

2017/18 Quality Improvement Plan  
"Improvement Targets and Initiatives"



St. Joseph's Health Care System - Hamilton 50 Charlton Avenue East

AIM		Measure							Change				
Quality dimension	Issue	Measure/Indicator	Unit / Population	Source / Period	Organization Id	Current performance	Target	Target justification	Planned improvement initiatives (Change Ideas)	Methods	Process measures	Target for process measure	Comments
Effective	Effective transitions	Risk-adjusted 30-day all-cause readmission rate for patients with CHF (QBP cohort)	Rate / CHF QBP Cohort	CIHI DAD / January 2015 - December 2015	674*	23.47	19.50	Overall, we would like to reach the HNNB LHIN target of 15.5%, this is a	1)Development and implementation of care pathway.	With the implementation of a new electronic health record, this is a great opportunity to develop a care plan for this group of patients.	Development and use of care pathway.	CHF care pathway is used for 80% of CHF patients by February 2018.	
		Risk-adjusted 30-day all-cause readmission rate for patients with COPD (QBP cohort)	Rate / COPD QBP Cohort	CIHI DAD / January 2015 – December 2015	674*	20.65	15.50	15.5% is the HNNB LHIN and provincial target.	1)Revise care pathway for COPD patients.	While implementing new IT system, this is a great opportunity to review the current care pathway and revise in order to meet our current challenges.	Measure and monitor use of care pathways.	COPD care pathway used for 75% of COPD patients.	
									2)Standardize education for COPD patients.	Engage patients and staff to develop comprehensive education.	70% of COPD patients will receive an education package and Action Plan for discharge while in hospital.	70% of patients.	
		Implement Standards of Practice for Transitions on Seniors Mental Health and Complex Care units.	% / Hospital admitted patients	In house data collection / 2017/18	674*	CB	85.00	This is a new standard of practice which includes multiple elements and responsibilities across team members. This is deemed to be a realistic target.	1)Identify resources and work-flow for 48-hour post-discharge phone calls.	Develop work flow by end of summer 2017	Approved template reported to steering committee.	End of summer 2017	
								2)Identify topic areas for mandatory use of teach-back method.	Review literature and engage staff and patients.	Monitored by Steering Committee	Topic areas identified by June 15, 2017		
								3)Develop toolkits and educational materials for staff.	Review literature, connect with colleagues, engage staff and patients.	To be monitored by Steering Committee.	Completion of education by September 15, 2017		
Patient-centred	Person experience	To ensure that newly admitted patients participate in a conversation regarding their plan	% / Mental health patients	In house data collection / 2017/18	674*	CB	80.00	This is a new practice for these units.	1)To integrate the 48-hour conversation into standard practice on these units.	Components of conversation will include 1) diagnosis or process for arriving at a diagnosis, 2) treatment plans and process for treatment planning, 3) possible barriers to discharge and methods for dealing with those barriers, 4) an expected discharge date	Educational material developed for staff with staff and patient involvement.	Will be monitored by Steering Committee.	
Safe	Medication safety	Improve antimicrobial use in General Surgery.	% / Hospital admitted patients	In house data collection / 2017/2018	674*	CB	75.00	This will build on the antimicrobial stewardship work already	1)Implement a systematic process to complete and document day-3 antibiotic reviews on the General Surgery floor (for surgical	An important piece of this work is incorporating documentation in to daily work flows. This will involve engagement of staff.	Monthly audits beginning April 2017.	Expect to achieve 50% by October 2017, and full implementation by March 2018.	
		Increase the number of patients receiving medication reconciliation at admission in 2 acute	% / Mental health patients	In house data collection / 2017/18	674*	53	90.00	This builds on the work already being done through the organization to	1)Implement a systematic process to complete and document admission medication reconciliation on 9 and 10 acute mental	Use a standardized process for Best Possible Medication History (BPMH) collection.	Monthly audits beginning April 2017.	To have full implementation by March 2018.	
	Staff Safety	Implementation of the Safewards program on 10 Mental Health and Addiction units.	Number / Mental health patients	In house data collection / 2017/2018	674*	5	15.00	The organization has a goal to implement this program to all of our Mental	1)This model by Len Bowers in the UK has gained international attention for its simplicity and effectiveness. There are 8	Education for staff is the main method of this implementation.	Will be monitored by the Steering Committee	The first 4 modules will be implemented by June 2017 and the second 4 modules	Attention to sustainability will be required on an on-going basis.
Timely	Timely access to care/services	Decrease the percent of patients who re-visit the Emergency Department for Mental Health or Substance Use concerns within 30 days of initial visit by April 2019. Year 1: establish LHIN	% / Mental health patients	CIHI NACRS / 2018/19	674*	21.6	16.30	This initiative will be implemented over a 2-year period.	1)Reduce unnecessary ED visits via EMS presentation for individuals with MH needs.	To be determined through collaboration with LHIN steering committee.	Will be monitored by the Steering Committee	Model proof of concept by June 2017	
								2)Provide a safe alternative to ED for patients presenting with primarily alcohol intoxication.	exact methods to be determined by LHIN steering group	To be monitored by the Steering committee	Proof of concept to be launched by Fall 2017 (pending approval of proposal)		