



# National Conference NFPRHA 2014

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# Agenda

1. Quality in family planning services – What it is? and Why it matters?
2. Two efforts to improve quality in family planning:
  - PPFA
  - OPA-CDC
3. Small group -- consider potential applications to participants' settings
4. Next steps

# BACKGROUND

# What is Quality Health Care?

Quality health care is “doing the right thing for the right patient, at the right time, in the right way to achieve the best possible results”

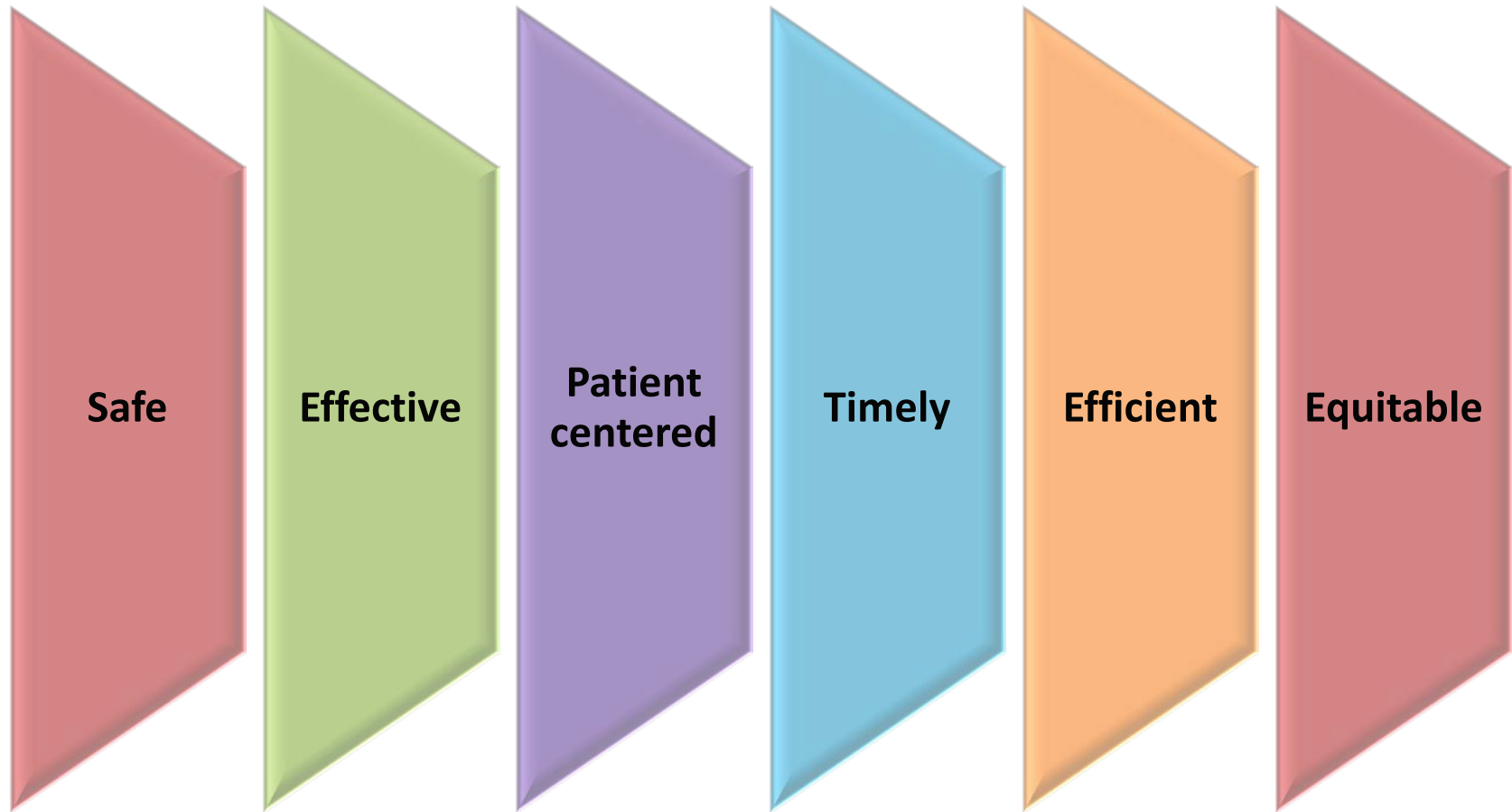
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# Definition: Quality Measures

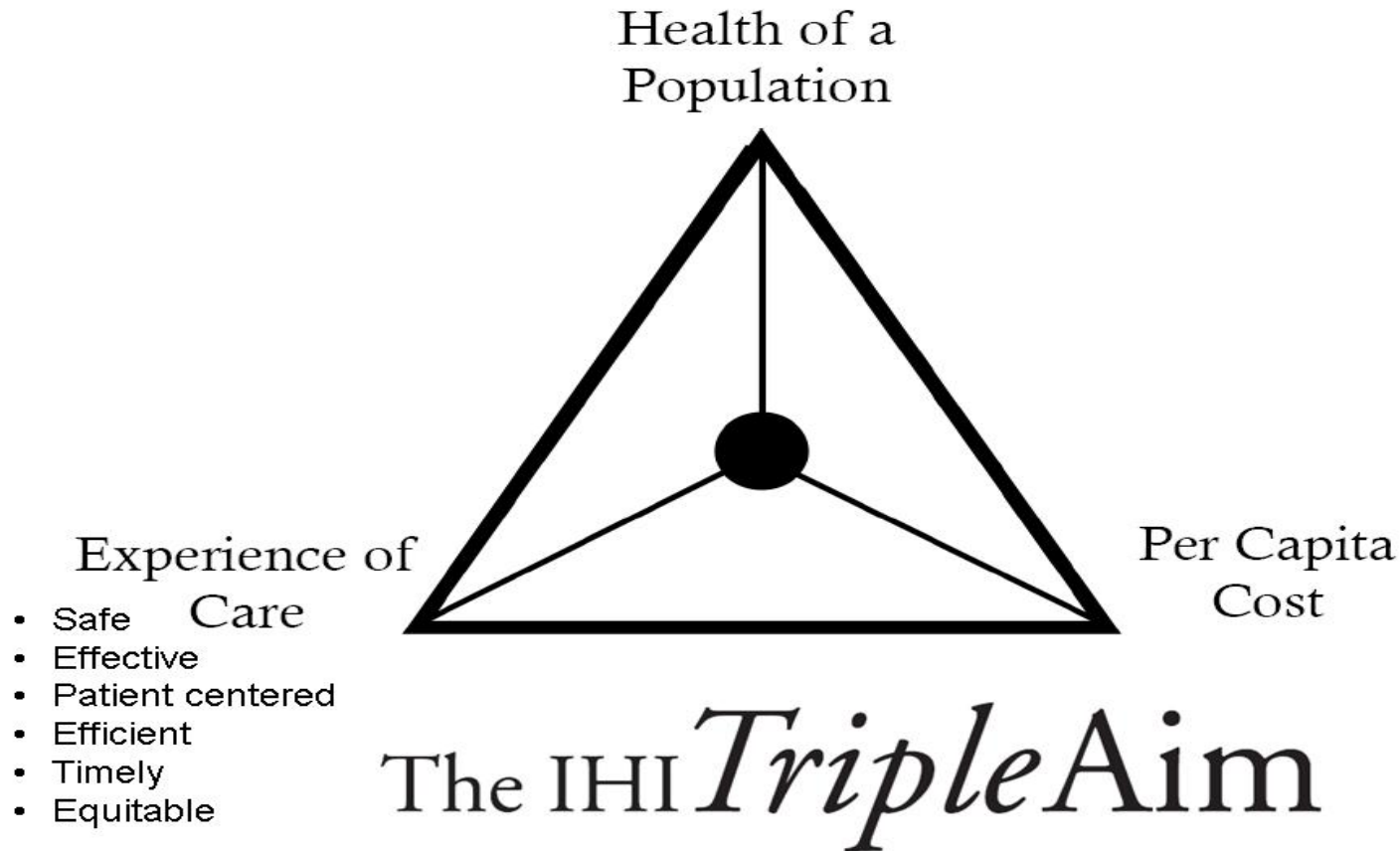
A clinical quality measure is a mechanism used for assessing the degree to which a provider competently and safely delivers clinical services that are appropriate for the patient in an optimal timeframe\*

\* Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

# IOM's Aim: Quality Healthcare Will Be...



# Institute of Healthcare Improvement's Triple Aim



*Better care for individuals, better health for populations, lower per capita costs*

# Why measure?

Drive Improvement

Inform Consumers

Influence Payment



# Responsibility to Stakeholders

## Internal

Board

Staff

Patients

Auditors

## External

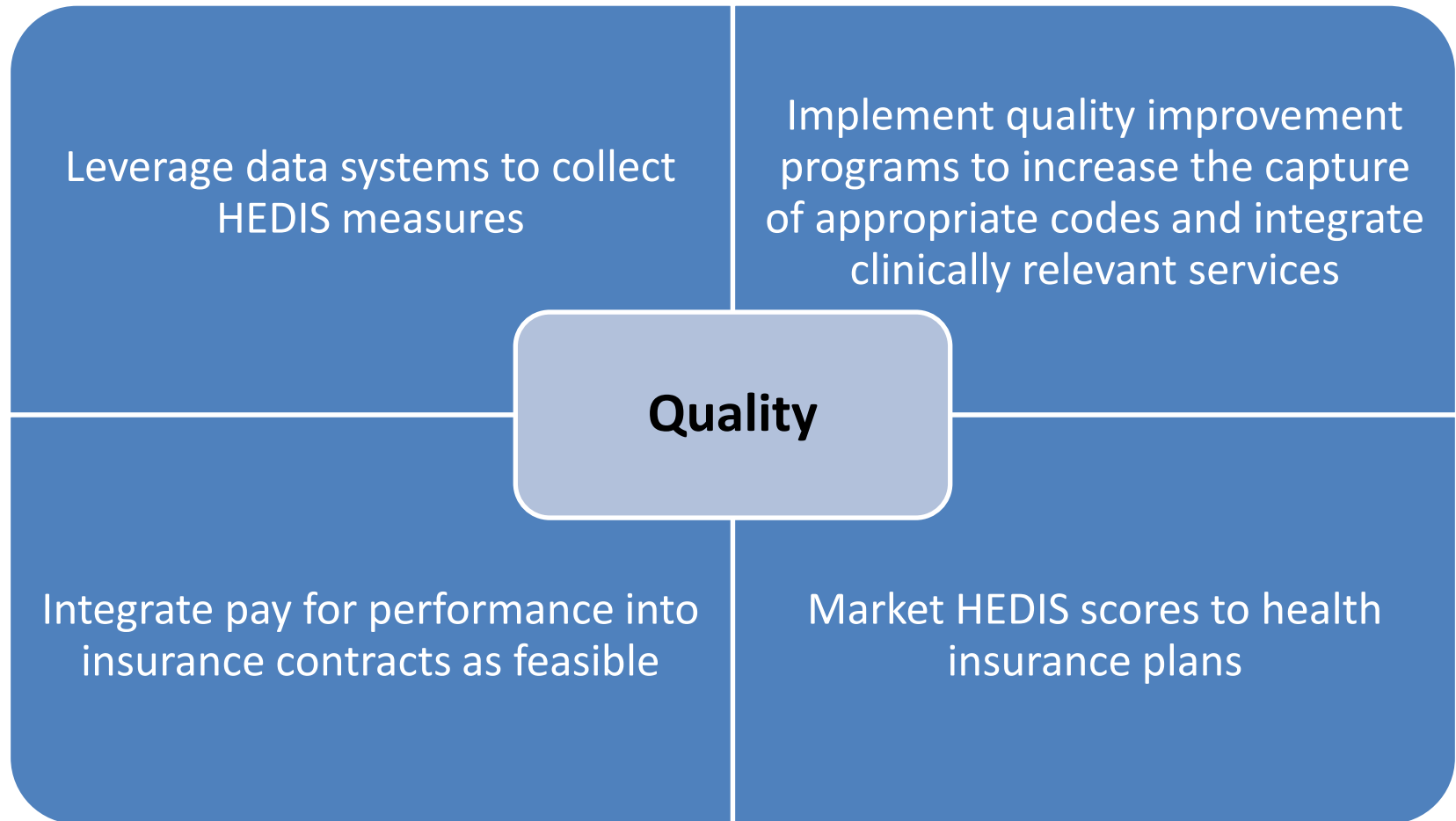
Payers

Meaningful Use

ACO, PCMH

Funders

# Payer Engagement



# QI THEORY

# Institute for Healthcare Improvement: Model for Improvement

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AIM                      What are we trying to accomplish?

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MEASURE              How will we know if the change is an  
improvement?

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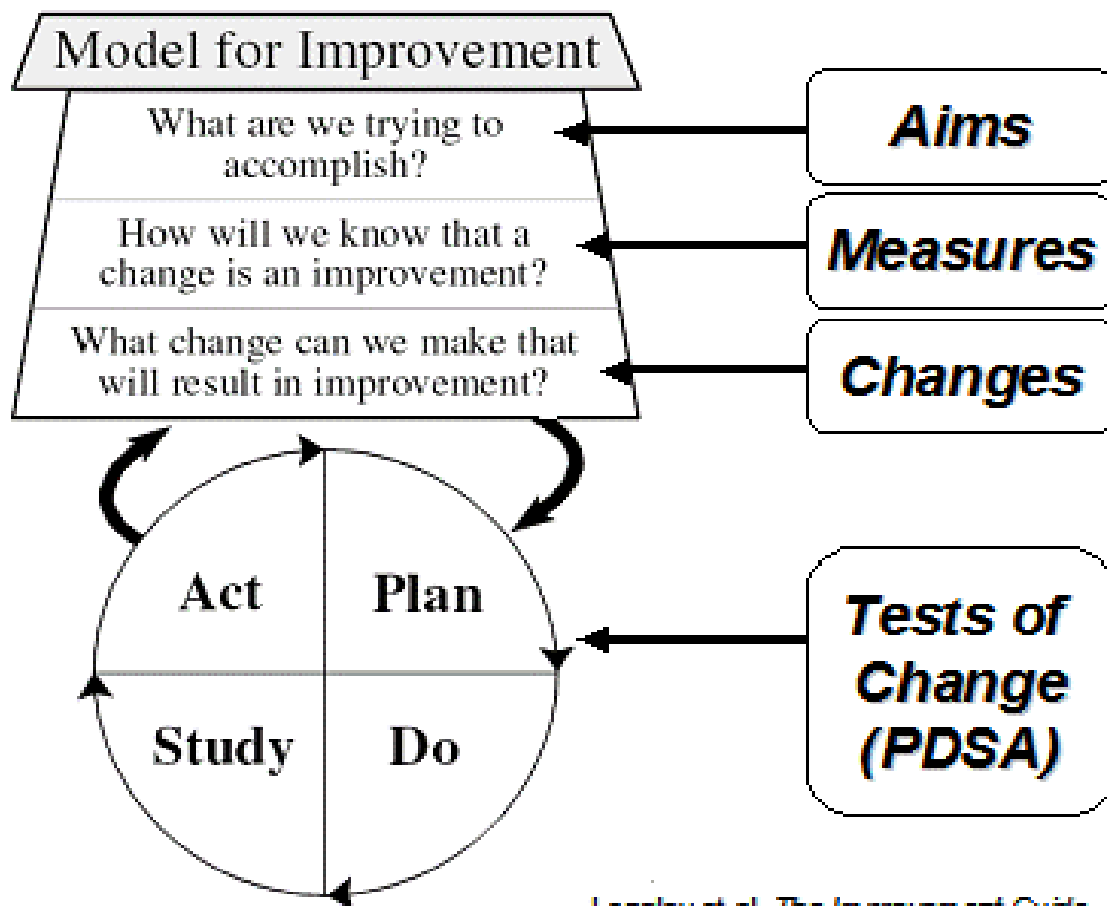
CHANGE                What changes can we make that will result in  
improvement?

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\* All improvement requires making changes, but  
not all changes result in improvement.

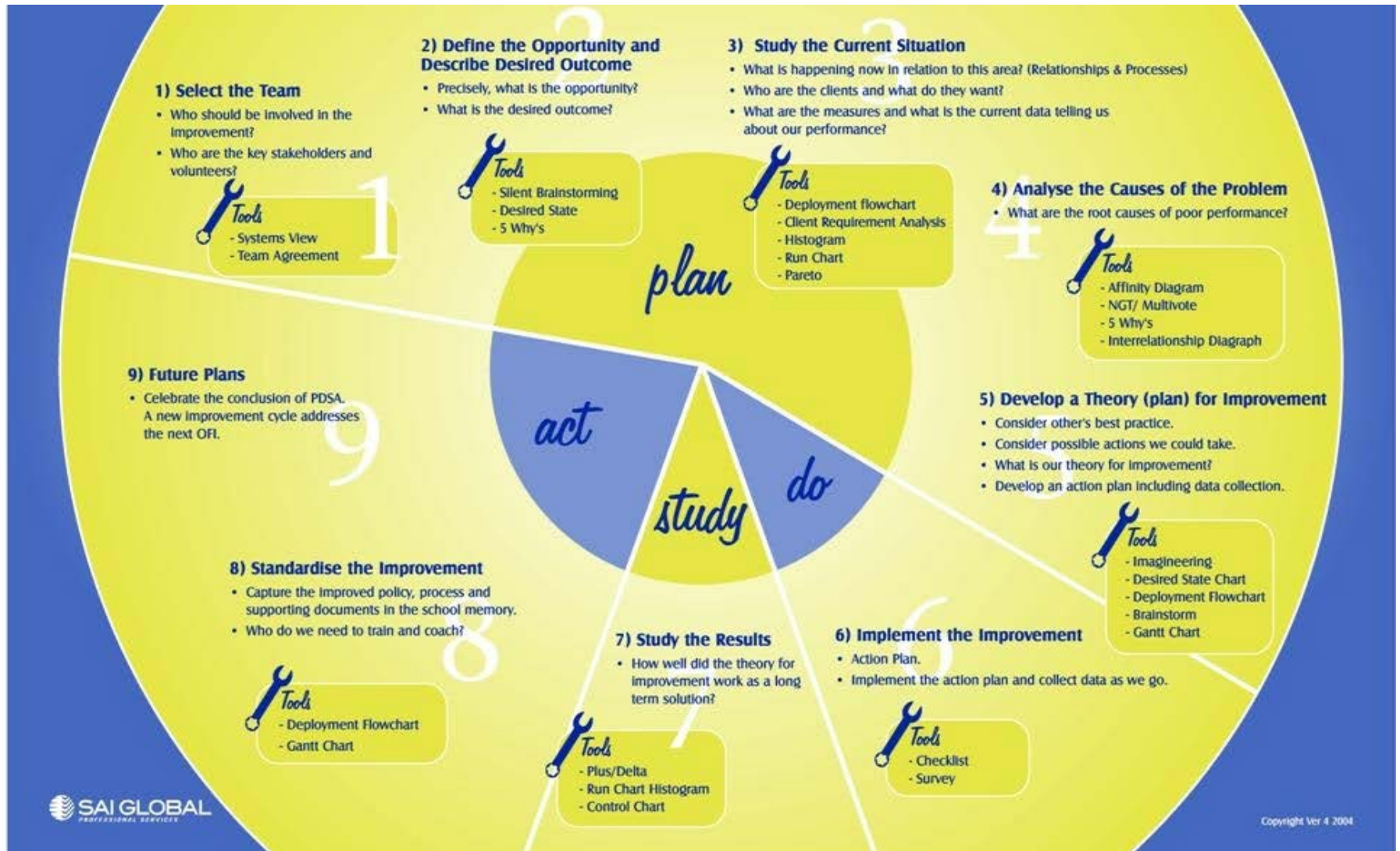
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# Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA)



Langley et al. *The Improvement Guide*, 1996.

# PDSA



# DATA COLLECTION

# Data from PMS and EHRs

- Ability to capture, extract and utilize practice management and clinical patient-level data elements
- Document once, use multiple times
- Gather patient-level data from other information systems to supplement data collected from EHRs
- Structured data vs. free text
- Where to document for MU, reporting, etc.?



# Using data from EHRs for QI

- Use data generated for quality measurement
- May require data analytic tools to track and trend data at health center and provider levels
- Recreate measures using existing specifications (like HEDIS)
- Give feedback to health centers/service sites, providers and care teams
- Engage in quality improvement projects, workflow redesign and improve quality of care

# PPFA AND QUALITY MEASUREMENT

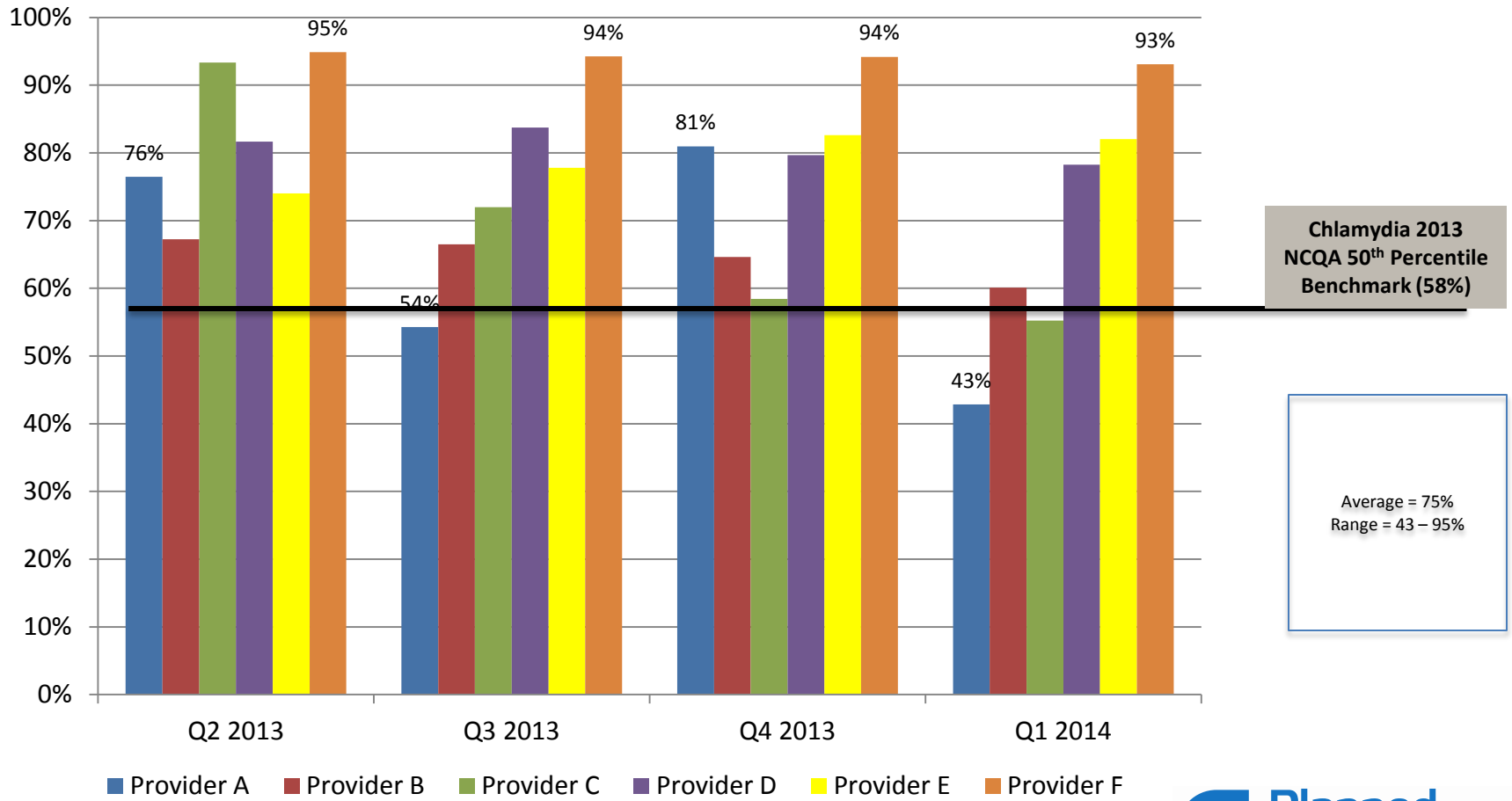


# HEDIS measures built for Planned Parenthood Affiliates

- Data warehouse that serves three-fourths of the affiliates
- Created reports in centralized location that are usable by all
  1. Chlamydia screening (ages 16-24)
  2. Cervical cancer screening (ages 21-64)
  3. Preventing inappropriate cervical cancer screening in adolescent females (ages 16-20)
  4. Body mass index (ages 18-74)
  5. Smoking cessation (18 and over)

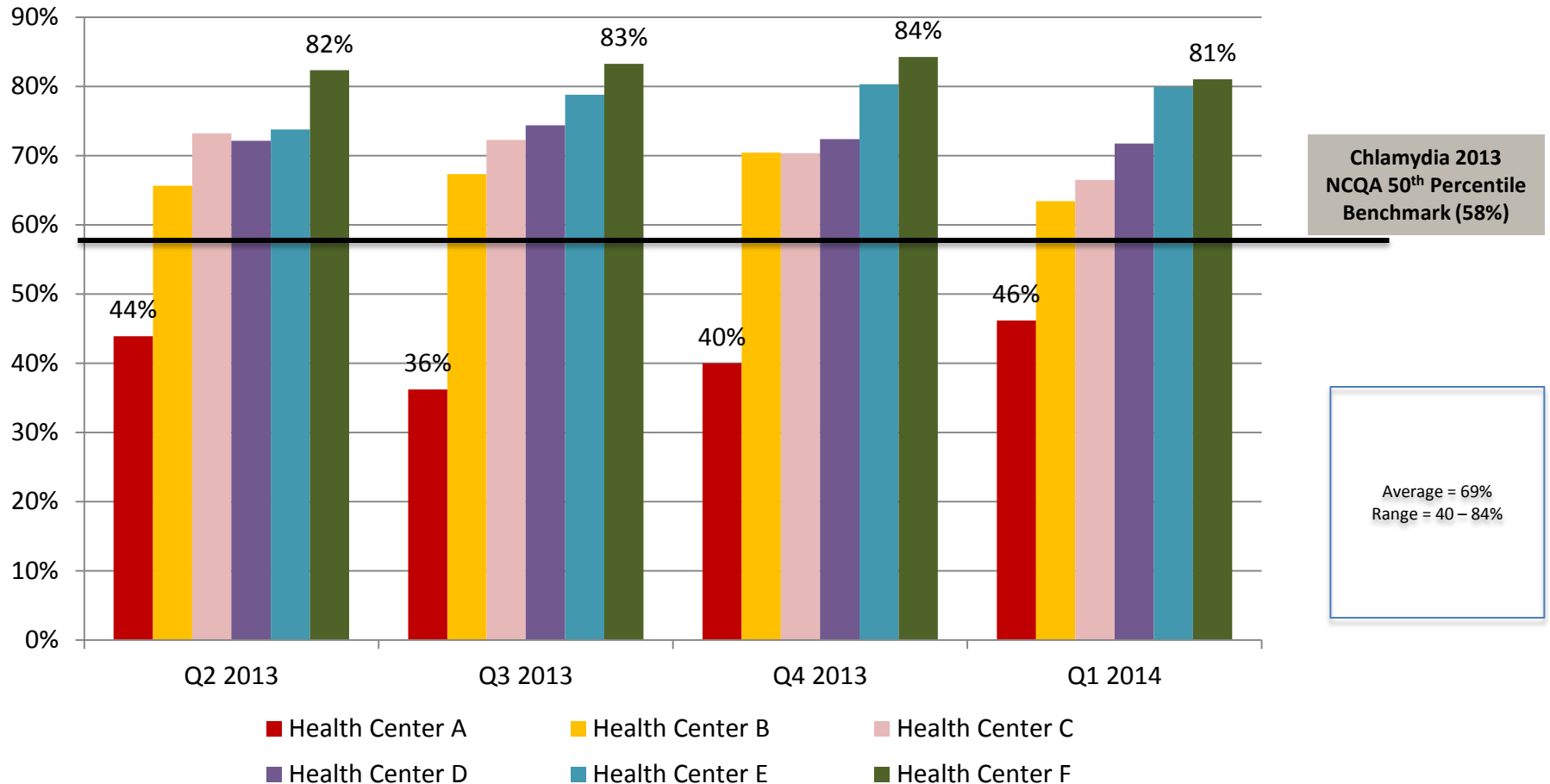
# Chlamydia Screening Results

## Single Affiliate by Provider (n=6)



# Chlamydia Screening Results

## Single Affiliate by Health Center (n=6)



# Example 1

## Change Ideas:

- Developed a script emphasizing annual chlamydia testing for all women under 26
- Created and adhered to standard protocols for chlamydia testing
- Obtained urine samples prior to clinician visit
- Implemented a daily clinic huddle to identify eligible patients for screening
- Provided monthly unblinded health center data on chlamydia screening rates to all health centers

## Lessons Learned:

- Providing unblinded data to each health center can generate friendly competition and motivation
- Reporting transparency led to enhanced provider engagement — providers reviewed their own cases at the patient level
- There was more acceptance toward initiatives that were multidisciplinary and multi-center
- It is important to have standard protocols so that processes and work flow are standardized
- When a new process is implemented, train the clinic manager first and then provide this training to clinic staff through webinars, phone-calls, and in-person
- Give your staff time to adapt to new processes and tools and make sure to follow-up with them to identify barriers, answer any questions and adapt workflows

# Example 2

## Change Ideas:

- Discussed routine chlamydia screening for patients aged 16–24
- Conducted workflow analysis: determined that maximizing screening = maximizing urine collection
- Collected urine prior to patient seeing clinician
- Developed a urine collection log to track samples
- Role-played “patient opt out” talking points with staff
- Disseminated quality reports and made testing rates transparent for all health centers

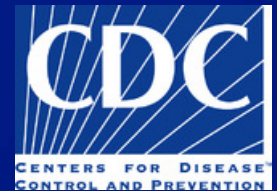
## Lessons Learned:

- A dedicated CQI team is necessary to affect change
- Establish measurable quality improvement goals to work toward
- Educate and engage staff members on CQI initiatives
- Identify and address barriers
- Implement changes identified
- Train users on optimal documentation in the EPM/EHR
- Disseminate data and be transparent when reporting outcomes
- Use leaders to address low performers
- Hold contests to motivate staff to improve scores
- Recognize high performers and most improved performers

# CDC and OPA efforts on Quality Improvement



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# Quality Care

- *Providing Quality Family Planning Services (QFP)* draws on the IOM's (2001) definition of "quality" care

## Improved quality

- Safe
- Effective
- Client-centered
- Timely/ Accessible
- Efficient
- Equitable



Improved  
RH  
outcomes



# QFP Recommendations

## Quality Improvement

- Family planning programs should have a system for quality improvement, which is designed to review and strengthen the quality of services on an ongoing basis.
- They should select, measure and assess at least one outcome measure, for which the service site can be accountable.

# QFP Recommendations

## Quality Improvement

1. Select performance measures
2. Collect data
3. Consider and use the findings
  - What is the performance level?
  - Does performance vary across providers and/or services sites?
  - What are potential causes of poor performance?
  - What are steps that can be taken to improve performance gaps?

# Evidence that QI can work

- **Use performance measures as an intervention (Ivers 2012)**
  - CQI and preventive services during pregnancy (Bennett 2009)
    - Use of CQI in 10 maternity care institutions, 2003-2007
    - Monthly conference calls and semi-annual meeting
    - Postpartum contraception counseling increased from approx. 50% to >80%
  - Performance measures can help identify:
    - What providers/service sites need assistance
    - What sub-populations of the target group may face greater barriers

# Two Key Areas of Focus

1. **Develop validated performance measures**
  - No NQF-endorsed measures for contraceptive services
2. **Support efforts to increase use of performance data**
  - QFP provides recommendations
  - NTCs developing training for how to use data at service site level

# Measures Development

- The National Quality Forum (NQF) endorses measures based on the following criteria:
  - Importance to measure & report
  - Scientific properties
  - Usability
  - Feasibility
- There are currently > 700 NQF endorsed measures, but there are 0 Measures for contraceptive services
- Endorsement would establish credibility and lead to increased use of the measure



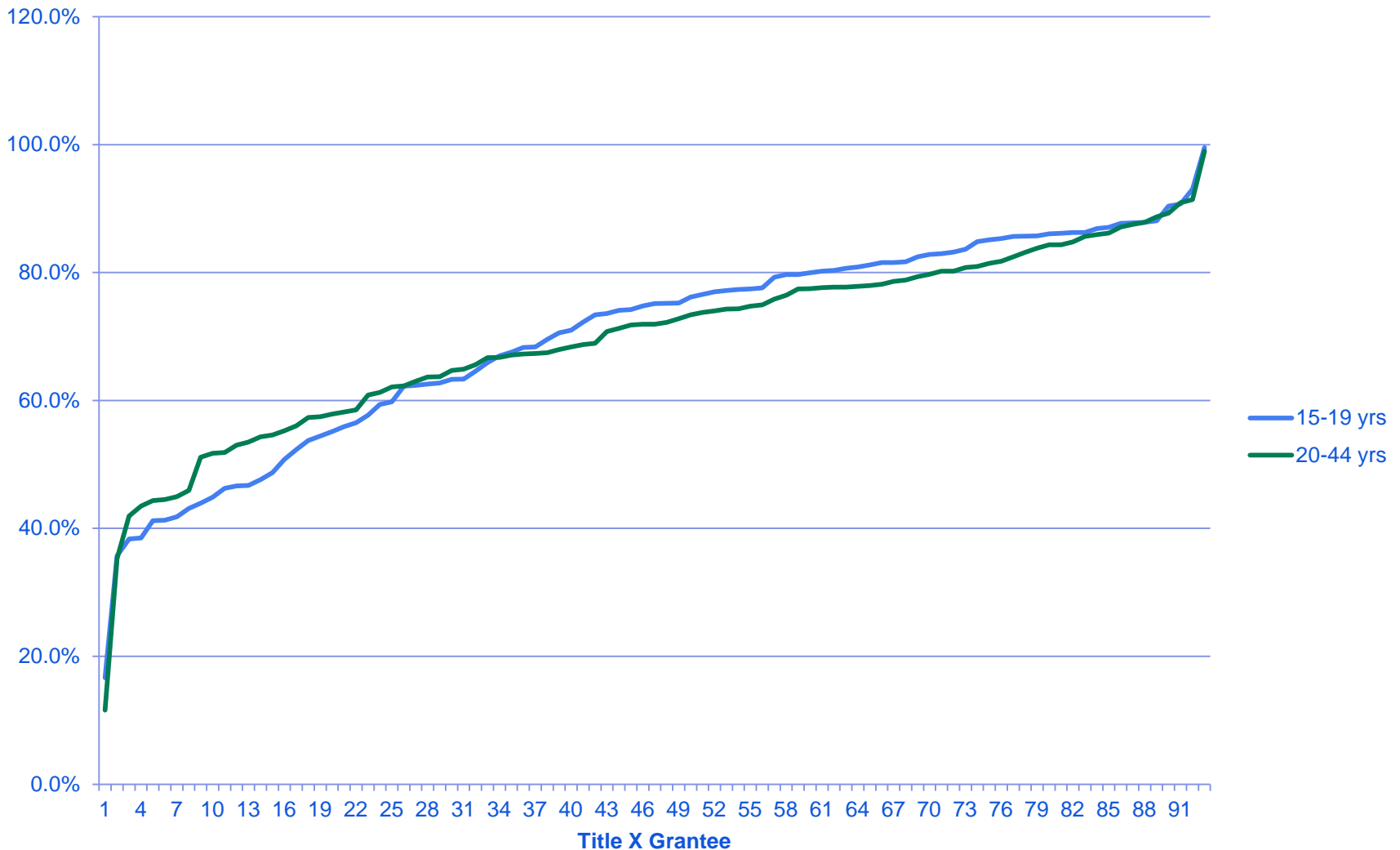


# CDC-OPA Proposed Performance Measures for Contraceptive Services

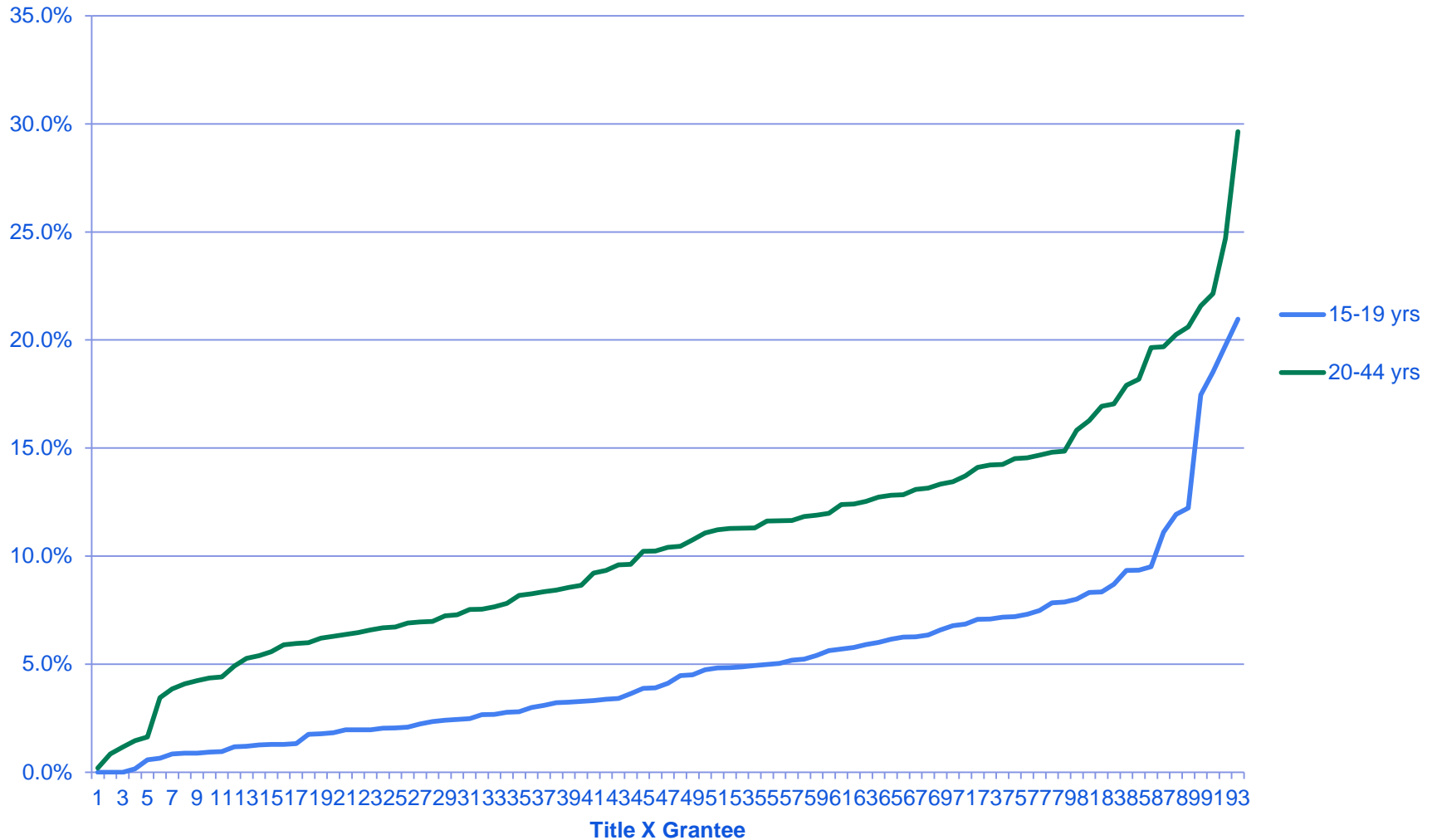
Proportion of female clients aged 15-44 years who received contraceptive services in the past 12 months that adopt or continue use of FDA-approved methods of contraception that are:

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|---|---|
| 1. <b>Most effective</b>                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• male or female sterilization</li><li>• implants</li><li>• intrauterine devices or systems</li></ul> |
| <b>OR</b>   |   |
| <b>moderately effective</b>                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• injectables</li><li>• oral pills, patch, ring</li><li>• diaphragm</li></ul>                         |
| 2. <b>Long-acting reversible contraception (LARC)</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• implants</li><li>• IUD/IUS</li></ul>  |

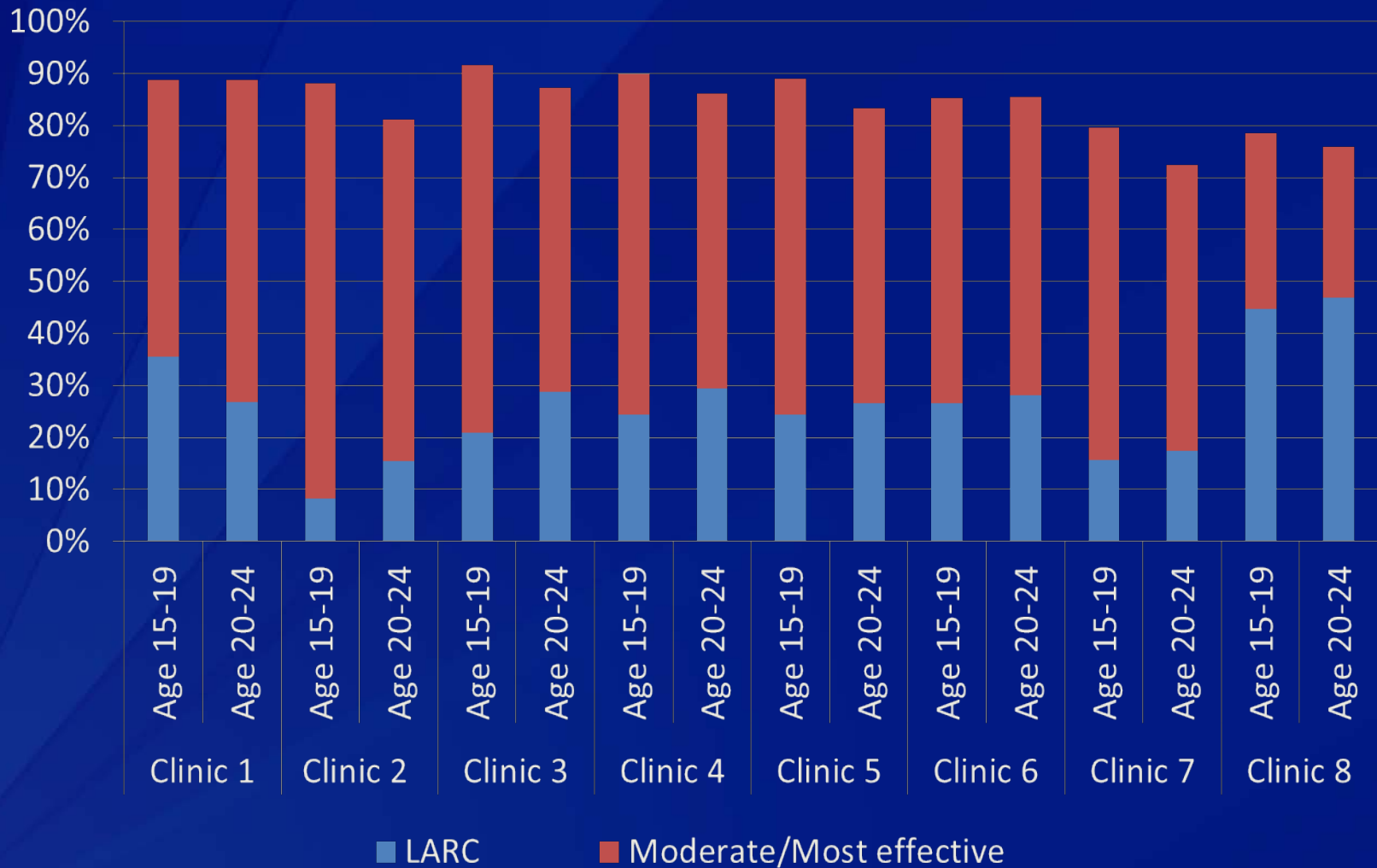
# Percentage of Contraceptive Clients Using Moderately or Most Effective Methods of Contraception, by Title X grantee, Family Planning Annual Report, 2012



# Percentage of Contraceptive Clients Using A Long-Acting Reversible Method of Contraception, by Title X Grantee, Family Planning Annual Report, 2012



# Percentage of family planning clients using most/moderately effective method and LARC, by age and clinic site, Iowa Department of Public Health 2012



# Small Group Breakout: USING Performance Data

1. Review the performance data assigned to your group
2. Assume the data applies to a service site(s) or providers with which you work
3. Answer these questions:
  - What is the performance level overall?
  - Is there a consistent pattern of performance across providers/services sites?
  - What are potential causes of poor performance? How would you explore this?
  - What are possible steps that can be taken to improve performance gaps?
4. Report out to the large group

# NEXT STEPS

# Contraceptive Quality Measures Workgroup

- PPFA brought together 20 organizations to collaborate and develop measures for contraception and reproductive health
- First Measures Workgroup, NYC in June 2013
- Second meeting, D.C. in September 2013; focused on prioritizing potential and developing measures
- Third meeting, January 2014 divided into workgroups by measure

# Workgroup partners (n=21)

National  
**Family Planning**  
& Reproductive Health Association

THE WILLIAM AND FLORA  
**HEWLETT**  
FOUNDATION

**RTI**  
INTERNATIONAL



NATIONAL  
QUALITY FORUM



John Snow, Inc.

**Family PACT**  
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**Planned Parenthood**  
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national partnership  
for women & families



Bixby Center for Global  
Reproductive Health

**OPA**  
OFFICE OF POPULATION AFFAIRS

**ACOG**  
THE AMERICAN CONGRESS  
OF OBSTETRICIANS  
AND GYNECOLOGISTS



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PERMANENTE.



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Family Planning  
Councils of America



**NCQA**



# Goals of the Workshop

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- Build consensus on which measures to develop
- Help prioritize measures to submit for endorsement
- Work in synergy to maximize number of measures being developed
- Each contribute based on area of expertise

# Contraceptive Measures Crosswalk

- Gathered measures developed by partner organizations
- Categorized measures into domains
  - Contraception & RLP
  - STD
  - Cancer
  - Pre, Perinatal & L&D
  - Access & Operational
  - Primary Care

E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
CFHC Category	CFHC Measure Name	Origin	Measure Description	Measure type	Target	Numerator	Denominator
Contraception	Contraceptive Initiation/Maintenance		Percent of Unduplicated Clients (age 19 and under) leaving with a contraceptive method at any visit.	Outcome		Adolescent Clients leaving with a contraceptive method	Adolescent Clients served by agency 1. % Total 2. % Hispanic 3. % White (Non-Hispanic) 4. % African American/Black (Non-Hispanic)
Contraception	Contraceptive Initiation/Maintenance		Percent of Unduplicated Female Clients leaving with an effective method.	Outcome		Women leaving with an effective method (Oral, Hormonal Injection, Implant, IUD, Hormonal Patch, Vaginal Ring and Sterilization)	1. % Total 2. % Hispanic 3. % White (Non-Hispanic) 4. % African American/Black (Non-Hispanic)
Contraception	Contraceptive Initiation/Maintenance		Percent of Unduplicated Negative Pregnancy Test Clients leaving with a method.	Outcome		Women with a negative pregnancy test leaving with a contraceptive method	Women with a negative pregnancy test 1. % Total 2. % Hispanic

# Potential Measures

## Outcome measures

- Use of LARC
- Postpartum contraception
- Postabortion contraception
- Reproductive Life Plan
- Patient Reported Outcomes (PROs)
- Contraceptive Protection Index

# Potential Measures (continued)

- Structure and process measures are important too!
- Safe
- Effective
- Client centered
- Timely/Accessible
- Efficient
- Equitable

# How Can You Get Involved?

- Implement a QI process in your service site!
- Use existing data now
- Develop a plan for strengthening data capacity in the future
- Sign up for the QI Institute Workshop at the National Reproductive Health Conference on August 2, 2014, at: <http://www.ctcfp.org/nrhc/#registration>
- Tell us what we can do to be helpful
- Share your experiences with others

# Resources

- Institute for Healthcare Improvement
  - <http://www.ihl.org/Pages/default.aspx>
  - <http://www.ihl.org/resources/Pages/HowtoImprove/default.aspx>
  
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Guidelines
  - <http://www.cdc.gov/>
  
- National Committee for Quality Assurance – Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set
  - <http://www.ncqa.org/HEDISQualityMeasurement.aspx>

# Thank You!

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