

Ontario Primary Care Performance Measurement Information Sheet

The Goal:

Health Quality Ontario (HQO) is collaborating with others through the Ontario Primary Care Performance Measurement Steering Committee to provide leadership on a coordinated and sustainable approach to measure and report on primary care performance.

The goal is to determine what aspects of primary care performance are most valuable to measure on a regular basis and the data sources and infrastructure required to support them. Agreement on these measures and support for their collection will drive short-term improvements, support longer term goals and track the impact of policy changes and investments. At the practice level, performance measurement can inform service planning, performance monitoring and quality improvement.

Steering Committee:

The following organizations are represented on the Steering Committee for this initiative: Association of Family Health Teams, Association of Ontario Health Centres, Canadian Institute for Health Information, Cancer Care Ontario, Cancer Quality Council of Ontario, C-CHANGE Initiative, eHealth Ontario, Health Quality Ontario, Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences, Local Health Integration Networks, Ontario College of Family Physicians, Ontario Medical Association, Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Ontario Patient Relations Association, Patients' Association of Canada, Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario.

Background:

In 2012, HQO and the Canadian Institute for Health Information, in collaboration with their partners, held an invitational meeting of senior leaders from key primary care data partners and information users in Ontario. This meeting, the Ontario Primary Care Performance Measurement Summit, resulted in: the preliminary identification of primary care performance measurement priorities in Ontario; and commitment from participating organizations to engage in ongoing collaborative work on primary care performance measurement.

Approach:

Guided by the Ontario Primary Care Performance Measurement Steering Committee, HQO has committed to take forward recommendations on primary care performance measurement priorities to inform a range of future primary care performance measurement activities. The invitational meeting proceedings were widely circulated to inform performance measurement efforts in Ontario. A survey will be circulated broadly in the spring of 2013 to validate measurement priorities and inform the development of a primary care performance measurement framework and the identification of specific performance measures. A technical advisory committee will be established to advise on data sources and infrastructure development. Over time, the framework will be updated in response to changing performance measurement priorities and significant changes in the province's strategic direction.

For more information about the Summit or the work of the Primary Care Performance Measurement Steering Committee, please feel free to email PCPMSummit@hqontario.ca.

