

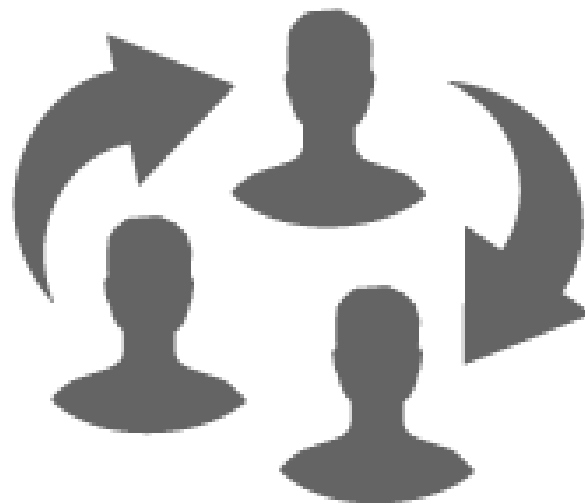
New York State Family Planning Program Chlamydia Screening Performance Improvement Collaborative Kickoff

September 18, 2018



Performance Improvement Collaborative

What do you think of when you hear the term “Performance Improvement Collaborative”?



Learning Collaborative Group Expectations

- Participation and engagement
- Sharing lessons learned, best practices
- Self-advocacy
- Others?

What was most valuable?

“Hearing from other sites what they are doing and how we might be able to use their ideas.”

– *Collaborative participant*



This Performance Improvement Collaborative is to:

- Support you in the achievement of your chlamydia screening performance goals
- Increase capacity to conduct quality improvement (QI)
- Provide an space to build relationships between peer sites



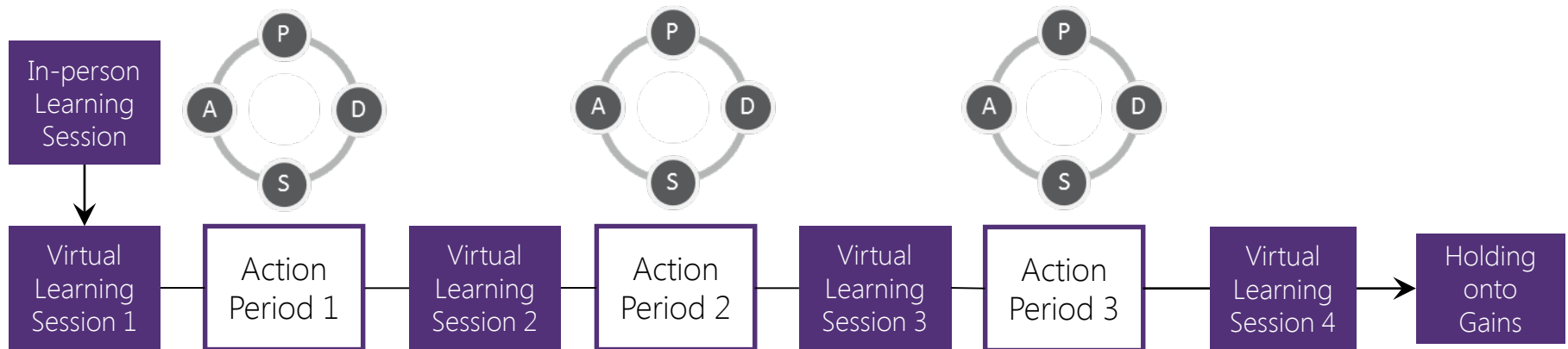
Meeting Objectives

By the end of today's meeting you will be able to:

- Describe the best practice recommendations as outlined in the *Chlamydia Screening Change Package*
- Describe how the **Model for Improvement** can be used in the family planning setting
- **Develop at least two aim statements** to guide PDSAs in your improvement plan
- **Identify at least two changes to test** through PDSAs based on strategies suggested in the change package and experience of other teams



Breakthrough Series Learning Collaborative Model



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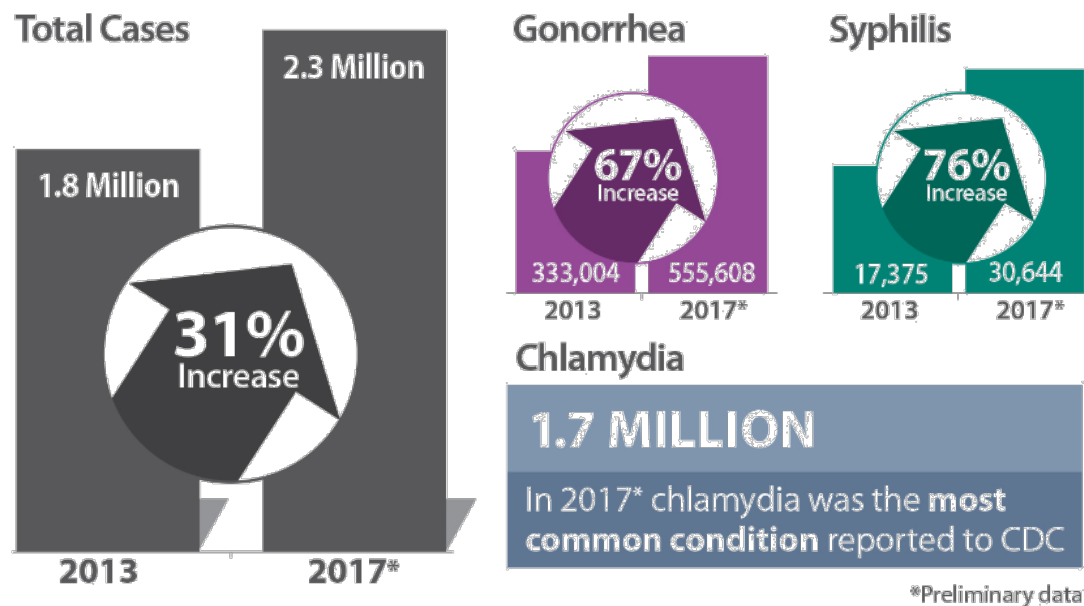
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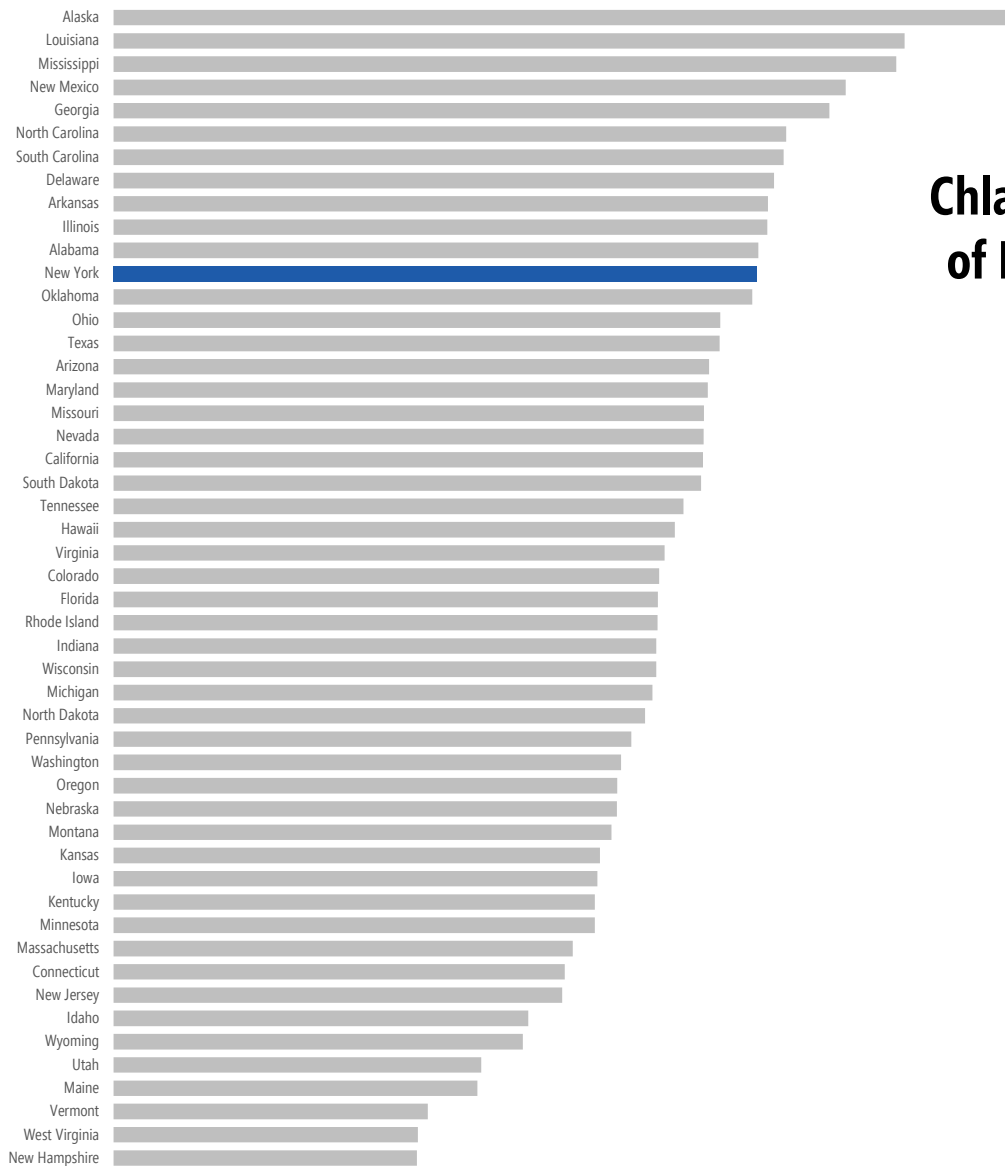
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January	Best Practice 4. Utilize diverse payment options to reduce cost as a barrier for the facility and the patient.
February	Optional flexible session (ongoing challenges, issues)
March	Lessons Learned and Scale Up

Why Chlamydia Screening?

THE U.S. IS EXPERIENCING STEEP, SUSTAINED INCREASES IN SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES

Combined diagnoses of chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis **increased sharply over the past five years**





Chlamydia — Reported Cases and Rates of Reported Cases by State, Ranked by Rates, United States, 2016 (CDC)



New York

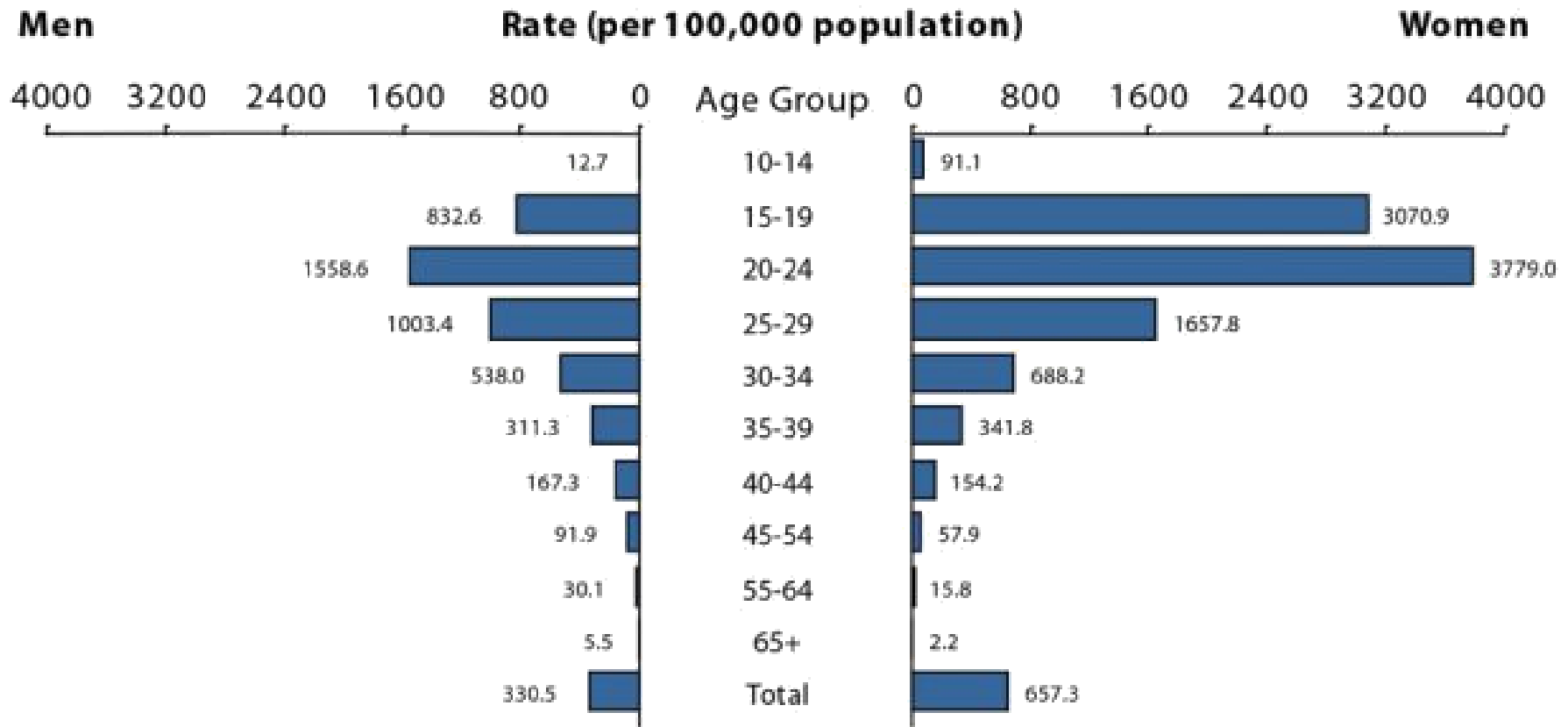


U.S. TOTAL†



Why Chlamydia Screening?

Chlamydia — Rates of Reported Cases by Age Group and Sex, United States, 2016 (CDC)



Why Chlamydia Screening?

- You are making a difference!
- CT testing in 11 agencies during 2016:¹
 - 24,783 CT tests females tested
 - 360 CT infections prevented
 - 50 cases of PID prevented
 - 10 women who are still fertile
 - Gross cost savings from CT testing - \$136,450

¹Guttmacher calculator: <https://data.guttmacher.org/calculator>

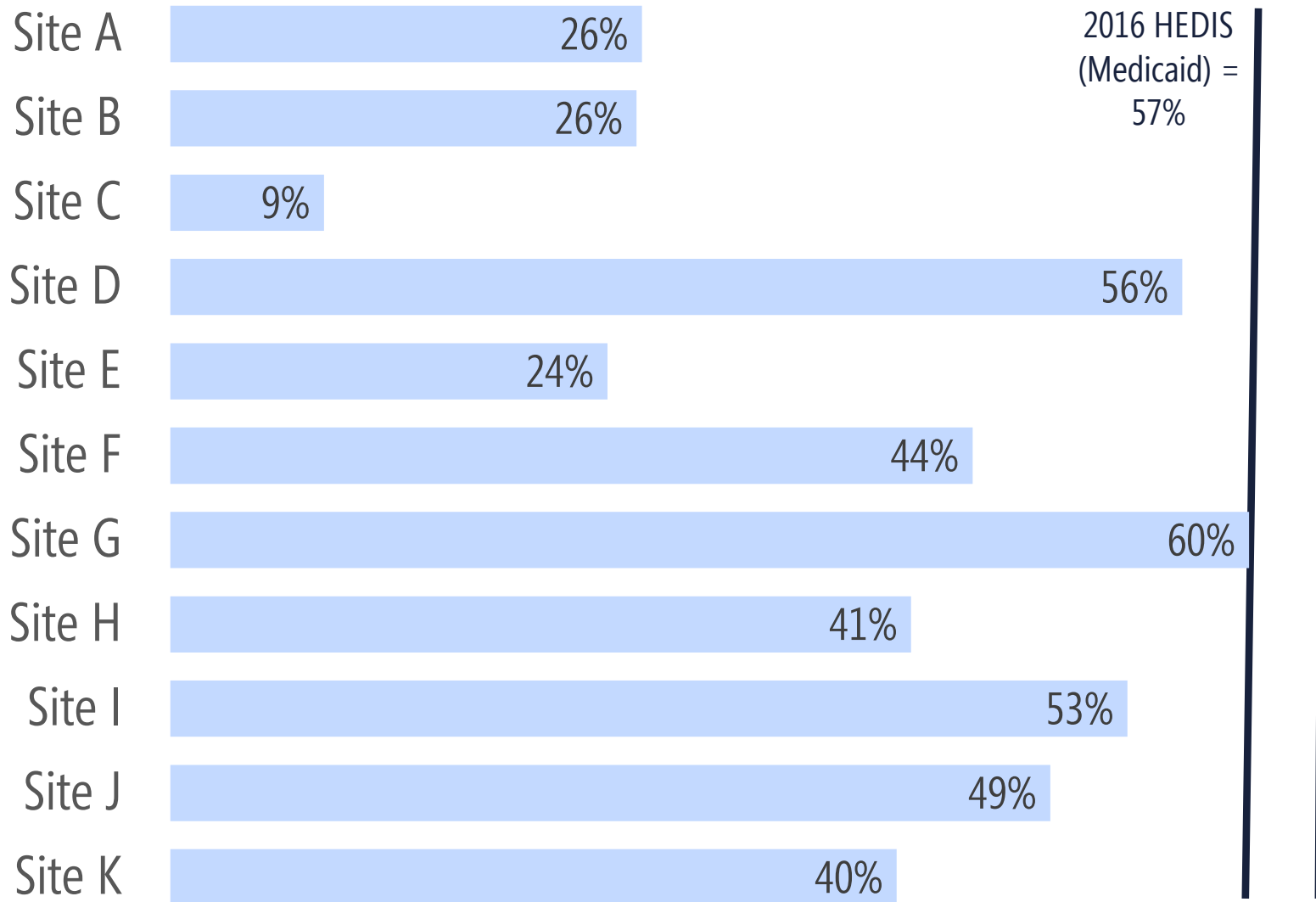


Chlamydia Screening Measure

- **HEDIS Measure:** The percentage of women 16-24 years of age who were identified as sexually active and who had at least one test for chlamydia during the measurement period.
 - Using data from Ahlers, use age group: 15-24
 - Measurement period = monthly
- Although the HEDIS measure focuses on women 16-24 years of age, improvement activities should address all women and men at risk of chlamydia.



Sexually Active Females 15 to 24 Years of Age (Average Screening May-July, 2018)



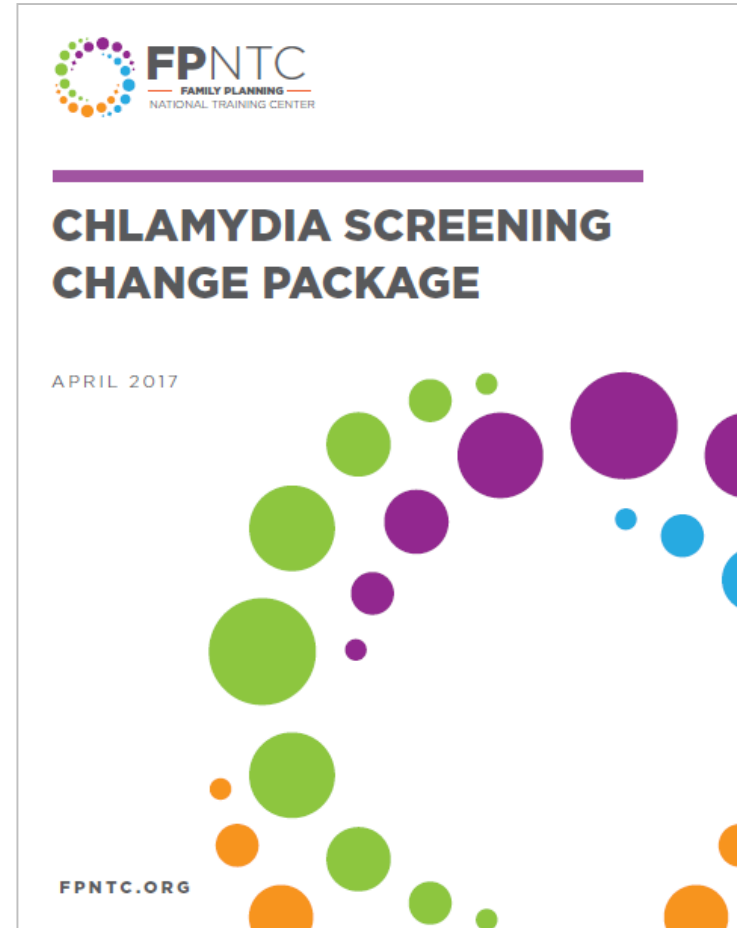
Brainstorm

What barriers does your site face related to chlamydia screening?



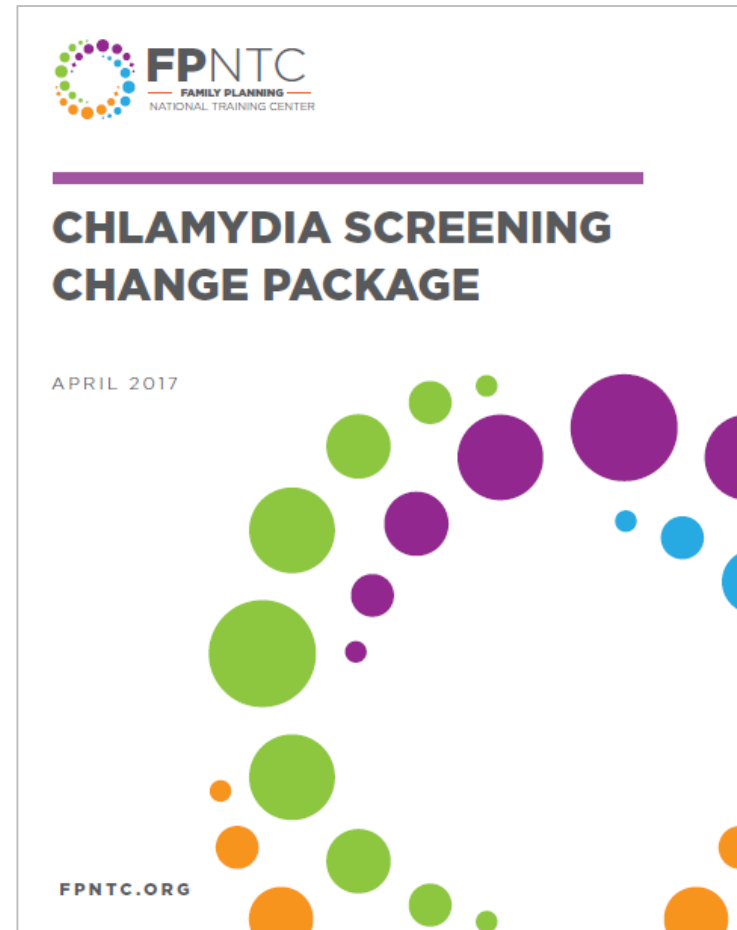
Chlamydia Screening Change Package

- Best practice recommendations
- Rationale
- Strategies
- Suggested evaluation measures
- Tools and resources



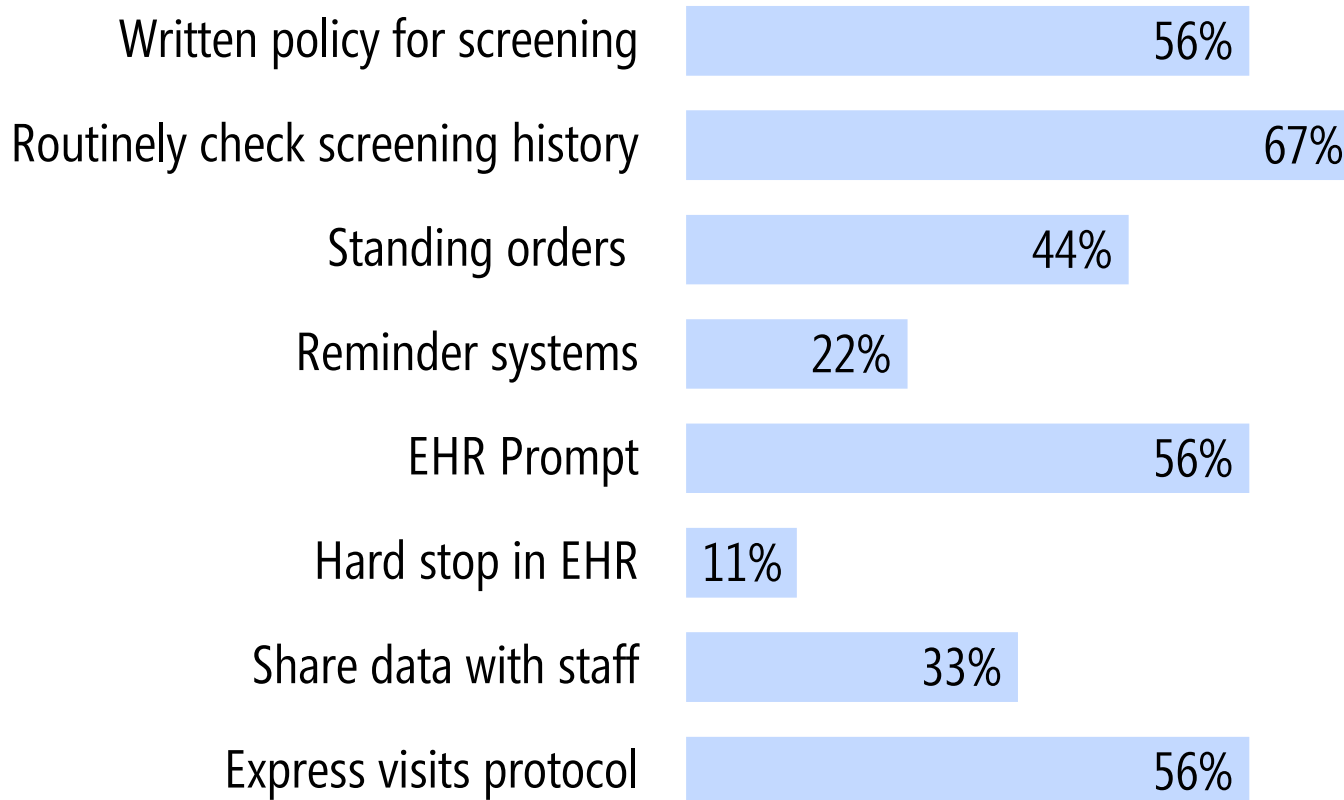
Best Practice #1

Include chlamydia screening as a part of routine clinical preventive care for women 24 years and younger, women >24 who are at risk increased risk , and men at increased risk.



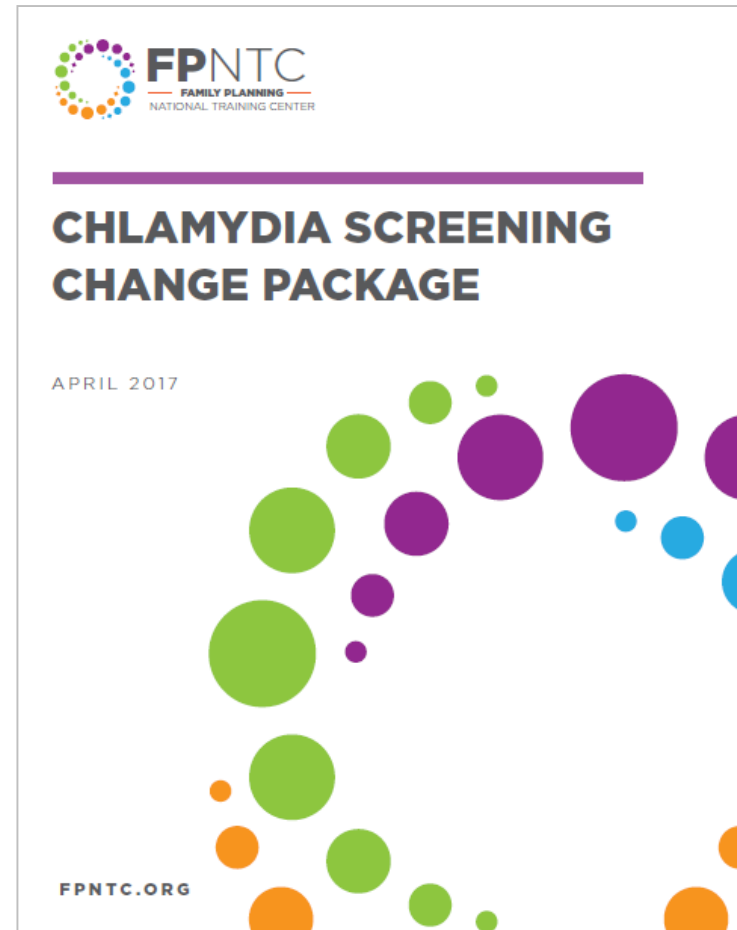
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% of Teams Implementing BP1 Strategies (n=9)



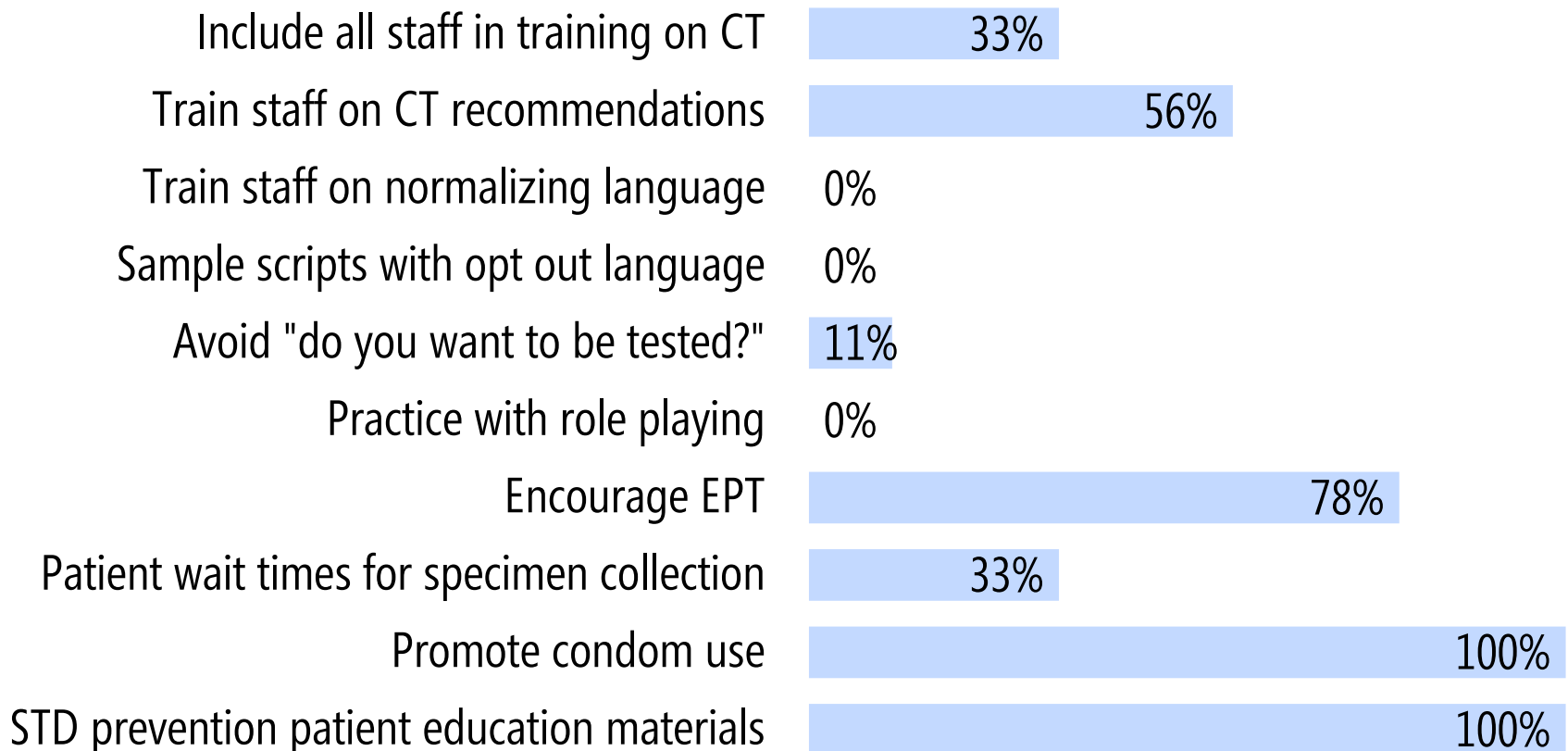
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Use normalizing and opt-out language to explain chlamydia screening to all women 24 years and younger, women <24 at increased risk, and men at increased risk



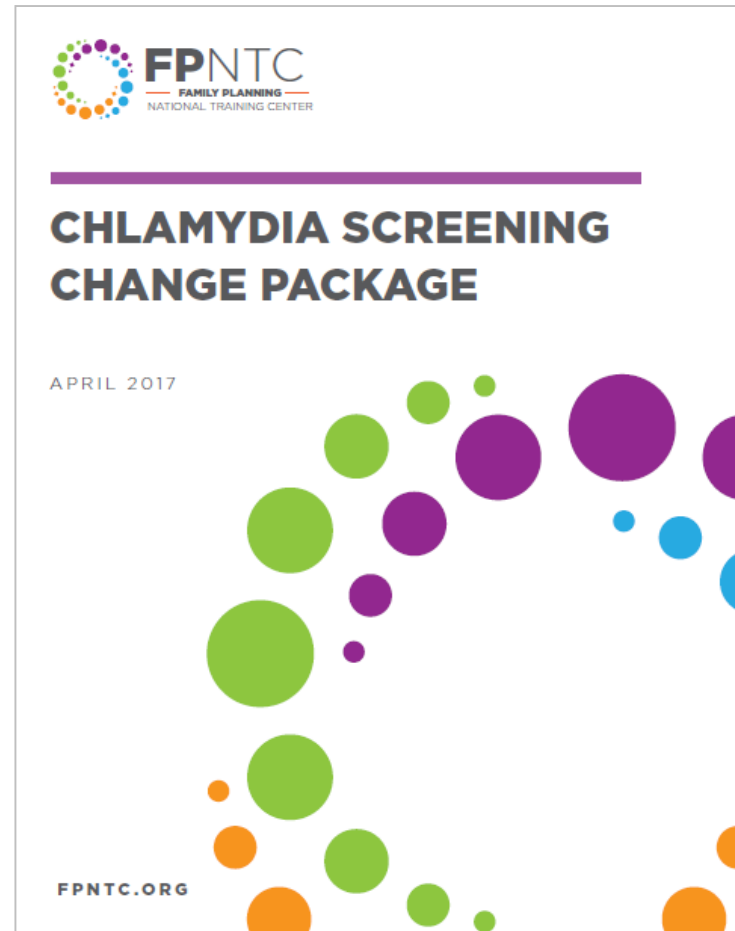
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% of Teams Implementing BP2 Strategies (n=9)



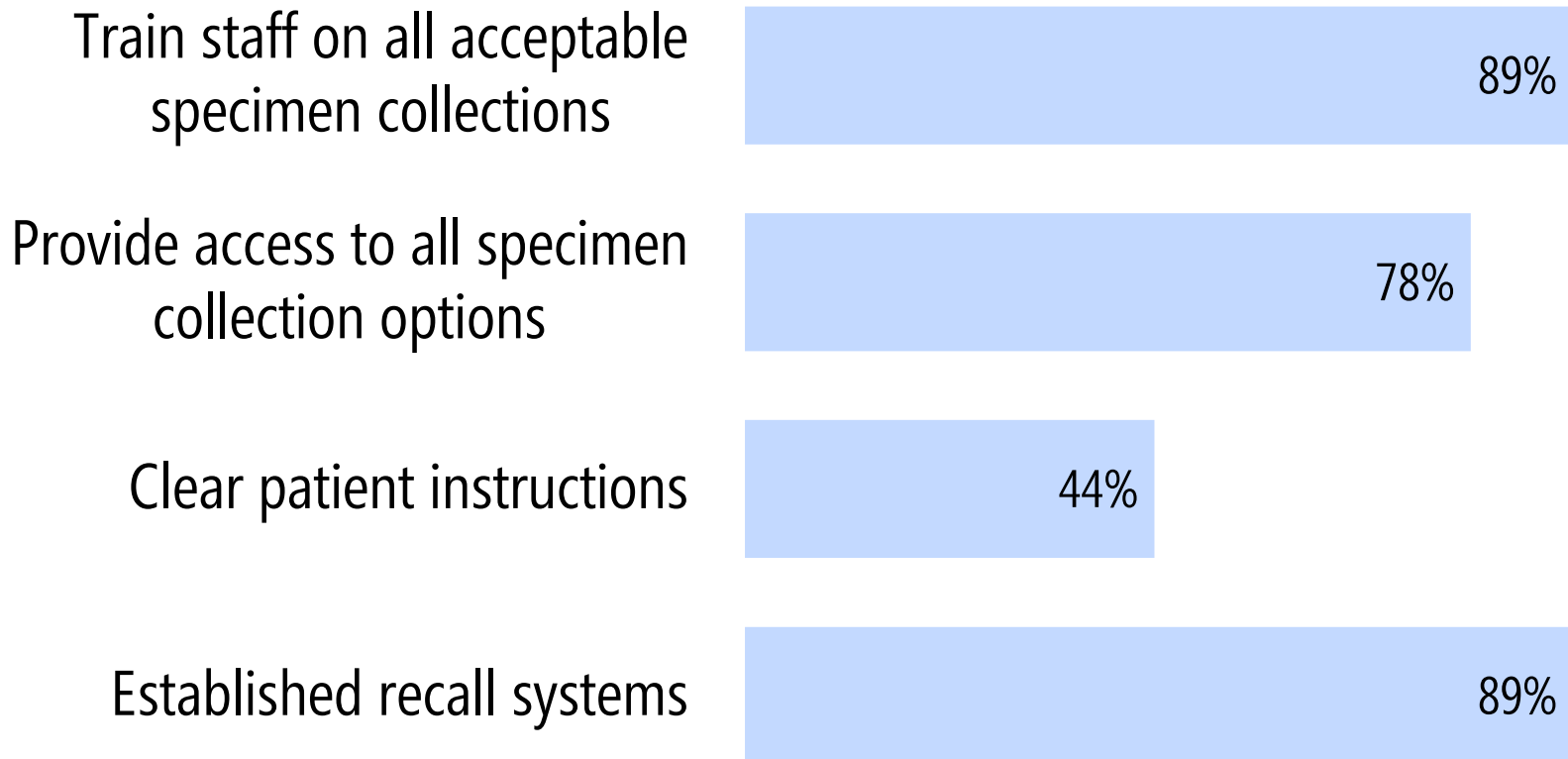
Best Practice #3

Use the least invasive, high quality, recommended laboratory technologies available for chlamydia screening with timely turnaround.



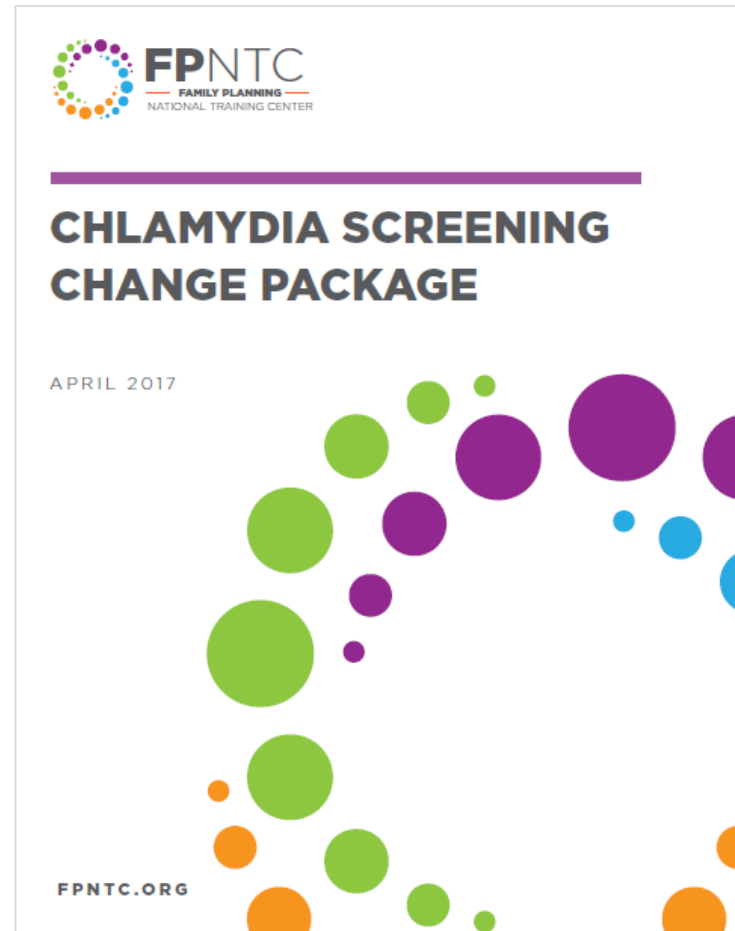
Where are we now?

% of Teams Implementing BP3 Strategies (n=9)



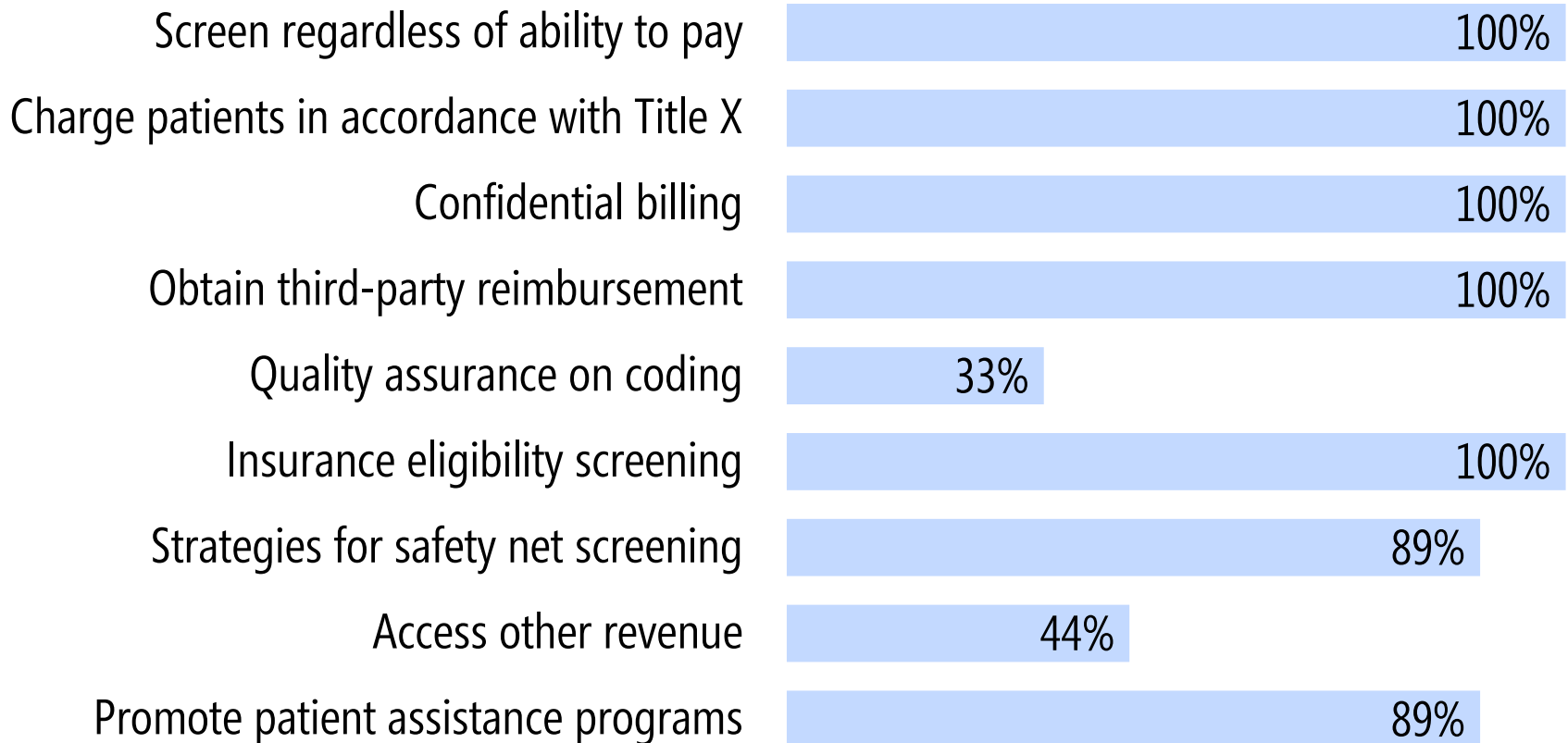
Best Practice #4

Utilize diverse payment options to reduce cost as a barrier for the patient and the facility.



Where are we now?

% of Teams Implementing BP4 Strategies (n=9)



Prioritization Activity

You've listed some barriers and completed the Access Checklist (baseline assessment)...

Now what will move the needle at your service site?



Chlamydia Screening Performance Improvement Collaborative Baseline Assessment

Family Planning Provider: Name _____

Service Site: Name _____

Part 1. Chlamydia Screening Recommendations Checklist

The Chlamydia Screening Performance Improvement Collaborative will focus on supporting sites to understand the best practices and associated drivers for chlamydia screening. This checklist is designed to help you identify what, if any, barriers exist for chlamydia screening at your site.

Best Practice 1. Include chlamydia screening as a part of routine clinical preventive care. Use clinic support systems to systematically screen sexually active patients at least once a year for women 24 years and younger, for women >24 who are at increased risk, and men at increased risk.

- ☐ Do you have a written policy and protocol for screening all sexually active women 24 years and younger for chlamydia and gonorrhea as a routine part of preventive health care, and for women >24 who are at increased risk, and men at increased risk?
- ☐ Does your staff check the screening history and assess the need to screen at any visit not just preventive health visits, especially for adolescents?
- ☐ Have you implemented site-level protocols to establish standing orders for chlamydia screening?
- ☐ Do you use reminder systems like stickers or messaging to remind staff, providers, and patients about chlamydia screening?
- ☐ Do you have an established chlamydia screening prompt in the EHR?
- ☐ Have you considered a "hard stop" in the EHR that includes asking staff to identify "reason for not screening" for all women 24 years of age and younger?
- ☐ Do you share chlamydia screening data with staff such as provider-specific rates, comparisons with national averages, and target screening rates?
- ☐ Do you have a protocol for express visits for routine asymptomatic STD screening?

How'd you do? If you checked all the boxes, then congratulations! If you weren't able to check all the boxes, what changes can you make to increase chlamydia screening at your site?



Prioritization Activity

- Brainstorm ideas that should contribute to the achievement of your outcome: increased CT screening. Plot these on the Prioritization Matrix.
- Now, choose a few (2-3) things that are high impact, low effort to start with. Write each idea on a sticky note.

Prioritization Matrix



What is it and how can it help me?

When embarking on a quality improvement effort, it is sometimes difficult to know where to start. A prioritization matrix is a brainstorming tool that organizes ideas by impact and difficulty.

A prioritization matrix:

- Narrows activities allowing you to get the most important tasks done first.
- Provides clear direction when there are multiple solutions to a problem.
- Focuses quality improvement efforts when there is little time and limited resources.

How to use this tool:

1. Bring together members of your team and identify your desired outcome at the top of the page.
2. Brainstorm ideas or changes that could contribute to the achievement of your outcome. Rate each idea by level of difficulty and impact, writing each in the corresponding box (level of difficulty vertically, level of impact horizontally).
3. Once all ideas are on paper, identify the items that are the least difficult and will have the greatest impact. These may be the best place to start!

Example

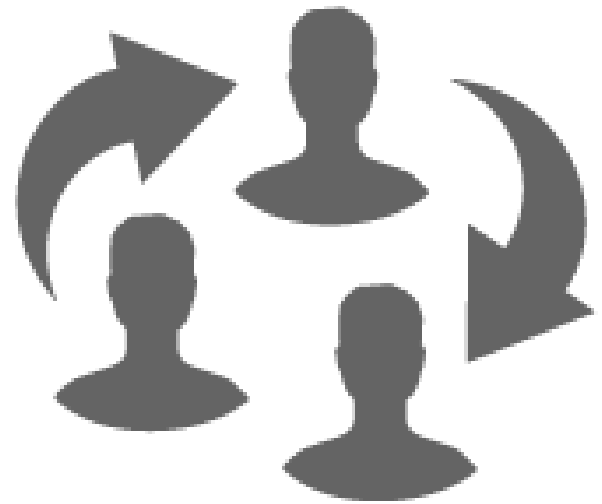
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	PR/MARKETING ↑ DEMAND FOR SERVICES CHANGE EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL AVAILABLE	↑ ACCESS TO CARE CHANGE COUNSELING METHODS USED
Simple	Low Impact	High Impact



Cross-Team Sharing of Ideas

Questions to discuss:

- What is a challenge you want to address?
- What is a change idea you are considering?
- What concerns do you have about this idea?
- What is something you've tried before? How did it work?



Model for Improvement

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How will we know that a change is an improvement?

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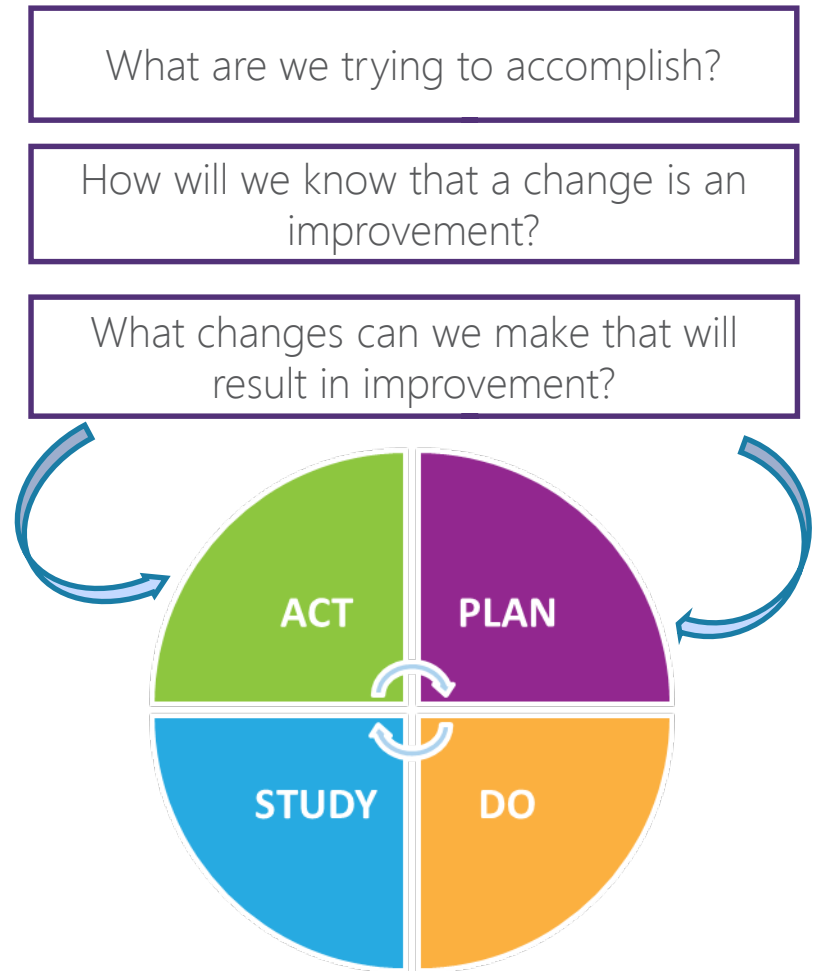


Data-informed processes can help you:

- Identify root cause
- Identify a change
- Select a change

Testing the Change

- **PLAN** to test your change.
- **DO** try carrying out the change.
- **STUDY** the test to see if it worked.
- **ACT** based on your measured results.



PLAN: What's happening now?



- ✓ Clarify your objective
 - Determine the change you want to test.
- ✓ Predict your outcome
 - What do you think will happen? Will it help?
- ✓ Identify steps you need to take
 - What data do you need to show change? Who? What? When? How?

D0: Let's try it



- ✓ Carry out the plan
- ✓ Document Observations
- ✓ Begin Analysis

STUDY: Did it work?



- ✓ Analyze qualitative & quantitative data
- ✓ Compare data against predictions
- ✓ Summarize lessons learned

ACT: Decide what to do

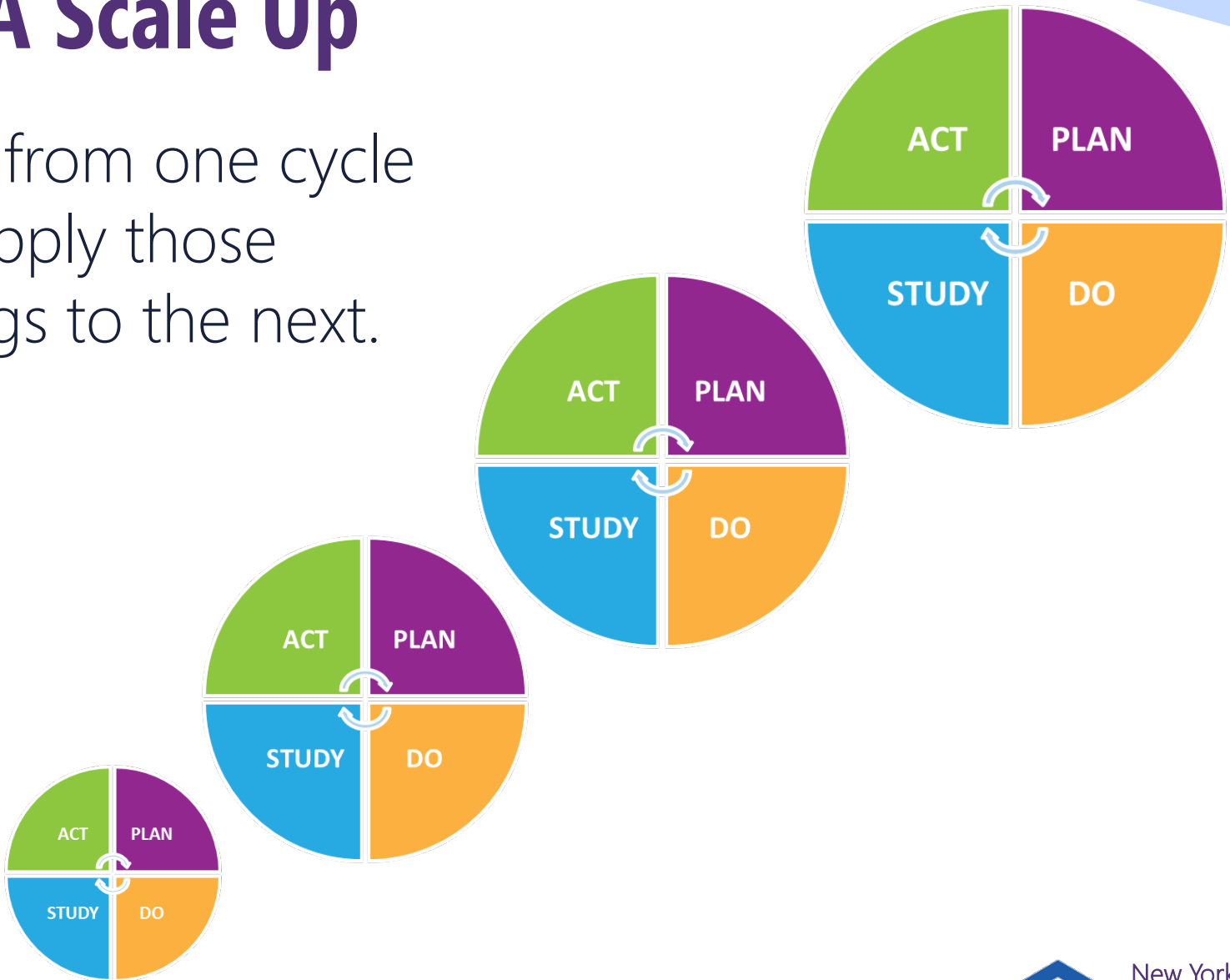


Decide if you will:

- ✓ Adopt
- ✓ Abandon
- ✓ Adapt

PDSA Scale Up

Learn from one cycle and apply those findings to the next.



How Will You Know Change is an Improvement?

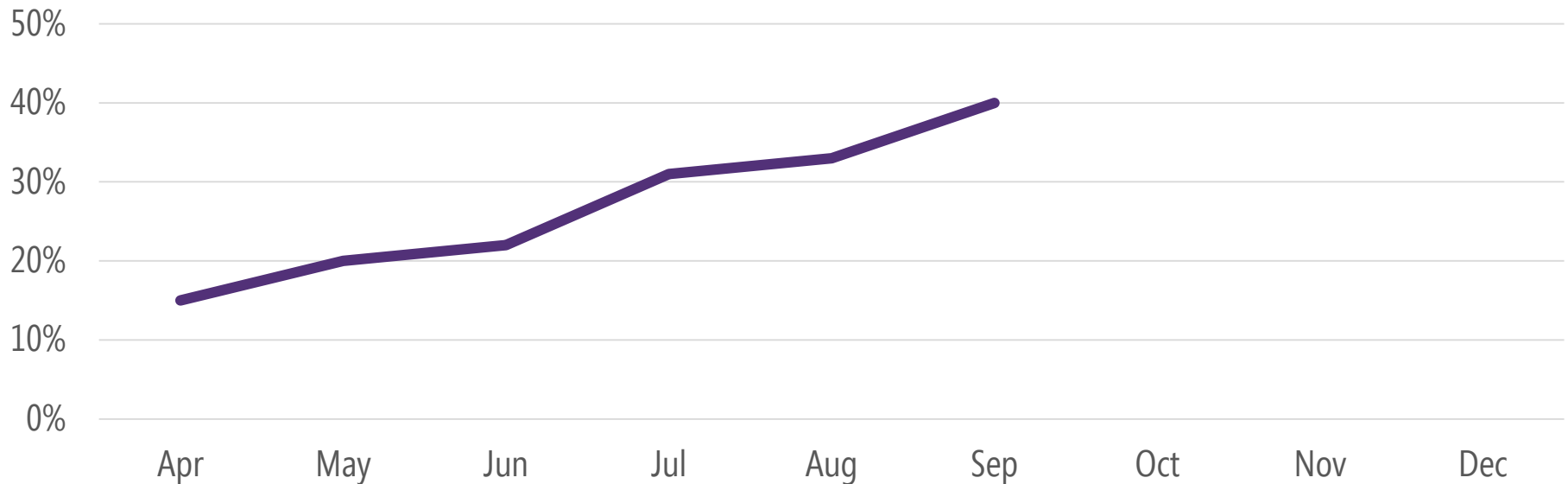
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How Will You Know Change is an Improvement?

Instructions: Update data in the "Data Tracking" Tab of this spreadsheet to have this run chart automatically populate.

	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19
Percentage Tested Current Month	15%	20%	22%	31%	33%	40%						

% of Patients Screened for Chlamydia in Reporting Month



Data Collection & Tracking Tool

NYS Family Planning Program Chlamydia Screening Performance Improvement Collaborative Data Collection and Calculation Tool

Agency/Site Name:

Instructions: Each month, enter only the '# Tested YTD' and '# Served YTD' for females aged 15-24 based on their first visit of the year. Remaining values will be calculated automatically. '# Tested YTD' should not be greater than '# Served YTD'; neither should be smaller than their corresponding entries in any previous months.

EXCEPTION: since January 2019 starts a new calendar year, # Tested YTD and # Served YTD will be smaller than those reported in January

Unduplicated Clients	Visit Month											
	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19
# Tested YTD												
# Served YTD												
Percentage Tested YTD												
# Tested Current Month												
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Instructions for Using Clinic Visit Record (CVR) Data to Obtain Monthly Percentages of Unduplicated Female Clients, Aged 15-24, Who Were Tested for Chlamydia

Unduplicated client counts of females, aged 15-24, who were newly tested for Chlamydia each month are readily available based on Clinic Visit Record (CVR) data summarized in the "Build A Report" function on the Ahlers website. Obtaining this information will require several simple steps to isolate the number of clients newly tested and served in any given month from those tested and served in any of the previous months of the year. Baseline data for this project will begin with clients newly served and tested in May 2018, and will require the following:

- First, you will need to capture and record the total unduplicated clients served for the year to date (YTD) for April 2018, and aggregate across smaller age groups.
- Second, you will need to capture and record the total of unduplicated clients tested for the year to date (YTD) for April 2018, and aggregate across smaller age groups.
- Next, you will need to follow the same two steps above for May 2018 and then for each subsequent month of interest for the duration of the project in 2018. To obtain the YTD running total for each of the months January through March of 2019, you will need to enter the first day of the new year, i.e., 1/1/2019 for the "From Date," which will in effect restart the YTD running totals of unduplicated clients tested and served.
- Once you have these unduplicated YTD totals, you will need to subtract the YTD served and tested running totals for each month (beginning with April 2018) from the corresponding running totals for the subsequent month of interest (beginning with May 2018).
- The remaining numbers reflect the clients uniquely served and tested during the month of interest, and can be used to calculate the percentage tested for that month.

*** Note: an Excel table is provided for your convenience to use as a data collection and calculation tool. ***

Following are explicit instructions for obtaining this information:

1. Go to the Ahlers website (<http://ahlerssoftware.com/>).
2. Click on client login (in the middle of the page).
3. Enter your User ID and Password, and then click "Log in". Select "Build A Report" from the available remote services listed on the left-hand side of the page (it is the second option from the top).



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Instructions for using CVR Data to Obtain Monthly Percentages

PIC Webpage: nysfptraining.org

Performance Improvement Collaborative

Chlamydia Screening Performance Improvement Collaborative

Overview and Guidance Documents

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- [Instructions for Reporting Chlamydia Tests](#)
- [Chlamydia Screening PIC Monthly Tracking Tool](#)
- [Chlamydia Screening Change Package](#)

What Do You Want to Accomplish?

- Performance Goal
 - Big picture goal for performance measures
 - E.g., Increase % of women 15-24 years of age who were identified as sexually active and who had at least one test for chlamydia in the reporting month from 50% to 60%
- Aim Statements
 - Smaller interim goals to help you define if your planned activities are successful – to track movement towards your performance goal





Goal Setting

- Aim for a benchmark:
 - 2016 Title X Average = 61.5%
 - 2016 New York State Average = 62.2%
 - 2016 HEDIS (Medicaid) = 57.3%
- Set a percentage increase e.g.,
 - 50% improvement over baseline
 - Increase of 20 percentage points



Performance Goals

- Review your baseline data and think about what performance goal makes sense for you.
- Write it on your improvement plan.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Performance Goal
% of women 16-24 years of age who were identified as sexually active and who had at least one test for chlamydia in the reporting month	50%	54%	60%								

Model for Improvement

An aim statement:

- ✓ Helps create a shared vision
- ✓ Defines the scope of your quality improvement
- ✓ Defines what you are working towards
- ✓ Is a commitment to achieve improvement
- ✓ Has a definite timeline
- ✓ Has quantified goals



Aim Statement

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By how much?

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TIPS: Be Specific

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Develop an Aim Statement

Aim Statement



What is it and how can it help me?

An aim statement summarizes the goal of your quality improvement effort. Specifically, it defines what do you hope to achieve; your target population; how you will measure your success; and the time needed.

An aim statement

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How to use this tool

1. Assemble a team of staff to participate in the quality improvement effort. Work together to answer the following questions:

Component	Text
What?	
For whom?	
How much?	
By when?	

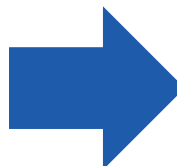
2. Combine the elements above into a complete aim statement:

Aim Statement:

Example: Increase the percentage of women from providers use standard of care language script from 25% to 50% by December, 2018.

Checklist

- ☐ **Control:** Is this something you have control over?
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Poster Session

- Each group to create a poster:
 - What do you want to accomplish?
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 - What changes can you make that will result in improvement?
- Be creative! We strongly support pictures, charts, graphs...

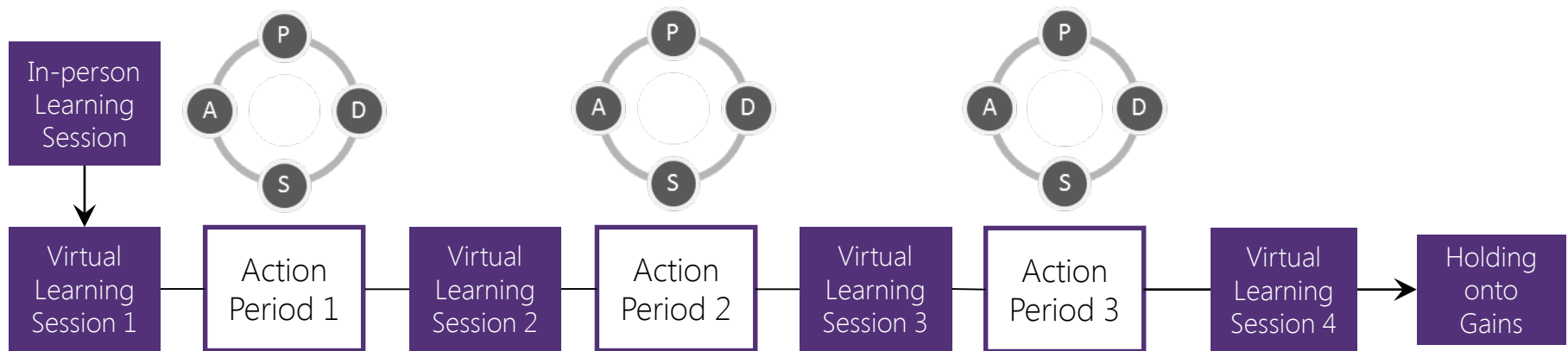


Next Steps and Wrap-Up

- How will you bring back this action planning process to the rest of your team?
- Thinking about your aim statements and barriers discussed today, do you have everyone you need on the team?
 - Front desk, billing/finance, clinical staff
- Do you have a regular meeting time for team to move action plan forward?



Breakthrough Series Learning Collaborations Model



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In-person launch

Oct-March
Online sessions

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February	Flexible session (topic TBD)
March	Lessons Learned and Scale Up

What We Expect from You

- Consistent participation on the learning sessions
- Monthly submissions
 - Site-level chlamydia screening data
 - Updated improvement plan

What was most valuable?

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Between Now and Then

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- [Chlamydia Screening Change Package](#)

QI e-Learning Course

- Introduction to QI for Family Planning
- QI Methodologies:
Using the Model
for Improvement
- Data-Driven QI
- Implementing
Sustainable QI
- Building a Culture
of Quality for Family Planning



Reflection

What is the first thing you'll do when you return to your workplace?



Please complete the evaluation before you leave!



Evaluation

Please take a minute to share your feedback on today's session. We rely on your input to improve future learning collaborative sessions. Thank you advance for your time!

1. This question relates to the meeting objectives. Please rate your confidence level for each item listed below ranging from 1 (not at all confident) to 5 (very confident).

	1 NOT AT ALL confident	2	3 Moderately confident	4	5 VERY confident
Describe the best practice recommendations outlined in the <i>Chlamydia Screening Change Package</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Describe how the Model for Improvement can be used in your setting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Develop at least two aim statements to guide FDSAs in your improvement plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Identify at least two changes to test through FDSAs based on strategies suggested in the change package and experience of other teams	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. What did you find most valuable about today's meeting?

3. What is one thing that would have made this meeting better?

4. Other comments/general feedback:

Thank you for your feedback!

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