

## Performance Improvement CME

Performance improvement activities describe structured, long-term processes by which a physician or group of physicians can learn about specific performance measures, retrospectively assess their practice, apply these measures prospectively over a useful interval, and re-evaluate their performance.

There are three stages to develop a complete, structured performance improvement activity.

Stage A: Learning from current practice performance assessment.

Assess current practice using identified performance measures, either through chart reviews or other appropriate mechanisms.

Stage B: Learning from the application of PI to patient care.

Implement an intervention based on performance measures selected in Stage A, using suitable tracking tools.

Stage C: Learning from the evaluation of the PI effort.

Re-evaluate and reflect on performance in practice by comparing to the assessment done in Stage A. Summarize any practice, process, and/or outcome changes that resulted from conducting the PI activity.

Physicians wishing to participate should contact the CME office, 467-2517 to receive guidance on appropriate parameters for applying an intervention and assessing performance change.

CME credit: Physicians may be awarded incremental AMA PRA category 1 credit for completing each successive stage of a PI activity. Five (5) credits can be awarded for completion of each of the three stages. Completion of the full PI cycle is not required. Physicians completing, in sequence, all three stages may receive an additional five (5) credits for a maximum of twenty (20) credits.