

How to Use ASTHMA IQ for Practice Improvement

Practice Improvement

The Practice Improvement module consists of 3 stages. The active stage is highlighted below. For more information click the "Learn more" buttons.

Stage A - Create Plan

Status: Create Improvement Plan
Plan creation can begin

Total patient visits: 10

10 patient visits are required.
A larger number is recommended, as many improvement criteria will only apply to a subset of patients.

Baseline Period
Baseline Start: 01/02/2008
Baseline End: 01/19/2008

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View Improvement Plan Progress

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The Asthma Practice Improvement Module (PIM) is a self-evaluation tool designed to give you a snapshot of your practice. You will see how your outcomes and processes of care for your patients compare with the EPR-3 Guidelines for managing asthma. The goal of the PIM is to improve the quality of patient care.

Completion of the PIM in the ASTHMA IQ program is designed to fulfill the requirements of demonstrating practice improvement to satisfy Part 4 of the Maintenance of Certification process of the American Board of Allergy and Immunology.

The module is divided into 3 separate Stages that must be completed in order. The active Stage is highlighted on this page. All three must be completed to finish the Practice Improvement activity. To learn more, click the more information buttons in each Stage of the Practice Improvement process.

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Stage A – Create Improvement Plan

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? Learn more about Stage A

Create Improvement Plan

The first Stage is the baseline period. During this Stage, patients are entered into the ASTHMA IQ database. In order to create an Improvement Plan, a minimum of 10 patient visits must be entered, but a total of 25 patient visits in the baseline period are strongly recommended. The Stage A summary shows how many visits have been entered and how many more are required. After you have met the minimum number of patients and you decide you have enough patients entered into the ASTHMA IQ database to determine an Improvement Plan, click the Create Improvement Plan button.

To create an Improvement Plan, you will first see a list of asthma quality measures. The baseline percentage for all your patients in the baseline period appears next to each measure. Up to three measures may be selected. You will then have an opportunity to enter a description of how you will make improvements. After the Improvement Plan is created, Stage B, the Monitoring Period, begins.

Notes about the Baseline Period

The Baseline Start is set at 1/1/2000 the first time a Practice Improvement Module is completed. The Baseline End is recorded as the date an Improvement Plan is created.

After all three Stages of the Practice Improvement Module are completed or the Improvement Plan is deleted, the Baseline Start is set to the date of completion or deletion and the cycle can begin again.

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Stage B – Monitor Plan

Stage B - Monitor Plan

Status: 1 more visits are required.

Total patient visits: 4

10 patient visits are required.
A larger number is recommended, as many improvement criteria will only apply to a subset of patients.

Monitoring Period
Monitoring Start: 01/19/2008
Monitoring End: 01/19/2008

? Learn more about Stage B

View Improvement Plan Progress

End Monitoring Period

Delete Improvement Plan

In Stage B you implement your Improvement Plan. You will need to enter a minimum of 10 patient visits, but at least 25 are strongly recommended. It is also expected that it will take you 1 or more months to complete this phase.

You can monitor your progress against your practice improvement goals by clicking the “View Improvement Plan Progress” button. When the required number of patients has been entered and you have decided you have enough patients to report, click the “End Monitoring Period” button.

You may also delete your Improvement Plan during the monitoring phase. This will allow you to start the Practice Improvement plan over again and will set the Baseline Start date to the date the plan was deleted.

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Stage C – Analyze Plan



In the Analyze Plan Stage, you will evaluate how you did in meeting your practice improvement goals by answering a series of questions. If you do not finish the analysis in a single session, you may save your answers to complete the analysis at a later time. You must answer all questions. After all questions are answered, you may print a report summarizing your practice improvement activities. The results will be sent to AAAAI for CME credit and for reporting to ABAI for Maintenance of Certification. AAAAI will automatically alert ABAI when a PIM has been completed and send out a CME certificate to the participant.

After Stage C is completed, you will return to the main Practice Improvement page and Stage A will now be the active Stage. If you need to reprint the Summary Report, you can do this by clicking the “History & Reports” button.

