

32nd Annual Eastern Shore Medical Symposium

Performance Improvement Project Information

Overview:

The goal of continuing medical education programs such as this one is to help healthcare professionals maintain and improve their competence and performance in practice, with the ultimate outcome of improving patient care. To help translate new knowledge into practice, this activity has featured a number of evidence-based measures, which in the opinion of our expert faculty educators, should be implemented into your patient care practices. By your participation in this practice focused project, you may earn up to five additional AMA PRA Category 1 credits.

The Process:

The Clinical Recommendations Packet and Performance Improvement Project Checklist form the basis of reporting for this practice focused project. While attending this activity, please pay careful attention to the emphasis on evidence based practice being highlighted by selected presenters.

At the conference: Using the Performance Improvement Project Checklist (Part 1)

- Select three (3) of the clinical recommendations made by the presenters you want to explore. Your selections should be appropriate to your own practice environment.
- Identify what you intend to do in your practice relating to each clinical recommendation you select.
- Indicate your level of commitment to implementing each of the selected clinical recommendation in your practice.
- Indicate your current assessment of how well you believe you comply with each clinical recommendation in your practice.
- Complete the demographic section of the Checklist and return Part 1 to the registration desk before you leave the conference. Keep a copy for your files.

When you get back to your practice: Using the Performance Improvement Project Checklist (Part 2):

- For each of the selected clinical recommendations, examine your current practice by reviewing five (5) patient charts from the past 6 months whose care relates to the clinical recommendation.
- Assess your actual performance in relation to the selected clinical recommendation. Were you compliant with the guideline or evidence presented at the conference?
- Go online (<http://jeffline.jefferson.edu/jeffcme/FamilyMedicineCME/>) to complete a brief report on the results of your assessment. (this report should require less than 15 minutes of your time)

Two months after the course, you will receive an email asking you to complete a follow up survey (Part 3). This survey will focus on another mini-chart review to assess how well you have implemented your selected clinical recommendations from the course, and additional actions you may have taken to implement these recommendations. The survey itself should require less than 15 minutes of your time to complete.

Upon completion of all three stages, it is our hope that you will have documented improvements in your practice based on the clinical recommendations made at the conference. In addition, you may claim up to 5 additional Category 1 credits. Professionalism dictates the honest completion of your practice review. Physicians are reminded that the American Medical Association's Code of Ethics states in part "Physicians should claim credit commensurate with only the actual time spent attending a CME activity or in studying a CME enduring material."

If you have questions about this process, please contact the Jefferson Office of CME either by phone (888 JEFF CME) or via email (jeffersoncme@jefferson.edu or joseph.seltzer@jefferson.edu).