

## Milestone: Adopt Clinical Guidelines

**Milestone Language:** Adopt evidenced-based clinical guideline(s) related to KPI metrics for selected PoF. Monitor adherence to guideline(s) for providers to ensure standardization in practice. This includes communication of guidelines to providers and staff, adapting workflows based on clinical guidelines for patients seen and not seen in clinic, integration of guidelines into the EHR, and tracking provider/care team adherence to guidelines.

### Instructions:

For the selected Population of Focus (PoF), please identify one evidence-based clinical guideline your practice is using to improve care. Your responses in the sections below should focus on how this specific guideline has been adopted, communicated, integrated into workflows and EHR systems, and monitored for adherence.

**[automatically display PoF and corresponding HEDIS-like measures]**

### 1. Clinical Guideline Adoption for Selected Population of Focus

Prompt	Response
Typical clinical guidelines used for this PoF are listed below [auto-populate]. Do you use these guidelines?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Yes but with some changes (please describe) <input type="checkbox"/> No, we use different guidelines (please describe)
Who selects, reviews, and tailors clinical guidelines into clinic policy at your practice(s)? (Please list the title or role of the person(s) responsible—for example, “Chief Medical Officer” or “Clinical Lead.”)	
How often are guidelines reviewed?	
How are clinical guideline-related policies updated, and approved at your practice? (Please describe the process and note who is responsible for updating and approving policies—for example, Clinical Committee, Medical Director, or QI Lead. If you have a written	

<i>policy or procedure that outlines this process, please note that as well.)</i>	
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## 2. Communication and Staff/Clinician Engagement

Prompt	Response
How are staff involved in clinical guideline review?	
How are providers and staff trained or oriented around guidelines and related clinic policies?	
How are updates to guidelines and related policies communicated to staff and clinicians?	

## 3. Workflow Adaptation

**Note:** The following questions ask about how your practice has adapted workflows to support implementation of the evidence-based clinical guideline selected for your PoF. Please describe any protocols, workflows, or tools used to support consistent care delivery based on this guideline.

Prompt	Response
The relevant workflows our practice uses are... [e.g., care coordinator outreach workflow for colorectal cancer screening]	
The standing orders and/or standardized protocols we use are...	
Are pre-visit planning or flagging tools used?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If yes, describe)

## 4. EHR/Data Integration

Prompt	Response
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Are clinical guidelines incorporated into the EHR (or EHR-linked PHM platform)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Partially <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes/partially, describe how:	<input type="checkbox"/> Order sets <input type="checkbox"/> Alerts/reminders <input type="checkbox"/> Templates <input type="checkbox"/> Dashboard <input type="checkbox"/> Registry flags [list examples for each checked tool of what's being used, ex. EHR Alert when out of date for A1c monitoring]
How is the EHR and/or PHM system used to identify care gaps for this clinical guideline?	

## 5. Monitoring Provider/Care Team Adherence

Prompt	Response
What indicators and data are used to track adherence to the clinical guideline?	
Who reviews adherence data?	<input type="checkbox"/> Clinical Lead <input type="checkbox"/> QI Team <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Director <input type="checkbox"/> BH Director <input type="checkbox"/> Others
How often is adherence reviewed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly
Describe challenges and/or barriers to adhering to the clinical guideline	
What actions has your practice taken to address gaps in adherence	

## CLINICAL GUIDELINES APPENDIX:

### Current clinical guidelines for consideration

#### Maternal & Perinatal Health

HEDIS Measure	Aligned Clinical Guidelines
PPC - Timeliness of Prenatal Care	ACOG Guidelines for Perinatal Care; USPSTF: Early initiation of prenatal care

<b>PPC - Postpartum Care</b>	ACOG: Optimizing Postpartum Care (Committee Opinion No. 736); CDC postpartum care recommendations
<b>PDS-E</b> (Postpartum Depression Screening & Follow-up)	ACOG: Screening for Perinatal Depression; USPSTF: Depression Screening in Adults (including perinatal)

### Children and Youth

<b>HEDIS Measure</b>	<b>Aligned Clinical Guidelines</b>
<b>CIS</b> (Child Immunization Status)	CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) schedule
<b>W30</b> (Well-Child Visits in First 30 Months)	Bright Futures Guidelines (AAP)
<b>WCV</b> (Well-Care Visits 3–21 yrs)	Bright Futures Guidelines (AAP)

### Adult Preventive

<b>HEDIS Measure</b>	<b>Aligned Clinical Guidelines</b>
<b>BCS</b> (Breast Cancer Screening)	USPSTF Breast Cancer Screening Guidelines
<b>CCS</b> (Cervical Cancer Screening)	USPSTF Cervical Cancer Screening Guidelines
<b>COL</b> (Colorectal Cancer Screening)	USPSTF Colorectal Cancer Screening Guidelines

### Adult Chronic Care

<b>HEDIS Measure</b>	<b>Aligned Clinical Guidelines</b>
<b>CBP</b> (Controlling High Blood Pressure)	ACC/AHA Guideline on Hypertension Management (2017)
<b>GSD</b> (Diabetes - Glycemic Status)	ADA Standards of Care in Diabetes

### Behavioral Health

<b>HEDIS Measure</b>	<b>Aligned Clinical Guidelines</b>
<b>POD</b> (Pharmacotherapy for Opioid Use Disorder)	SAMHSA Clinical Practice Guidelines; ASAM National Practice Guidelines for OUD

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<b>DSF</b> (Depression Screening for Adolescents)	USPSTF: Screening for Depression in Adults and Adolescents
<b>DRR</b> (Depression Remission or Response)	GLAD-PC guidelines; AACAP Depression Practice Parameters