

PREVENTION PROJECTS

Building Our Largest Dementia (BOLD) Infrastructure

The MMA-CQI is part of a partnership with the Maine Primary Care Association to increase knowledge, awareness, and accessibility to resources, education, and support for patients and caregivers who have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD).

MMA-CQI is providing technical assistance for the project through training and workflow review that includes:

- Creating a training video with an FQHC in Maine around Annual Wellness Visits that is tailored to their EMR
- Compiling resources for provider training on diagnosis of ADRD and refining workflows

Colorectal Cancer Screening Program

The MMA-CQI through a partnership with the Maine Primary Care Association (MPCA) is providing technical assistance to the Colorectal Cancer Screening (CRC) Program that aims to increase colorectal cancer screening rates among Maine people between 45 and 75 years of age. The program does this by working with clinics, hospitals, and other health care organizations to implement and strengthen evidence-based interventions and strategies that have been shown to increase colorectal cancer screening.

MMA-CQI is providing technical assistance for the project that includes:

- Assisting in completing required clinical readiness assessments and collecting baseline data
- Assisting in creating and implementing clinical planning summaries
- Reviewing current policies and assisting with creating health center CRC screening policies
- Providing technical assistance and trainings for Patient Navigators
- Implementing the Chronic Disease ECHO series
- Facilitating monthly office hours discussions with cohorts to determine needs and offering TA

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Creating Innovative Medical and Dental Pathways for HPV Vaccination Education to Increase HPV Vaccination Rates in Maine

(HPV Vaccination Dental Project)

The HPV Vaccination Dental Project, funded by the Maine Cancer Foundation, is a 2-year project focused on building pathways for medical and dental practices in Maine to work together to educate and promote HPV vaccinations for girls and boys ages 9-13 years old. This collaboration will help to spread the message about HPV vaccinations as cancer prevention and increase HPV vaccination rates - thus protecting these adolescents from six different types of HPV-associated cancers.

The project consists of three components for building pathways to educate and promote HPV vaccinations.

Component 1: Medical and dental healthcare professionals at FQHCs with attached dental clinics will receive HPV vaccination education using a Learning Collaborative Model and will implement evidence-based interventions through various quality improvement strategies, such as PDSA cycles, to increase HPV vaccination rates for girls and boys 9-13 years old.

Component 2: Dental healthcare professionals at private dental clinics will receive HPV vaccination education and will pilot a dental-focused infographic to educate their patients and families about HPV vaccinations.

Component 3: Students enrolled in dental professional college programs will receive HPV and HPV vaccination education to raise their awareness of HPV and to empower them to promote and educate patients about the HPV vaccine.

Provider and clinical staff education on HPV and HPV vaccinations is an evidence-based intervention that will increase both the recommendations for HPV vaccinations and the education of their patient populations on why HPV vaccination means cancer prevention. Recent studies have shown that a patient who receives a provider recommendation is four to five times more likely to receive the HPV vaccine. (<https://www.immunize.org/technically-speaking/20160621.asp>)

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