



Quality Assurance Performance Improvement (QAPI) Resources

A beginning set of resources to support performance improvement is listed below for leaders in long term care. Additional resources will be made available in the future through a resource library that will be available to all nursing homes as part of the national rollout of QAPI.

Institute for Health Care Improvement

IHI uses the Model for Improvement as the framework to guide improvement work. The Model for Improvement, developed by Associates in Process Improvement, is a simple, yet powerful tool for accelerating improvement. Learn about the fundamentals of the Model for Improvement and testing changes on a small scale using Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA) cycles.

<http://www.ihc.org/knowledge/Pages/HowtoImprove/default.aspx>

Quality Improvement Organizations

Each state is served by a Quality Improvement Organization that offers resources and tools for nursing homes. To find your Quality Improvement Organization, see

http://www.ahqa.org/pub/connections/162_694_2450.cfm

Examples of resources and tools available through Quality Improvement Organizations:

Quality Partners of Rhode Island

Find a quality improvement workbook for nursing home teams.

http://www.rqualitypartners.org/2/Site/CustomFiles/Qty_DocMgr/QIWorkbook.pdf

Stratis Health

The following recorded webinars cover some basic principles of QI and can be use for staff education: Quality improvement basics for nursing homes, Change management, Facilitating group agreement

<http://www.stratishealth.org/events/recorded.html>

Oklahoma Foundation for Medical Quality

Provides tools and resources for nursing homes.

<http://www.ofmq.com/nhtoolsandresources>

Advancing Excellence in America's Nursing Homes National Campaign

The Campaign has numerous resources and tools to help nursing homes improve in eight different areas. http://www.nhqualitycampaign.org/star_index.aspx?controls=resByGoal



Implementing Change in Long-Term Care, by Barbara Bowers, et al, is a detailed guide for how to engage nursing home staff at all level in the change process.

http://www.nhqualitycampaign.org/star_index.aspx?controls=resManualForChange

The Long Term Care Improvement Guide, developed by Planetree in partnership with Picker Institute, the Guide was created to propel long-term care communities in their improvement efforts. <http://www.residentcenteredcare.org/>

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality offers numerous resources on quality information and improvement.

<http://www.ahrq.gov/qual/qualix.htm>

Health Resources and Services Administration provides quality improvement tools and resources.

<http://www.hrsa.gov/quality/toolsresources.html>

Quality First, philosophy, framework, tools and resources for quality.

American Health Care Association

http://www.ahcancal.org/quality_improvement/quality_first_initiative/Pages/default.aspx

Leading Age

<http://www.leadingage.org/Article.aspx?id=1841>