principal)"

    starts during Occurrence A of $EncounterInpatientNonElective

    Denominator =

            · AND: Initial Population
       Denominator Exclusions =
                      "Encounter, Performed: Non-Elective Inpatient Encounter" satisfies any
                             (discharge status: Discharge To Acute Care Facility)
                             (discharge status: Left Against Medical Advice)

    (discharge status: Discharged to Home for Hospice Care)

                             (discharge status: Patient Expired)

    (discharge status: Discharged to Health Care Facility for Hospice Care)

    OR: $InterventionComfortMeasures starts during Occurrence A of $EncounterInpatientNonElective

                      "Encounter, Performed: Emergency Department Visit" <= 1 hour(s) ends before or concurrent with start of Occurrence A of $EncounterInpatientNonElective

    Numerator =

    "Procedure, Performed: Rehabilitation Assessment"

    "Procedure, Performed: Rehabilitation Therapy"

                           · "Procedure, Performed not done: Patient Refusal" for "Rehabilitation Assessment
                             starts during Occurrence A of $EncounterInpatientNonElective
                      OR: Intersection of:
                             Occurrence A of $EncounterInpatientNonElective

    "Encounter, Performed: Non-Elective Inpatient Encounter (discharge status: Discharged to Rehabilitation Facility)

    Numerator Exclusions :

       Denominator Exceptions =

    None

       Stratification =
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Current State

QDM HQMF (Logic) (Data Elements, Logic, **Definitions QDM** etc.) (Data Model)

- Quality Data Model (QDM)
 defines relationships between
 patients and clinical concepts
 as structure data
- Limitations
 - Vague
 - Unable to derive data
 - Requires a complex calculation engine
 - Cannot perform comparisons necessary to assess outcomes
 - Unable to compare results to determine an improvement over time



Future State

CQL (Logic) **HQMF** (Data Elements, Logic, **Definitions** etc.) **QDM** (Data Model)

- Clinical quality language (CQL)
 is HL7 standard expression logic
 eCQMs and clinical decision
 support (CDS)
- Benefits
 - Precise
 - Simplifies time relationships
 - Performs calculations necessary to assess patient outcomes
 - LDL = (Total cholesterol HDL + (Triglycerides/5))
 - Identifies components of assessments, examinations and test procedures

 $Retrieved\ from:\ https://ecqi.healthit.gov/system/files/Benefits_of_CQL_May 2017-508.pdf$



Clinical Quality Language (CQL)

CQL allows for the expression of components of clinical care, i.e. assessment, evaluation or test procedure

Example

Ophthalmology examination measurements

- Cup/Disc ratio
- Retinal hemorrhage

Example

- Labor and delivery room assessment
 - Infant gestational age
 - Mothers choice to exclusively breast feed

Example

- Ensure systolic and diastolic blood pressure results are from same blood pressure reading
 - Calculation of mean arterial pressure



Engagement is Necessary





Driving Quality Improvement Initiatives Donna M. DeBoever, MA, RN-BC JPS Health Network





The Problem: How Do We Drive Quality Improvement?

 Provider organizations need substantial support to be successful in applying patient-centric quality improvement approaches to achieve the quadruple aim (better: health, care, satisfaction, costs)

 Provider organizations need to move beyond a focus on configuring and reporting eCQMs to a focus on quality improvement activities based on the data generated by the eCQMs



- Focus on achieving the <u>quadruple aim</u>
- There is a need for adopting Value as the core of the healthcare system
- Value is defined as the health outcomes achieved that matter most to patients relative to the cost of achieving those outcomes
- Whole-organization buy-in is required for success



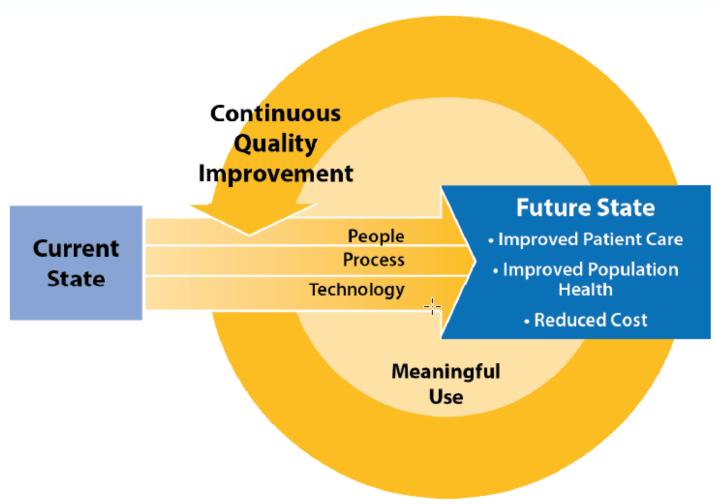
The Solution

- Guide the implementation of effective and high value quality improvement and value-increasing projects that are aligned with explicit organizational priorities that support the quadruple aim
- Provide resources to support implementers as they develop a quality improvement plan that serves as a road map for all quality activities, both clinical and operational
- Outline formal processes by which an organization will utilize quality measures to monitor and evaluate the quality of care provided to patients
- Identify various conceptual frameworks to consider when implementing quality improvement techniques





Using QI to Move From Current State to Future State



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Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Strategies to Optimize your Practice

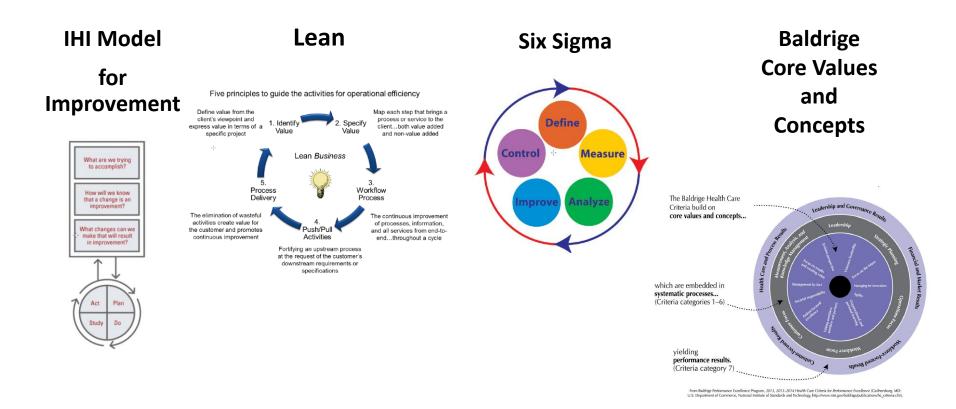


Steps for Implementing a Successful QI Strategy

- Define/refine your organization's mission, vision, and values for clinical care
- Define your organizations value-related goals and objectives
- Use a vetted QI approach to implement target-focused initiatives
- Select and coordinate relevant and impactful quality improvement initiatives to achieve the goals
- Identify the group who will serve as the center of excellence for determining evidence-based outcome measurements for your organization
- Employ Analytics and Business Intelligence tools that support this process and enable your Healthcare Organization to measure and predict the Value they are providing to their patients
- Identify Areas for Improvement
 - Analyze data to determine if it meets the desired quality level
 - Interpret that data to evaluate and improve activities, identify gaps, and plan for improvement



Leading Strategies for Quality Improvement



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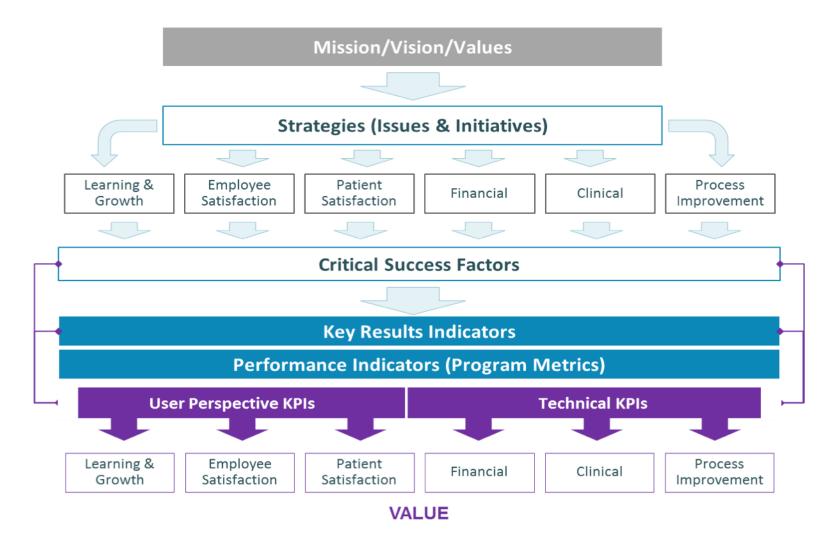


Value Management Framework

- The Value Management framework: (Value=Outcomes[Results that matter]/Cost) provides the methodology to align mission, vision and values with strategies to determine if the organization is achieving desired goals
- Value Management provides organizations with the tools and methodologies to define and measure Value for their patients moving from the old world (volume-based) to the new world (value-based)
- The components of the value equation are assessed by analyzing measurements taken in the context of technical, patient health and programmatic considerations. Costs are assessed by calculating time and materials, to include using time-driven activity-based costing methods



Value Management





Resources

- (HRSA) <u>Guide to Improving Care Processes and Outcome in Health Centers</u>
- (HIMSS) Guidebooks on Improving Outcomes with Clinical Decision Support
- (ONC) <u>Planning and Implementing Improved Care Processes</u>
- (ONC) <u>Health IT Playbook</u>
- National Learning Consortium Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI)
 Strategies to Optimize your Practice
 https://www.healthit.gov/sites/default/files/tools/nlc_continuousqualityimp
 rovementprimer.pdf
- The Strategy That Will Fix Health Care HBR Article, references the hierarchy: https://hbr.org/2013/10/the-strategy-that-will-fix-health-care
- National Academy of Medicine (NAM/IOM) Best Care At Lower Cost/Learning Health System: http://www.nationalacademies.org/hmd/Reports/2012/Best-Care-at-Lower-Cost-The-Path-to-Continuously-Learning-Health-Care-in-America.aspx



Discussion, Questions & Answer





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