Practice Improvement Plan

The EvidenceNOW Southwest (ENSW) Practice Improvement Plan is the beginning of your work with your practice facilitator to improve outcomes related to cardiovascular health for your patients.

Review and Discuss

This planning document is a guide for a multidisciplinary practice team to review and discuss:

- **Strengths** to build on
- **Opportunities** for improvement
- **Priorities** that will help to improve the cardiovascular health of your patients

Rate Your Practice

As you review each building block as a team, you will be asked to rate your practice:

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<td>“We need focused support and improvement in this area.”</td>
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<td>Yellow</td>
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<td>Green</td>
<td>“We already excel in this area.”</td>
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Create a Roadmap

The last page of this planning document will help your team create a roadmap for improvement by setting some concrete goals for your work with ENSW. A completed Practice Improvement Plan will help you and your facilitator find support and resources for your practice and patients.

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Practice Name: Kyle - test - small independent  
Practice ID: 3004  
Survey Date: 11/10/2015  
Intervention Arm: ENHANCED

Questions?  
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Engaged Leadership, Creating a Practice-wide Vision With Concrete Goals and Objectives

- Develop clear ENSW communication plan and shared practice vision
- Form QI Team
- Lead bi-monthly QI meeting
- Develop project AIMS
- Complete PCMH monitor bi-annually
- Examine practice culture by completing survey instruments
- Engage with ongoing evaluation and technical assistance as defined by business agreements.
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<td>How would you rate your practice overall on Engaged Leadership?</td>
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Building Block 2

Data Driven Improvement Using Computer-Based Technology

- Complete baseline assessment to determine data capacity to report ENSW measures.
- Create plan to address identified gaps in reporting capacity, including workflow redesign to systematically capture problematic data points and data validation.
- Provide quarterly reports on ENSW clinical quality measures.
- Review data reports monthly with QI team.
- Use data to inform quality improvement activities.

**Building Block 2**

Data Driven Improvement Using Computer-Based Technology

During meetings our practice, **INFREQUENTLY** discusses data or reports about clinical quality from health plans or other external entities.

Our practice works with the following to support capture of EHR/Electronic Medical Record (EMR) data used to report clinical quality measures:

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<th>CLINICAL DATA WAREHOUSE</th>
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<td>HEALTH SYSTEM PRACTICE NETWORK</td>
<td>HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE</td>
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<td>PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>HOSPITAL NETWORK</td>
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<td>EXTERNAL CONSULTING GROUP</td>
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<th>EHR System</th>
<th>Electronic</th>
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<th>Name: Allscripts</th>
<th>Version: I’m not sure about this</th>
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Our practice’s data resides in **DATA RESIDES IN A SERVER IN YOUR PRACTICE AND COPY IN THE CLOUD**

Our practice’s EHR vendor **CAN WITH RESTRICTIONS** help extract data and clinical quality measures.

The current EHR/EMR system **IS** certified to meet Meaningful Use as defined by Health and Human Services / Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC).

The EHR currently **DO NOT KNOW** generate Continuity of Care Documents (CCDs).

Our practice **CANNOT** share any patient health information (e.g., lab results, imaging reports, problem lists, medication lists) electronically (not fax) with any other providers, including hospitals, ambulatory providers, or labs.

Our practice **CAN** incorporate clinical lab-test results into EHR/EMR as structured data (i.e., data recorded in discrete fields and not in text fields).

Our practice **DOES NOT** have someone who can configure or write quality reports from the EHR/EMR.

Data on the clinical quality of care provided by our practice or its clinicians **ARE** reported publicly by health plans or other external entities.
Building Block 2 (cont’d)

Data Driven Improvement Using Computer-Based Technology

Our practice has produced quality reports on the following clinical quality measures in the last 6 months¹:

- **PERCENTAGE OF PATIENTS AGED 18 YEARS AND OLDER WITH ISCHEMIC VASCULAR DISEASE (IVD) WITH DOCUMENTED USE OF ASPIRIN OR OTHER ANTITHROMBOTIC (NQF 0068).**

- **PERCENTAGE OF PATIENTS AGED 18 THROUGH 85 YEARS OF AGE WHO HAD A DIAGNOSIS OF HYPERTENSION (HTN) AND WHOSE BLOOD PRESSURE (BP) WAS ADEQUATELY CONTROLLED (<140/90) DURING THE MEASUREMENT YEAR (NQF 0018).**

- **PERCENTAGE OF PATIENTS AGED 18 YEARS OR OLDER WHO WERE SCREENED ABOUT TOBACCO USE ONE OR MORE TIMES WITHIN 24 MONTHS AND WHO RECEIVED CESSATION COUNSELING INTERVENTION IF IDENTIFIED AS A TOBACCO USER (NQF 0028).**

Our practice **CAN** report the above quality measures at the practice level.

Our practice **CAN** report the above quality measures by clinician (MD, DO, NP, PA).

Our practice can report measurements of practice performance on cardiovascular disease prevention measures (such as aspirin for patients at risk for ischemic vascular disease) for comparison with our peers.

Our practice sets goals and benchmarks rates of performance quality on cardiovascular disease prevention measures at least yearly.

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**How would you rate your practice overall on data driven improvements using computer technology?**

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**Notes**

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¹. If this section is blank it means this question was not answered on the practice survey.
Achieve and maintain at least 95% empanelment to provider and care teams.

Our practice's clinicians **DO** have their own panel of patients for whom they are responsible.

Our practice has an ongoing, reliable system for empanelment and panel management within our data systems and practice processes.

How would you rate your practice overall on empanelment?

- **RED**
- **YELLOW**
- **GREEN**

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### Building Block 4

#### Team-Based Care

- Practice periodically reviews assessment of distribution of patient care tasks by role.
- Process redesign to reflect changing staff roles on the care team.
- Team training to define staff roles and responsibilities.
- Practice better distributes workload throughout the team in ways that makes optimal use of team members' training and skill sets.
- Practice creates standardized protocols and standing orders to describe workflow and staff roles.
- Practice participates in bi-annual ENSW Collaborative Learning Sessions.

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<td>Our practice uses teams to focus on accomplishing the change process for improved care.</td>
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<td>Our practice delegates to non-clinician staff the responsibility to carry out aspects of care that are normally the responsibility of physicians processes.</td>
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<td>Our practice deliberately designs care improvements so as to make clinician participation less work than before.</td>
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How would you rate your practice overall on team-based care?

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Building Block 5

Patient-team partnership

All practices:
- Assess patient satisfaction
- Provide self-management support
- Promote patient activation
- Engage in shared decision-making

Enhanced intervention practices:
- Include patients as advisors
- Convene Patient and Family Advisory Councils
- Convene focus Groups
- Include patients on QI team

In our practice a system has been implemented for including patients and family input in ongoing improvement activities.
In our practice a patient experience survey is used regularly to monitor practice performance.
Patients and families are actively linked with community resources to assist with their self-management goals.
Our practice has the capacity to link patients to community resources to address social determinants of health.
Patients and families are provided with resources to help them engage in the management of their health between office visits.

How would you rate your practice overall on patient-team partnership?

- RED
- YELLOW
- GREEN

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### Building Block 6

#### Population management

- Develop and maintain CVD registry
- Identify gaps in care
- Establish protocols for patient outreach

Our practice has a registry for the following conditions:

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<td>Ischemic Vascular Disease (IVD)</td>
<td>Diabetes</td>
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<td>Hypertension</td>
<td>Prevention services</td>
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<td>High Cholesterol</td>
<td>High risk (high utilization) patients</td>
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Our registry **can** be configured to add new conditions.

Our practice can identify patients with care or outcomes that fall outside of guidelines that may require more intensive care.

**How would you rate your practice overall on population management?**

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**Notes**
The Practice Improvement Plan will give your practice a roadmap using what you’ve reported on your Practice Survey to guide your work with EvidenceNow Southwest.

From the previous pages of the Practice Feedback Report, transcribe here how your practice rated itself in the following building block domains. Then rank your top three priority areas for focused improvement.

As a team, what is your nine-month goal as a participant in Evidence Now Southwest?

Think big about what you would like to accomplish.
To move towards this goal and considering the building blocks that your practice identified as priorities, write three SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, Timely) goals that will help you narrow down a place to begin your work with a focus on clinical interventions to improve cardiovascular risk.

Your practice is in the enhanced intervention arm of EvidenceNow Southwest. One goal should describe your plan for including patient engagement in your quality improvement efforts.

GOAL 1:

GOAL 2:

GOAL 3:

Which of these will your team begin working on this week? Consider how and who on your team is going to lead this effort.

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