

AHA/HRET Project Assessment Scale

Assessment Scale for Improvement Projects



Guidelines for Use:

- Assessments are progressive, e.g. all elements of a 2 must be satisfied before considering a 3 assessment.
- Evidence of assessments must be documented in the team's monthly reports, storyboards, or similar platforms.
- Except in special circumstances, once the team achieves a score, that score is maintained (or improved) throughout the Collaborative.

Background

- The Project Assessment Scale is modeled off of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's Assessment Scale for Collaboratives.
- This scale gives information on how to assess a team's progress

Assessment	Definitions and Examples
1: Forming a Team to Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Team has signed up to participate in the Collaborative ✓ Target population identified ✓ Aim determined ✓ Information gathered ✓ Baseline data submitted ✓ Team is meeting ✓ Discussion is occurring ✓ Plan for project have been made ✓ Measures selected by the team are aligned with the aim (These items verified through discussion with team leads)
2: Activity with No or Little Changes (sans Improvement)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Project plan has been posted ✓ Process goals are included in plan ✓ Team actively involved in preliminary tasks, such as development tools, education, assessment, information gathering, and discussion ✓ Changes are planned, but not tested ✓ Changes are being tested (in at least one driver), but no improvement measures noted ✓ Components of the model being tested ✓ Data on key measure (in aim) are being reported
3: Modest Improvement to Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Initial test cycles have been completed ✓ Implementation has begun (on several components) ✓ Evidence of moderate improvement in process measures, shown by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Three consecutive months of improvement; ➢ Close the gap between baseline and goal by 50% ➢ Better evidence ✓ Some improvement in (at least one) outcome measure ✓ Some improvement in (at least one) process measure ✓ PDSA test cycles on all components of the Change Package ✓ Changes implemented for changes in half of the drivers where changes are being Tested
4: Significant Improvement to Sustainable Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Most components of the Change Package are implemented for the population focus ✓ Evidence of sustained improvement in outcome measures, halfway toward accomplishing all of the goals ✓ Plans for spread improvement are in place ✓ Sustained improvement in most outcomes measures, 75% of goals achieved ✓ Sustained improvement in outcome measures and all of the team's process goals have been achieved, as shown in the run chart (or control chart rules) ✓ Measures are within 90% of goal ✓ Spread to larger population has begun
5: Outstanding Sustainable Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ All components of the Change Packages are underway ✓ All goals of the aim have been accomplished ✓ Outcome measures are at best practice levels (e.g. the national benchmark levels) ✓ Spread to another patient population or area of the organization is underway