Implementation of the ACS Quality Improvement Framework in Cancer Programs

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# Current State of QI in Cancer Programs’ Standards

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<th>CoC</th>
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<td>1 QI Project required using recognized performance improvement methodology</td>
<td>2 QI Studies required; one of which can be participation in specialty-specific QI database</td>
<td>No dedicated QI project required</td>
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<td>Implemented in 2020; Aligned with MBSAQIP QI initiative standard</td>
<td>Revised standard will align with CoC requirements (implementation in 2024)</td>
<td>Each year, program must do a compliance audit for 13 standards and implement action plans</td>
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QI Framework Focus Group

- Focus groups to review the Framework
  - Varying degrees of familiarity with QI
  - Varying positions (quality coordination, Physician quality lead, oncology navigator, etc)

- Volunteers responded to three questions using a 1-9 scale
  - Clarity
  - Adding strength
  - Presenting significant barriers or challenges

Call for volunteers—Early June
- Open to any CoC/NAPBC/NAPRC member

Focus Group 1: June 21
- Introduce the Framework and rating system
- Volunteers independently rate criteria

Focus Group 2: June 28
- Volunteers discuss items in open discussion

Focus Group 3: July 28
- Volunteers discuss practical implementation
30 day follow up
Implementation challenges

Culture
Communication
Resources
Results

Generally:
- Positive feedback to the Framework and standardizing QI processes
- Volunteers liked having a structured template, criteria to guide projects

Considerations:
- Areas of criteria that may be overlapping
- Including an “NA” or “unable to assess” option
- Different program types (some settings have fewer resources or dedicated QI staff)

Questions that remain:
- What education and training is needed for staff and leadership?
- What information is needed at the organizational level?
- How can Cancer programs leverage existing infrastructure to strengthen QI projects?
Next Steps

Reach out if you...

1) want to use the framework or any of the tools
2) provide feedback so we can continue to build tools and the framework
3) need help defining a QI project – we’re working with accredited programs now to set up a successful projects for 2023.
4) if you have an example project you think is a great case study that we can share with others
5) want to be notified as new tools are available
Questions?
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