

clinical audit best practice

a learning and an assessment tool

CLINICAL QUALITY IMPROVEMENT INVOLVES KEY ACTIONS:

- UNDERSTANDING THE COMPLEX HEALTHCARE ENVIRONMENT
- APPLYING A SYSTEMATIC APPROACH TO PATIENT SAFETY, AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCE
- MEASURING FOR IMPROVEMENT
- DESIGNING, TESTING, AND IMPLEMENTING CHANGES USING REAL-TIME

THE CYCLIC PROCESS UNFOLDS AS 4 MAJOR STEPS

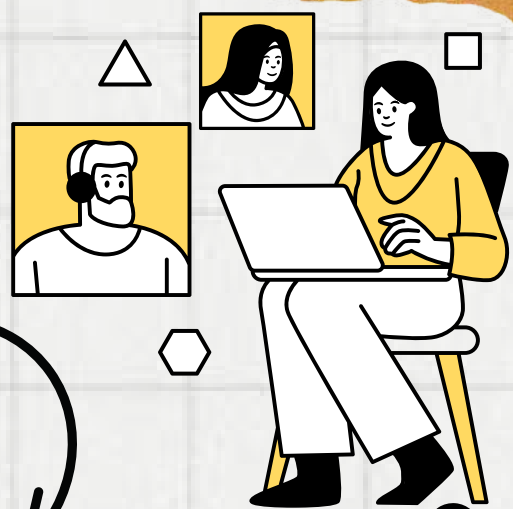
01 PREPARATION AND PLANNING

- Select a topic for quality improvement, whether a national or local project.
- Choose a quality improvement technique Define roles
- Agree on an organized structure



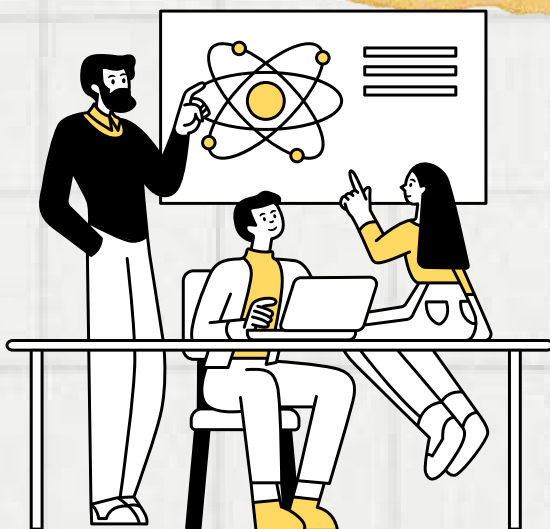
02 MEASURING PERFORMANCE

- Organize and conduct a quality improvement project
- Collate and put together the results into a report
- Present the report to stakeholders for information and scrutiny.



03 IMPLEMENTING CHANGE

- Identify possible shortfalls as a result of measuring performance
- Put together an action plan with timescales and named responsible individuals, to implement changes and make the required improvements.



04 SUSTAINING IMPROVEMENT

- Repeat the quality improvement project, to check and to demonstrate that the required improvements have been made
- Confirm changes have led to the desired outcome.

THE CLINICAL AUDIT IS A QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROCESS THAT SEEKS TO IMPROVE PATIENT OUTCOMES THROUGH A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW OF CARE AGAINST EXPLICIT CRITERIA AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CHANGE.

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