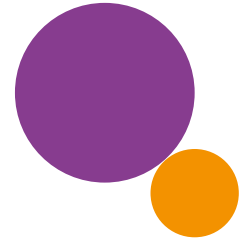


Clinical Audit Leads Workshop



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Aim

The aim of the workshop is to help Clinical Audit Leads be more effective as leaders of using clinical audit to drive improvements in quality and patient safety in their clinical services. The workshop suggests ways in which Clinical Audit Leads can and should be proactive facilitators of quality and patient safety improvement in their clinical services.

The workshop includes:

- an overview of good practice in selecting, designing and acting on clinical audit
- practical advice and tools Clinical Audit Leads can use in leading a clinical service in carrying out clinical audits through evidence of improvement.

Learning objectives

The specific learning objectives of the workshop are to help Clinical Audit Leads to:

- guide staff members through the entire clinical audit process, with the focus on selecting the right subjects for audits, ensuring audits are designed properly and planning and implementing the actions needed to achieve sustained improvement
- refine objectives, designs and measures of quality used in clinical audits to focus on achieving improvements, if needed
- screen proposals for clinical audits and service evaluations and give useful feedback to the proposer/s
- engage colleagues in finding what is causing problems in delivering patient care and how to select effective and feasible actions to address the causes
- arrange clinical audit meetings to focus on quality improvement using clinical audit as a tool
- ensure that evidence of improvements in patient care is reported formally in the clinical service and the organization.

Format

The following 'how-to's' are covered in the workshop:

- promote more effective actions needed to achieve and sustain improvements in patient care
- engage colleagues in peer review of cases not consistent with quality-of-care measures used in a clinical audit
- involve colleagues in finding true causes of problems revealed by a clinical audit and decide on action needed to achieve any needed improvement
- manage participation in and analysis of the clinical service's performance in relevant national and organization-wide clinical audits
- screen proposals for clinical audits and give useful feedback to colleagues
- use a template clinical audit report to get staff carrying out clinical audits to submit reports.

Materials

Each participant receives a 214–page book, *Getting Clinical Audit Right to Benefit Patients, a Guide for Clinical Audit Leads* published by the Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership, and a workbook with practical examples. Certificates of participation in the workshop are provided.