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# Identifying factors influencing implementation of evidence-based practices for cancer prevention and control in community health centers (CHCs): Development of a multi-state CHC survey

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# CPCRN

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- 10 CPCRN sites are funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Cancer Institute
- Focus is on Dissemination and Implementation (D&I) of evidence-based approaches (EBAs) and interventions (EBIs)



National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC)

Primary Care Associations

Partnership Committee

Community Health Centers (CHCs)

Align with CHCs' missions

Guided by real world health policy & health care delivery landscapes

CHC Survey Subgroup

FQHC Workgroup

Qualitative Inquiry Subgroup

Affordable Care Act  
Meaningful Use of EHR  
Patient-Centered Medical Home

Data Subgroup



## Collaborating CPCRN Survey Sites

- Emory University\*
- University of California Los Angeles\*
- University of Colorado\*
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- University of South Carolina\*
- University of Texas Houston\*
- University of Washington\*
- Washington University at St. Louis\*



## Goal of Cross-Site Survey

- To improve cancer control efforts at Community Health Centers (CHCs), the CPCRN engaged national, state, and local stakeholders to develop a comprehensive survey assessing factors associated with implementation of evidence-based practices (EBPs) for cancer control in CHCs.



# Key Partners

- National Association of Community Health Centers
- Primary Care Associations (PCAs)
- FQHCs



# Multiple Recruitment Strategies

- Sites partnered with their state's PCAs; PCAs emailed their CHCs
- Sites recruited CHCs via email, telephone calls, or in-person meetings
- One site directly invited clinics to complete the survey via email and telephone calls.
- Introductory email with online survey link; 4 reminder emails; in-person meeting (one site)
- January - May 2013
- IRB approval at each site and coordinating center (UNC-CH)

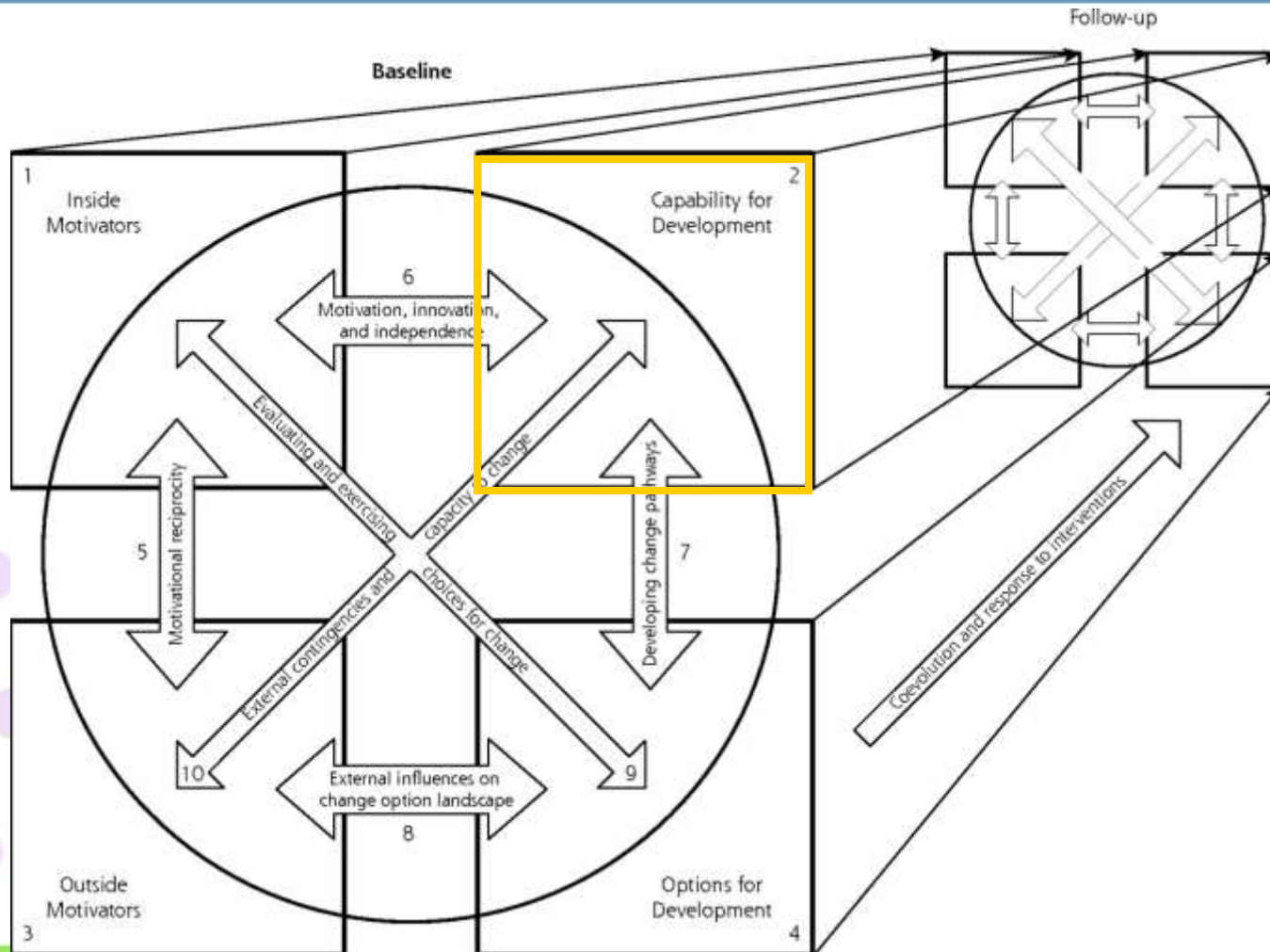




# Main CHC Survey

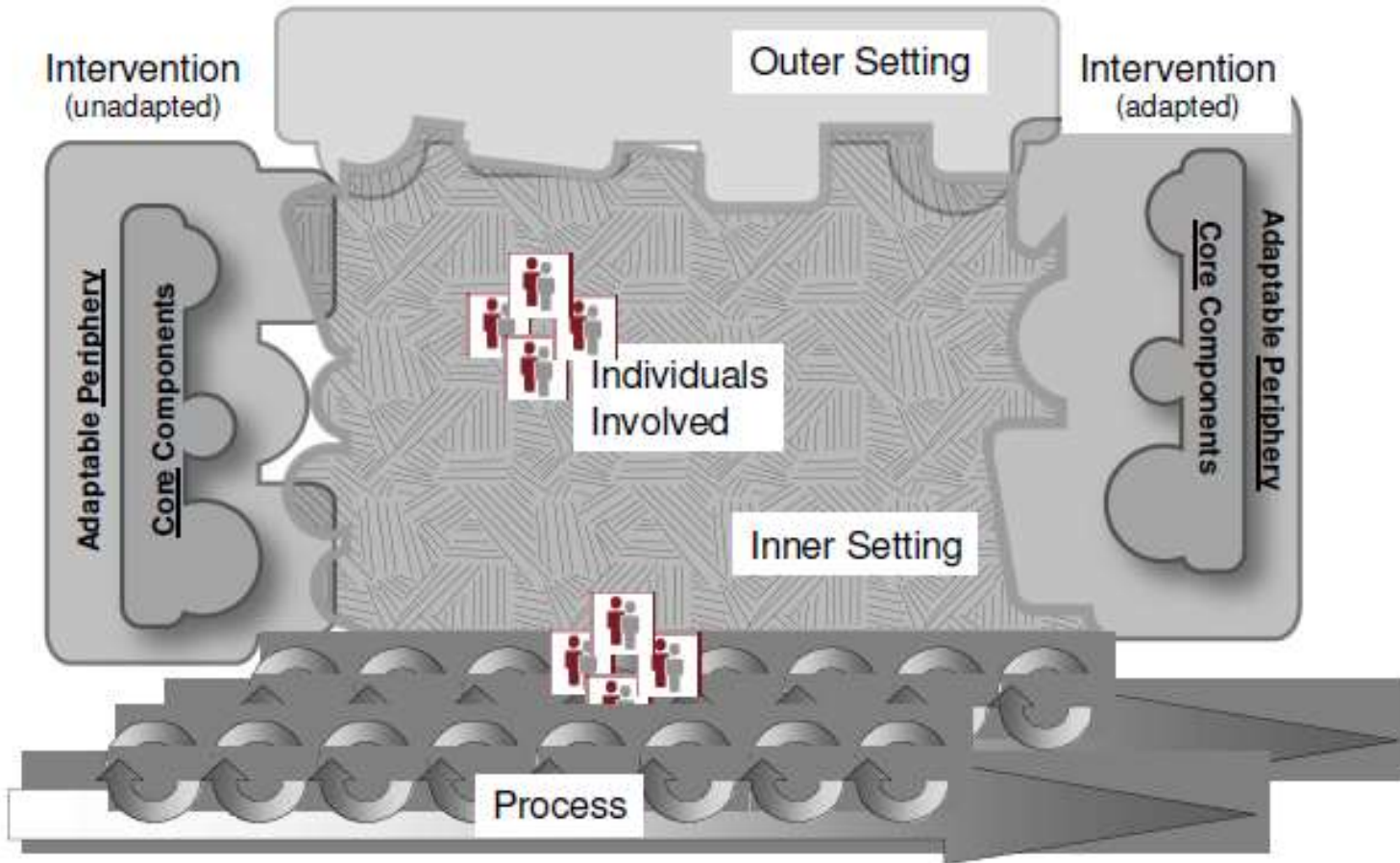
- Guided by:
  - Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH)
  - Practice Change and Development (PCD) Model
  - Consolidated Framework for Implementation Research (CFIR)
- Practice Adaptive Reserve (PAR) Scale

# Practice Change and Development Model



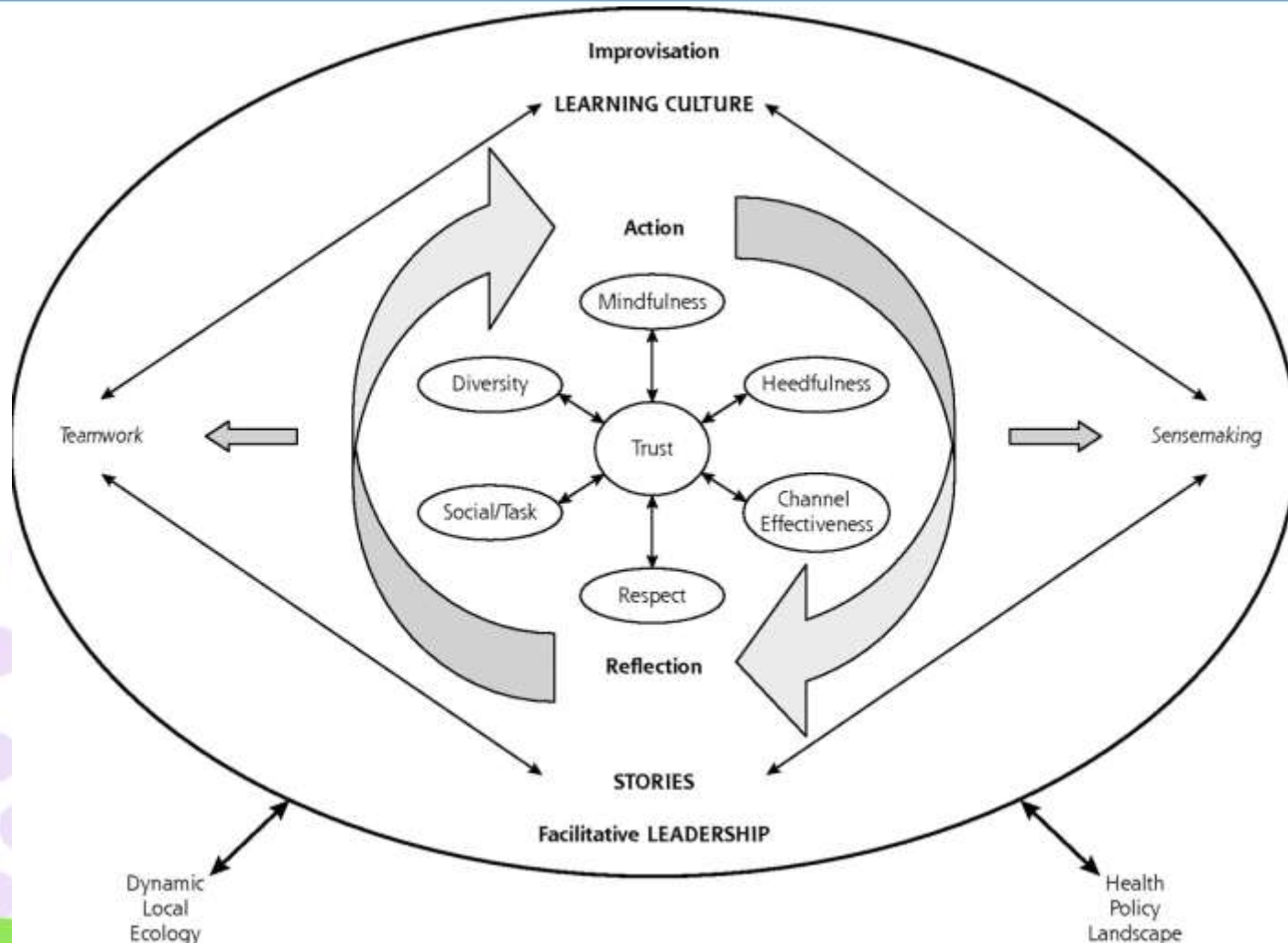
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Figure 1: Major Domains of the CFIR



# Practice Adaptive Reserve

enhances resilience & facilitates adaptation and development





# Survey Development

- Measures developed based on Community Guide recommendations and PCMH model of best practices
- During annual CPCRN meeting, D&I experts selected key constructs from the CFIR to be assessed
- Literature review conducted to identify published measures related to CFIR constructs; adapted for survey
- Consensus on final items reached through workgroup discussions and consultations with stakeholders
- Pilot tests performed with clinic staff in 3 CHCs from 2 states



# Main CHC Survey - Content

## Sections:

- A - Clinician Questionnaire** – clinical practices section  
23 item Practice Adaptive Reserve (PAR) Scale
- B - Primary colorectal cancer (CRC) screening modality recommended at clinic**
- C - 4 Community Guide EBIs to increase CRC screening:**  
Provider reminders, Patient reminders  
One-on-one education, Provider assessment and feedback  
EBI specific CFIR items
- D - 8 CRC screening best practices** - PCMH standards  
How often performed best practices in past month
- E - Demographics** - age, gender, race and ethnicity, languages spoken, number of hours/week and years worked at clinic



# Clinic Characteristics Survey - Content

- Characteristics of patients served
- Number of encounters
- Staffing - FTEs & shortages
- Electronic Health Records use
- Ease to generate information & accuracy of data
- CRC screening best practices
- Community Guide EBAs
- Provider reminder implementation
- Feedback on CRC screening performance measures
- CDC funding of CRC screening program
- CRC screening reporting to outside organization



**Table 1. Response rates by state**

	California	Colorado	Georgia	Missouri	South Carolina	Texas	Washington
No. of clinics	6	21	5	1	10	15	18
No. of respondents	28	58	26	5	23	87	100
Range of respondents per clinic	3-10	1-7	4-6	5	1-8	3-9	2-10
Actual No. recruited	NA	NA	NA	10	NA	NA	154
Response rate <sup>^^</sup>	NA	NA	NA	50%	NA	NA	65%
Estimated No. recruited <sup>^</sup>	60	210	50	10	100	150	180
Estimated response rate <sup>^^^</sup>	47%	28%	52%	50%	23%	58%	56%

No = number

<sup>^</sup> Estimated No. recruited is based on the quota established for the survey = 10 per clinic.

<sup>^^</sup> No of respondents/ actual No. recruited

<sup>^^^</sup> No. of participants/ estimated No. recruited





# Significance

- First large-scale, multi-state survey examining current levels of implementation of EBPs and PCMH best practices for cancer prevention and control
- First multi-state survey to examine determinants from the CFIR on implementation of evidence-based cancer control interventions in CHCs



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# **Adaptive Reserve at Community Health Centers: The Cancer Prevention and Control Research Network Multi-state Survey**

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# CPCRN CHC Survey

- Convenience sample of CHC clinics from 7 states
- Completed May 30, 2013
- 327 providers, nurses, MAs, QI/operations staff

Primary CRC Screening Test promoted in CHCs	Frequency	Percent %
Colonoscopy	92	29.11
<b>Fecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT) - at home</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>45.57</b>
<b>Fecal Immunochemical Test (FIT) - at home</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>23.42</b>
Sigmoidoscopy	1	0.32
None	5	1.58
Total	316	100

Missing Frequencies =11

# Clinic Characteristics Survey - Content

- Patients served
  - Uninsured, below poverty level, LEP, race/ethnicity
- Number of encounters
- Staffing - FTEs & shortages
- EHR
- Ease to generate information & accuracy of data
- PCMH best practices
- 8 Community Guide EBAs
- Provider reminder implementation
  - Pressures, incentives, alignment with QI
- Feedback on CRC screening
- CDC funding of CRC screening program
- CRC screening reporting to outside organization
  - Scores well – additional income/reimbursements/other rewards

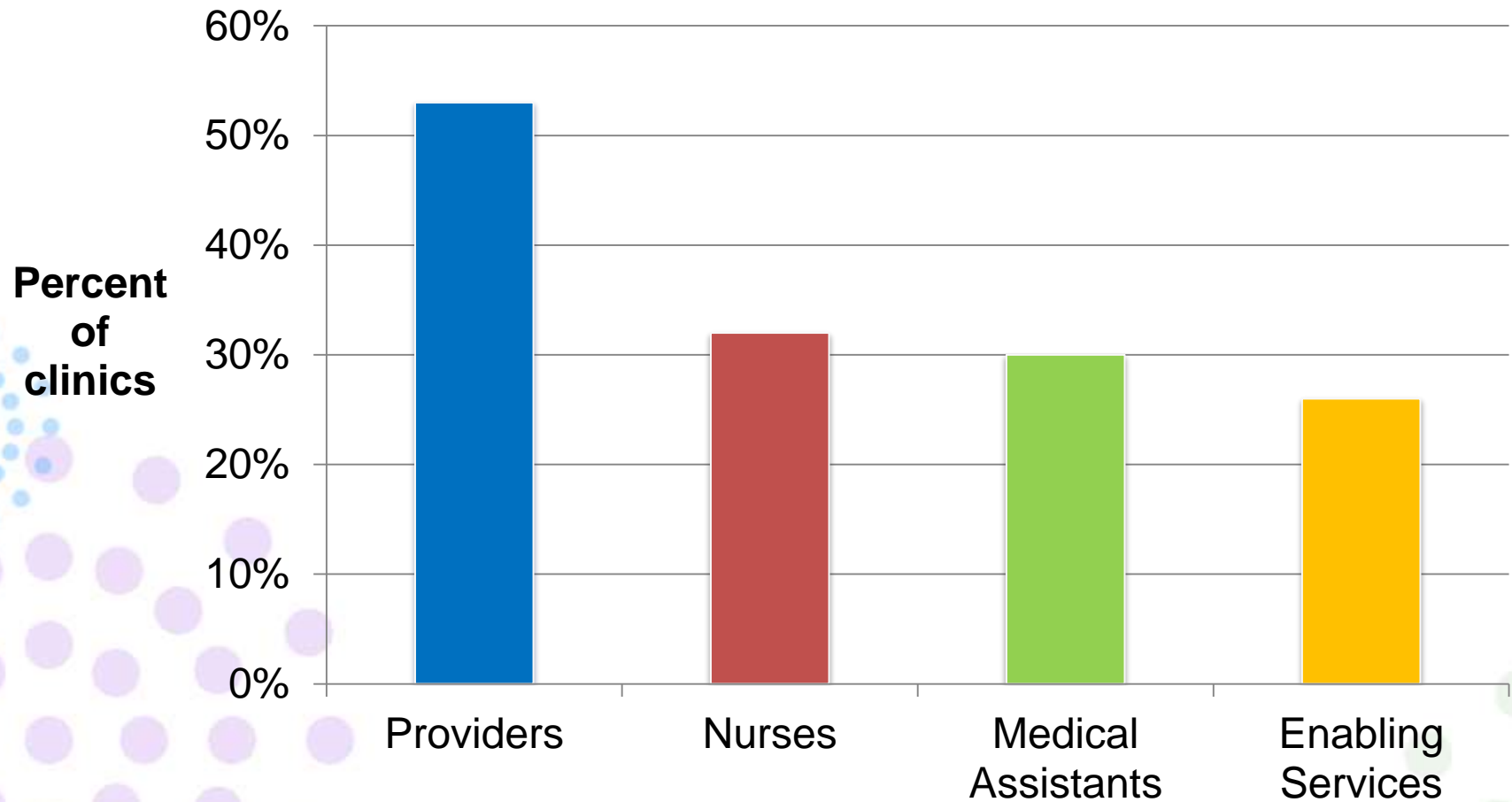
# CHC Clinic Characteristics

	Number of CHC Clinics (% Total)
<b>Number patients served in 2012</b>	
<5,000	17 (36%)
5,000-20,000	22 (47%)
>20,000-30,000	3 (6%)
>30,000	5 (11%)
<b>Number of clinics in CHC</b>	
1-2	19 (38%)
3-5	18 (36%)
6-10	7 (14%)
>10	6 (12%)
<b>Percent of patients uninsured</b>	
<20%	6 (13%)
20-50%	21 (47%)
>50-70%	10 (21%)
>70%	10 (21%)
<b>Percent of patients with limited English proficiency</b>	
<10%	18 (38%)
10-40%	11 (23%)
>40-60%	8 (17%)
>60%	10 (21%)

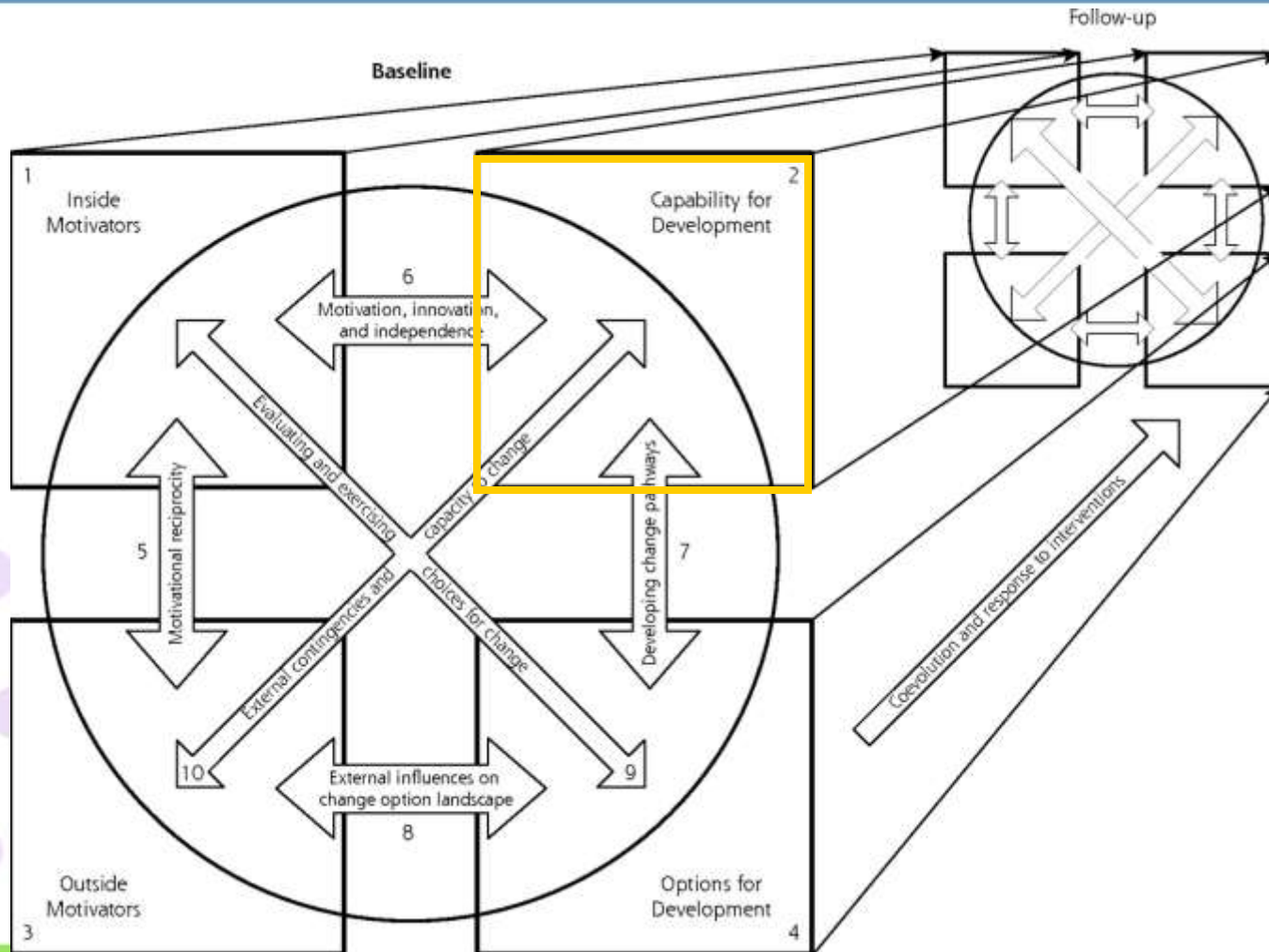
Respondents - CEO (6); CMO/Med Director (8); CNO/Nursing Director (3); COO/Clinic Operations Director (3); QI Director/Manager (11); Others (19)



# CHC Staffing Shortages

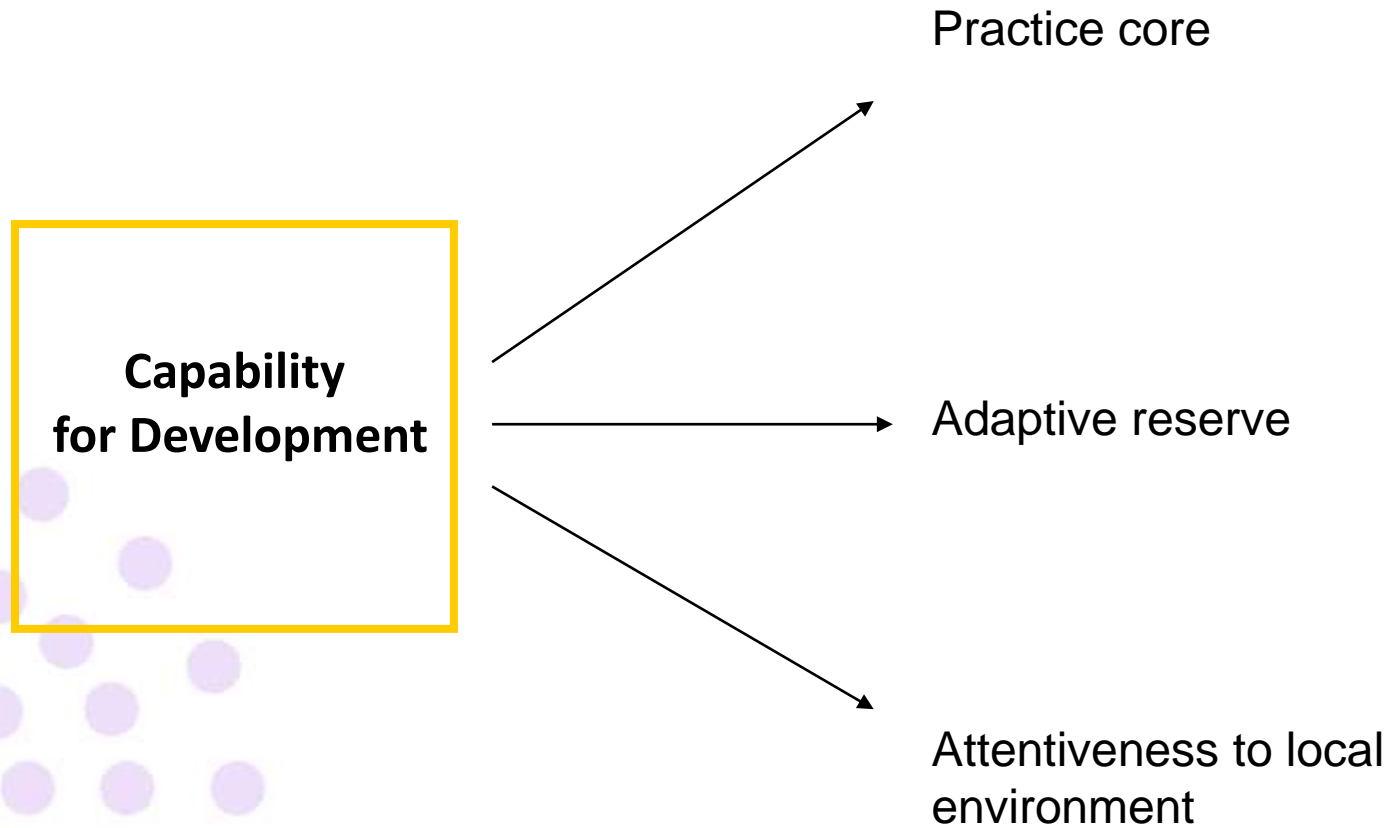


# Practice Change and Development Model



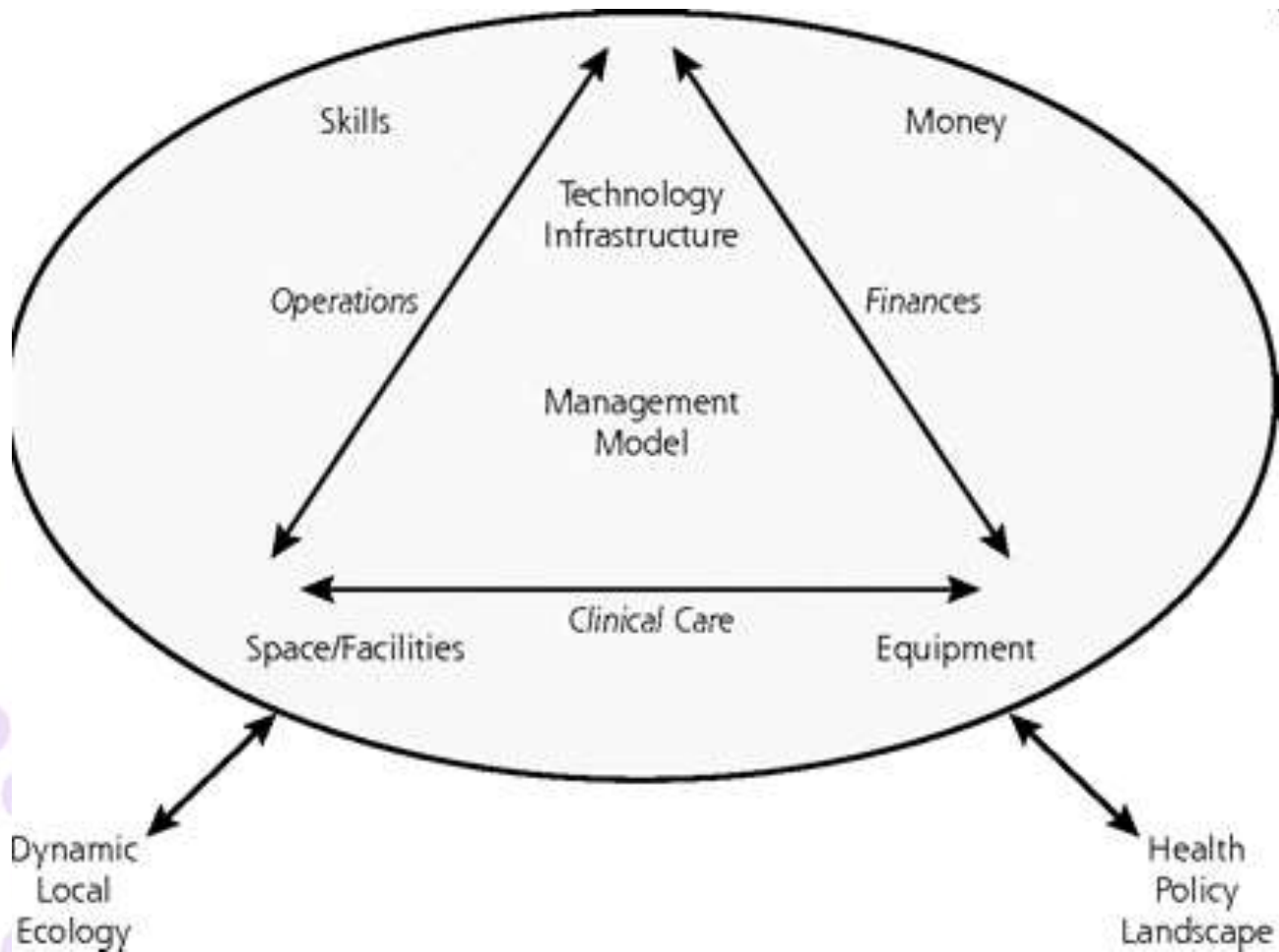


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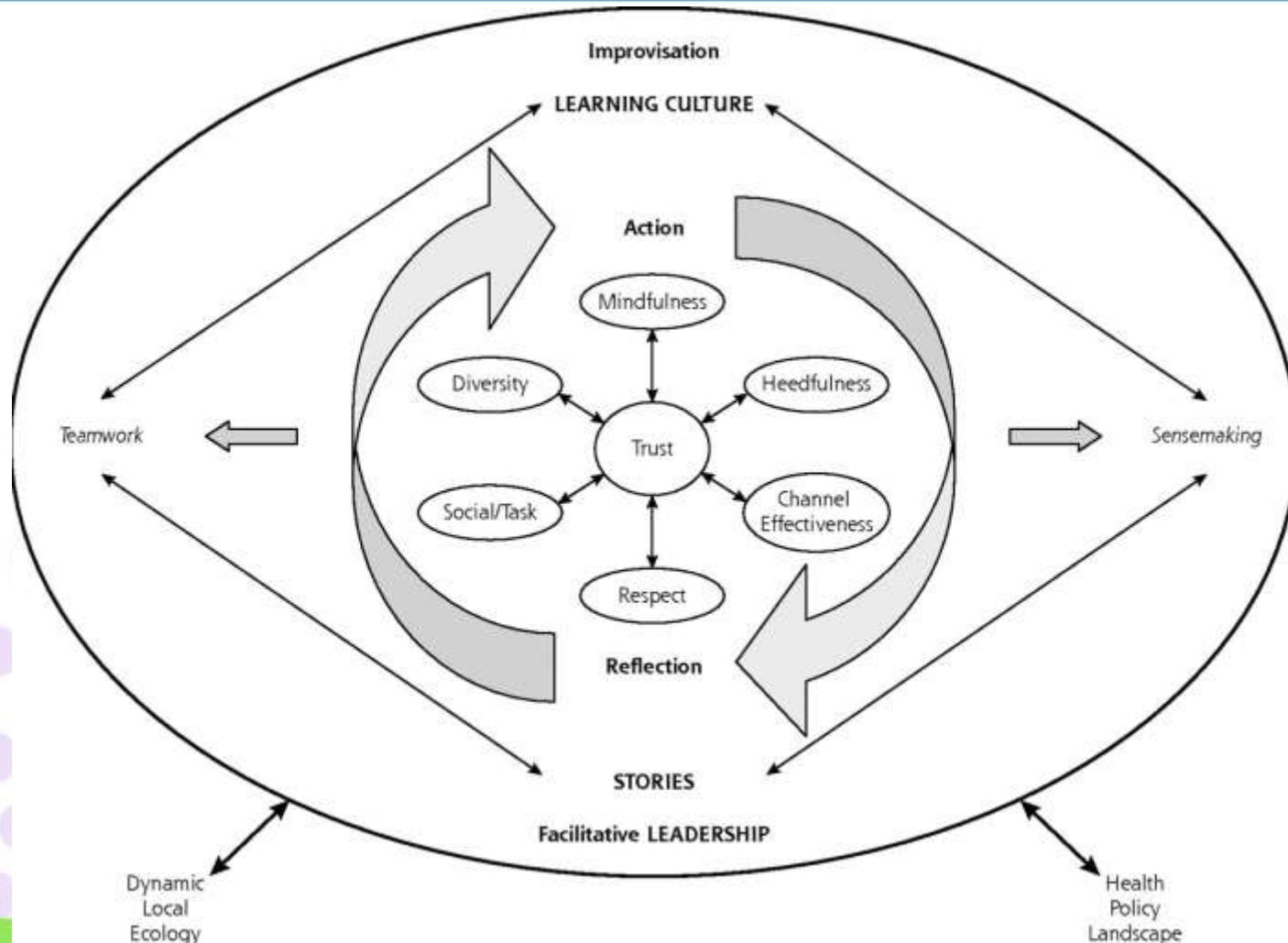
# Robust Practice Core

consistent performance & delivery of reliable primary care



# Practice Adaptive Reserve

enhances resilience & facilitates adaptation and development



# Practice Adaptive Reserve Scores by State

State	N	Mean	SD	Min	Q1	Q2	Q3	Max
California	28	0.60	0.23	0.02	0.46	0.65	0.78	0.96
Colorado	52	0.66	0.18	0.26	0.52	0.66	0.78	1.00
Georgia	25	0.71	0.19	0.24	0.63	0.73	0.83	1.00
Missouri	4	0.65	0.06	0.58	0.61	0.65	0.69	0.73
S. Carolina	19	0.68	0.17	0.21	0.60	0.65	0.77	1.00
Texas	79	0.66	0.18	0.07	0.54	0.70	0.79	0.98
Washington	89	0.66	0.15	0.21	0.57	0.68	0.75	0.95
Combined	296	0.66	0.18	0.02	0.55	0.67	0.77	1.00

**National Demonstration Project** - Highly-motivated practices w/ significant capability for change

- Mean baseline PAR score 0.69 (s.d. 0.35)
- Post intervention PAR score increased to 0.74

Scores are scaled so as to range from 0.00 to 1.00; 1.00 = perfect score of agreement

# PCMH CRC Screening Best Practices (%)

	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Usually	Always
Daily huddles, huddle sheets or checklists to go over scheduled patients who need CRC screening.	175 (59.1)	8 (2.7)	16 (5.4)	54 (18.3)	43 (14.5)
Standing CRC screening orders or orders prepared by nurses/medical assistants then signed by providers.	167 (56.4)	3 (1.0)	17 (5.7)	62 (21.0)	47 (15.9)
Tracking of patients who had CRC screening orders.	140 (47.3)	20 (6.8)	22 (7.4)	59 (19.9)	55 (18.6)
Tracking of patients who completed CRC screening tests.	129 (43.6)	15 (5.1)	23 (7.8)	64 (21.6)	65 (21.9)
Tracking of abnormal CRC screening tests.	104 (35.1)	12 (4.0)	13 (4.4)	68 (23.0)	99 (33.5)
Referrals for diagnostic work-up of abnormal CRC screening tests.	57 (19.3)	6 (2.0)	23 (7.8)	66 (22.3)	144 (48.6)
Tracking of diagnostic work-up completed by patients with abnormal CRC screening tests.	96 (32.4)	9 (3.1)	21 (7.1)	69 (23.3)	101 (34.1)
Referrals to specialists for patients with abnormal colonoscopies.	52 (17.5)	10 (3.4)	26 (8.8)	55 (18.6)	153 (51.7)

# PAR and PCMH Best Practices Score

Respondent reported performing PCMH best practices “usually” or “always”

PAR	Score of 0-5		Score of 6-8		Combined
	n	%	n	%	n
0.00 – <0.60	70	74.5	24	<b>25.5</b>	94
0.60 – <0.80	85	59.0	59	<b>41.0</b>	144
0.80 – 1.00	24	41.4	34	<b>58.6</b>	58
Combined	179	60.5	117	39.5	296

# Adjusted Regression Analysis PCMH Best Practices and PAR

## PCMH Best Practices Mean Composite Score (0-32)

PAR	PCMH Best Practices (0-32)	
	Mean	95% CI
0.08 – 1.00	20.68	17.51, 23.86
0.60 - <0.80	15.84	13.31, 18.36
0.00 - <0.60	12.67	9.90, 15.44

Adjusted for state, age, job type, years worked at the clinic, hours worked each week

**Differences b/t PCMH BP Mean Composite Scores all statistically significant:**

0.08 - 1.00 vs. 0.06 - <0.80 (p = 0.0013)

0.08 - 1.00 vs. 0.00 - <0.60 (p = <0.0001)

0.06 - <0.80 vs. 0.00 - <0.60 (p = 0.0155)

# Adjusted Logistic Regression

## Frequency of PCMH Best Practices and PAR Scores

### PCMH Best Practices Dichotomized Score (6-8 vs. 0-5)

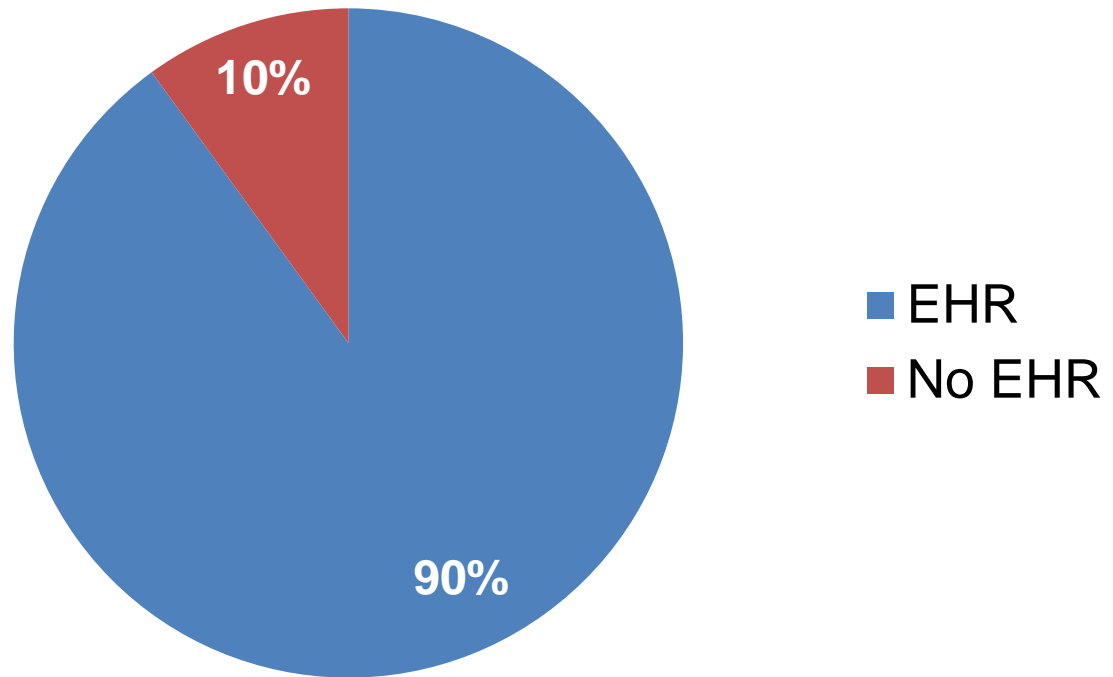
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PAR	Frequency of PCMH Best Practices (6-8 vs. 0-5)	
	OR	95% CI
0.08 – 1.00	5.49	2.31,13.06
0.60 - <0.80	2.23	1.11,4.47
0.00 - <0.60	Referent	

Adjusted for state, age, job type, years worked at the clinic, hours worked each week



# Electronic Health Record Adoption

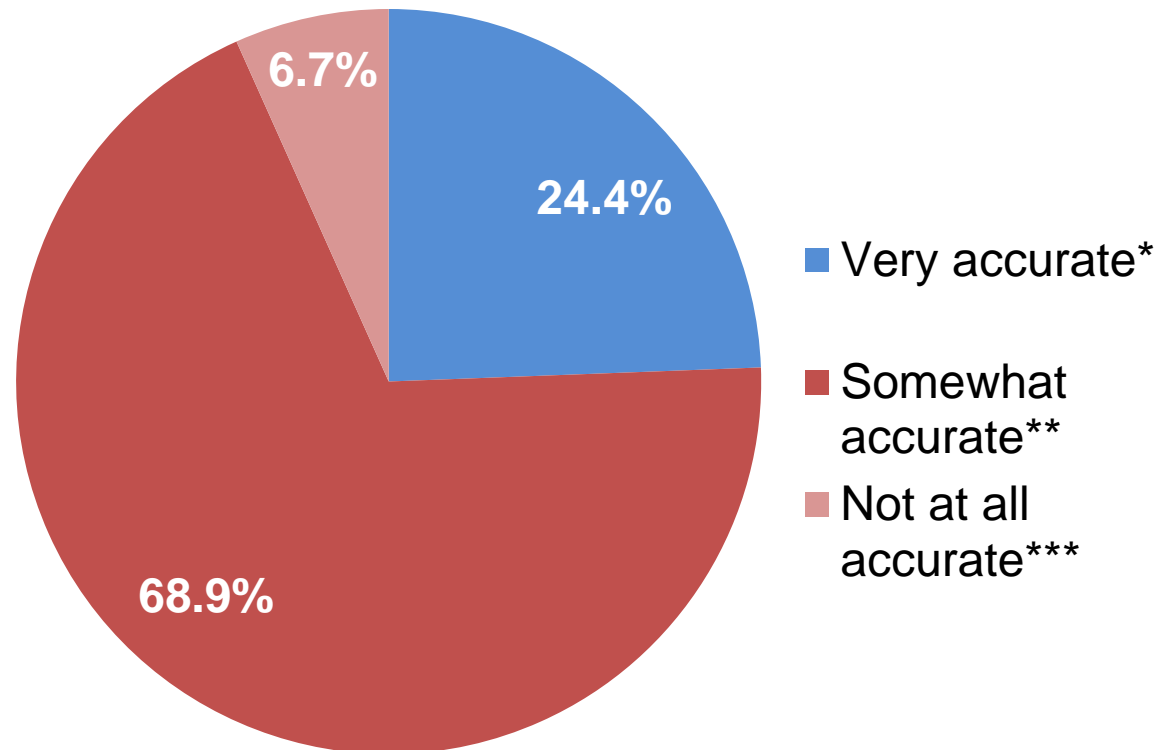


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# Electronic Health Record Functionality

	CHC clinics that use EHR data to (a)-(d)	CHC clinics that use EHR & can EASILY (a)-(d)
	Number (%) (n=43 to 45)	Number (%) (n=37 or 30)
(a) Create list of patient panels by provider	37 (84%)	30 (81%)
(b) Identify patients due or overdue for CRC screening	37 (82%)	<b>21 (57%)</b>
(c) Send reminders to patients when they are due for CRC screening	30 (70%)	<b>8 (27%)</b>
(d) Estimate CRC screening rates	37 (82%)	23 (62%)

# Electronic Health Record Accuracy



\*Primary source for reports or patient care decision

\*\*Need a secondary audit or cross check with additional documentation

\*\*\*Would not use for reports or patient care decision

# Summary

- Large-scale, multi-state survey of CRC screening PCMH best practices
- Partner CHCs have significant staffing shortages
  - Providers, Nurses, MAs
- Positive associations of PAR with PCMH CRC screening best practices
- Limitations of EHR data
  - Functionality
  - Accuracy

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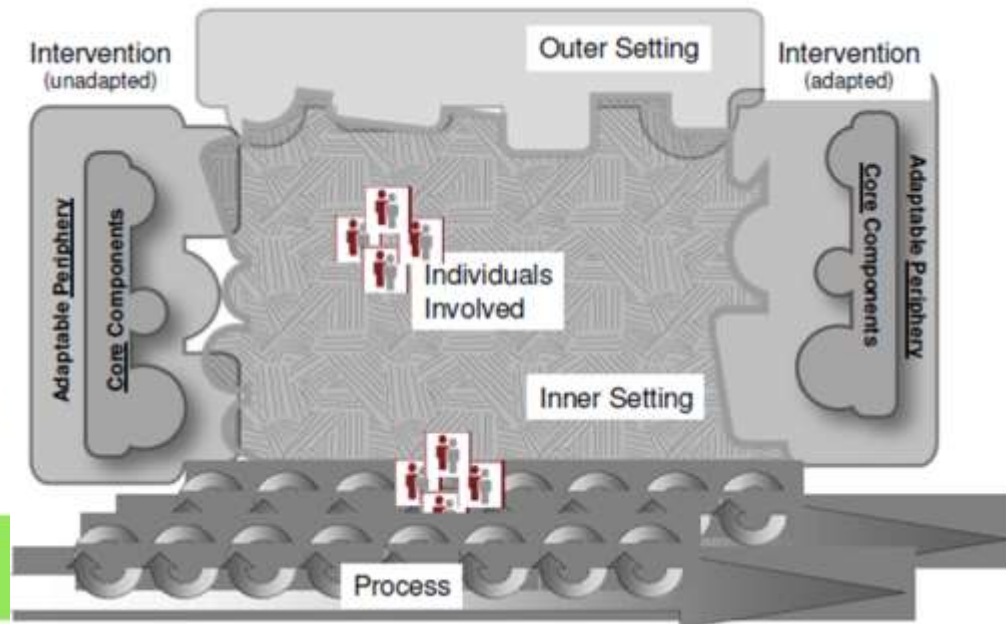
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# Five CFIR Domains

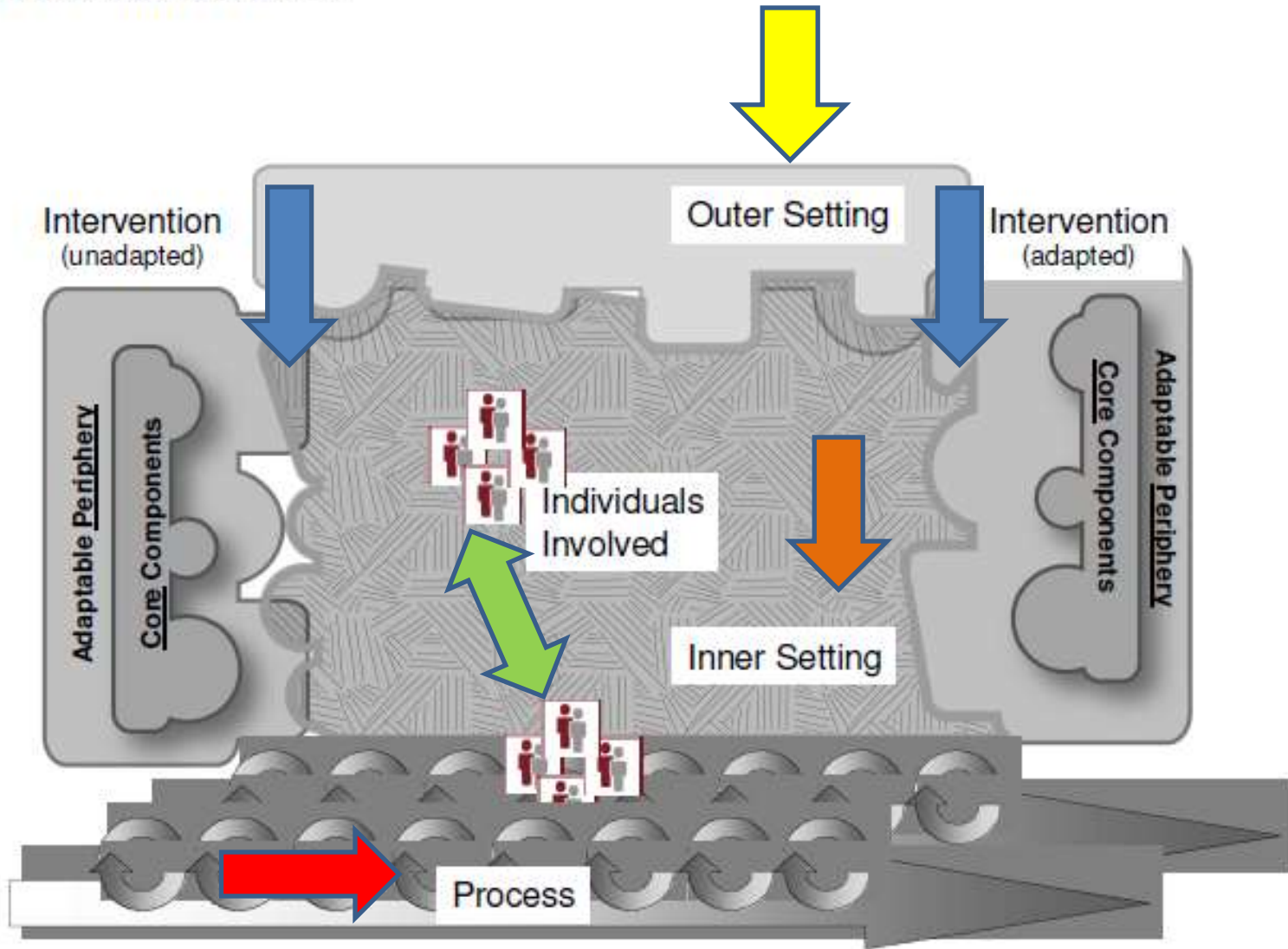
Consolidated Framework for Implementation Research:

“An overarching typology to promote implementation theory development”

Combines 19 conceptual models in 5 Domains:

- Intervention characteristics
- Outer setting
- Inner setting
- Characteristics of the individuals involved
- Process of implementation

Figure 1: Major Domains of the CFIR



# Uses of CFIR

- Formative stage: capacity and needs assessment to identify barriers and facilitators to implementation
- Implementation stage: to track key implementation processes
- Outcome and impact stage: to explore what factors influenced implementation and how implementation influenced intervention performance

At macro level: to organize and synthesize findings across studies using common language and definitions

# Levels of Community Guide EBA Implementation

**No Plan**

**Planning**  
to implement EBI in  
the future

**Level 3**

**Early stage** of implementing  
EBI at the clinic

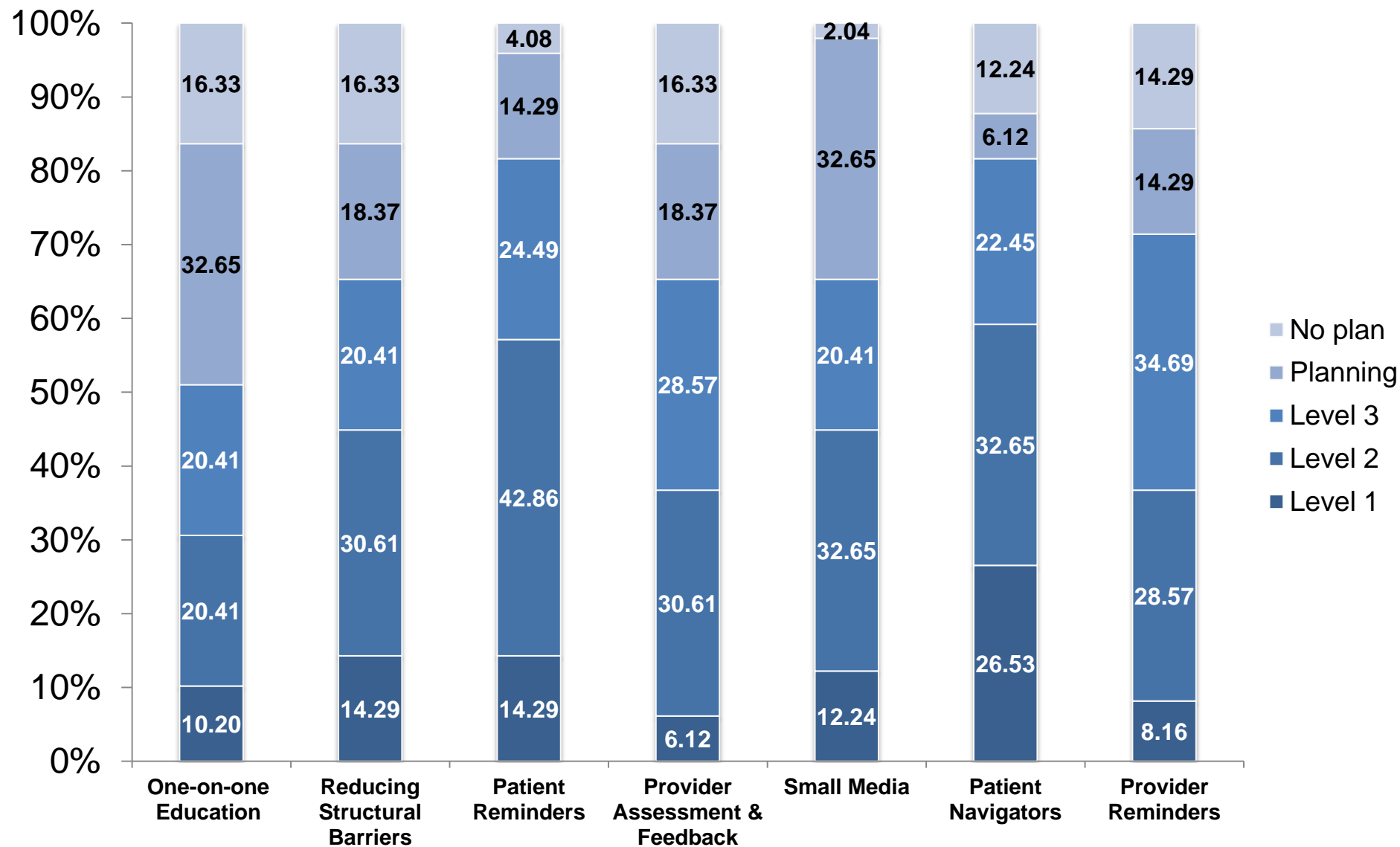
**Level 2**

EBI implemented but **inconsistently**  
across the clinic

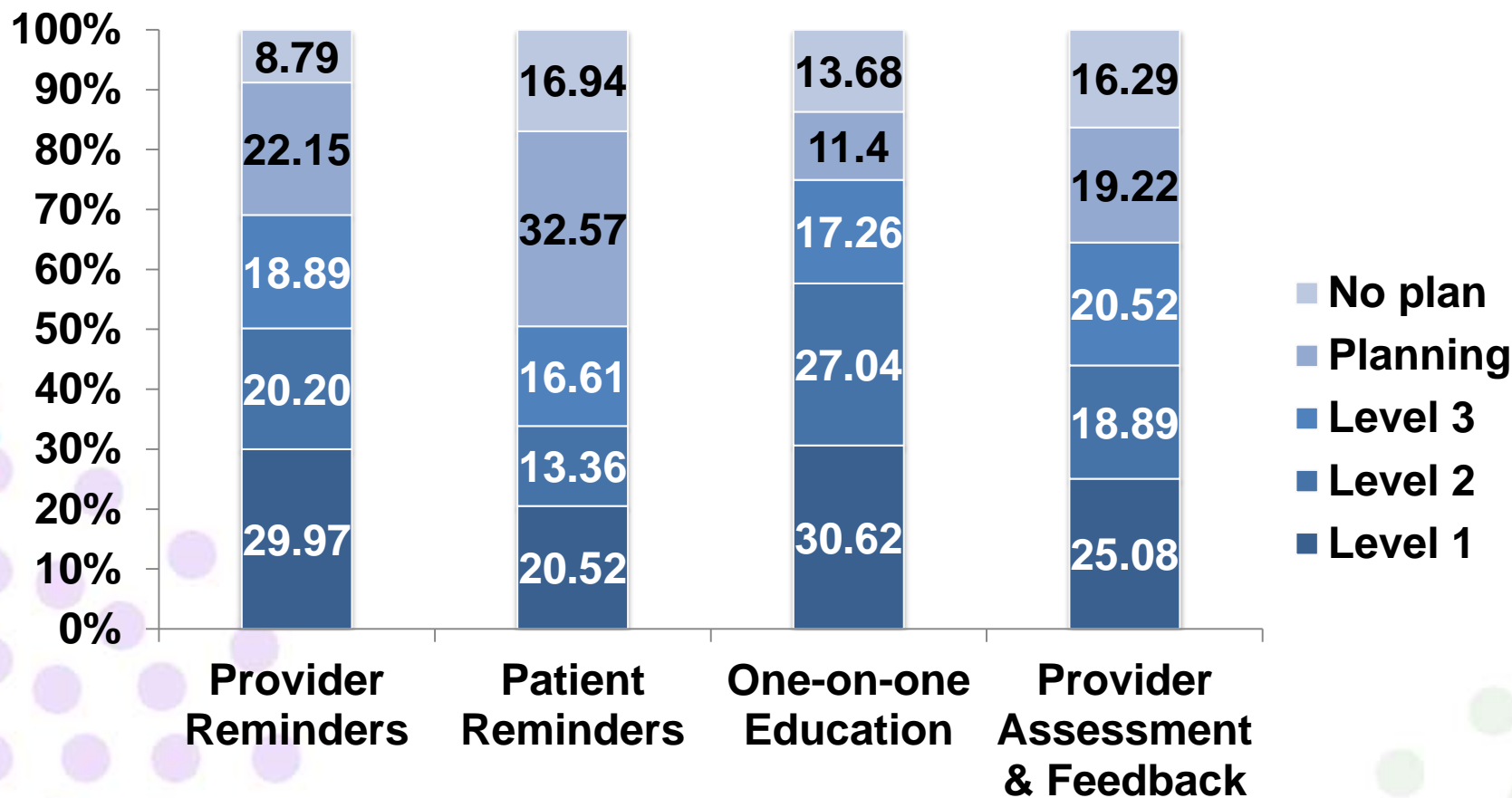
**Level 1**

EBI implemented **fully and systematically**  
across the clinic

# Clinic Survey: Levels of Implementation of EBAs for Promoting CRC Screening



# Main Survey: Levels of Implementation of EBAs for Promoting CRC Screening



Missing Frequencies: 20



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# Factors Influencing Implementation: CFIR Constructs

# CFIR Organizational Factors Assessed in CHC Main Survey

## General Factors

- **Inner Setting:**
  - Structural Characteristics—Resources
  - Culture- innovation, flexibility, & reflexivity,
  - Culture- stress & effort
  - Network & Communication (using PAR items)
  - Leadership (using PAR items)
- **Outer Setting:**
  - Patient needs & resources
- **Process:**
  - Executing
  - Reflecting & Evaluating
- **Individual Characteristics:**
  - Knowledge & Beliefs—Openness

## EBA-specific Factors

- **Intervention Characteristics:**
  - Relative advantage
  - Complexity
- **Inner Setting:**
  - Compatibility
  - Implementation climate
  - Goals and feedback
  - Learning climate (using PAR items)
  - Structural characteristics—resources
- **Process:**
  - Engaging Champions
- **Individual Characteristics**
  - Knowledge and Beliefs—Appeal



# Characteristics of Individuals

## Constructs

- Knowledge & beliefs about the intervention
- Self-efficacy
- Individual stage of change
- Individual identification with the organization
- Other personal attributes

## Interesting Points

- Individuals have agency—they make choices & wield power
- Little research on interplay between individuals and organizations
- Theory of Planned Behavior most often used to predict clinical behavior of health professionals

Blue font = Constructs measured in survey

# Intervention Characteristics

## Constructs

- Intervention source
- Evidence strength & quality
- **Relative advantage**
- Adaptability
- Trialability
- **Complexity**
- Design quality and packaging
- Cost

## Interesting Points

- Interventions typically a poor fit without adaptation
- Interventions have core components & adaptable periphery

EBA-Specific Predictor of Implementation (Provider Reminders)	Odds Ratio*	P-value
Relative advantage	1.95	0.0393

- \*Associated with higher levels of provider reminder implementation
- Adjusted for education
- Number of respondents =296

**Blue font = Constructs measured in survey**

# Inner Setting

## Constructs

- Structural characteristics
- Networks & communication
- Culture
- Implementation climate
- Readiness for implementation

## Interesting Points

- Includes structural, political and cultural contexts through which the implementation process will proceed
- Line between inner and outer will depend on the project/study (e.g., role of outlying clinics or loosely affiliated medical center)

Blue font = Constructs measured in survey

# Inner Setting

Predictors of Provider Reminders Implementation	Odds Ratio*	P-value
Structural Characteristics--Resources	3.63	0.0001
Culture--Innovation & Flexibility	3.59	0.0227
Compatibility (between EBA & clinic) <sup>+</sup>	2.18	0.0478
Communication	1.98	0.0109
Leadership	1.81	0.027

- \*Associated with higher levels of provider reminder implementation
- <sup>+</sup>EBA-Specific question for Provider Reminders
- Adjusted for education, which is significantly correlated to the outcome
- Number of respondents =296

# Outer Setting

## Constructs

- Patient needs and resources
- Cosmopolitanism
- Peer pressure
- External policy & incentives

## Interesting Points

- Includes economic, political and social context within which an organization resides
- Interface between inner and outer settings is dynamic
- Changes in the outer setting can influence implementation, often mediated through the inner setting

Blue font = Constructs measured in survey

Predictors of Provider Reminders Implementation	Odds Ratio*	P-value
Patient needs & resources	2.34	0.0348

# Process of Implementation

## Constructs

- Planning
- Engaging
- Executing
- Reflecting & evaluating

Blue font = Constructs measured in survey

## Interesting Points

- Implementation requires an active change process
- Process may be inter-related sub-processes: planned or spontaneous, linear or nonlinear

Predictors of Provider Reminder Implementation	Odds Ratio*	P-value
Reflecting & Evaluating	2.28	0.0047

# Significance

- This study is among the first to examine determinants from the Consolidated Framework for Implementation Research (CFIR) on implementation of evidence based cancer control interventions.
- This research can help practitioners to understand and design supporting structures (e.g. training, technical assistance) that help translate EBAs into public health and clinical practice.



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# Exploring Factors Influencing Implementation of Evidence-Based Approaches for Cancer Prevention and Control in FQHCs: A Qualitative Study

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# QIS Research Questions

## Primary Research Question:

- What factors influence the implementation of evidence-based approaches (EBAs) for cancer prevention and control in FQHCs?



# Approach

- In-depth personal interviews and focus groups
- An adapted *Appreciative Inquiry* approach
- Open-ended questions broadly informed by the Consolidated Framework for Implementation Research (CFIR)



# Data Collection—Interview Guide

- Part I: Example of successful practice changes
- Part II: Explore implementation of a specific evidence-based approach for cancer prevention and control (Example: Tobacco Cessation: Ask-Advise-Refer)
- Part III: Inner setting—organizational characteristics and readiness for implementation
- Part IV: Other domains of CFIR—intervention characteristics and outer settings

# Data Collection—Partnerships & Recruitment

- Recruited and collected data with help of the Partnership Committee led by Dr. Vicki Young and partnerships with



# Data Collection—Sample

- Sample: Chief Executive Officers, Medical Directors, Chief Operation Officers, Quality Improvement managers, frontline project managers, etc. of FQHCs
- Recruited from email invites and in-person invitations

# Participants' Profile

- 59 FQHC leaders: 29 CMOs, 4 CEOs, 9 COOs, 4 QI managers, other including nursing directors, vice presidents, etc.
- Participants represent FQHCs in 14 states and Washington, D.C.



# Analytic Strategy

## CFIR-based Coding

- Segmented data into “meaning units”
- Coded data using pre-existing codes developed based on the CFIR
- Calculated frequency distribution of coded quotations

## Data-driven Coding

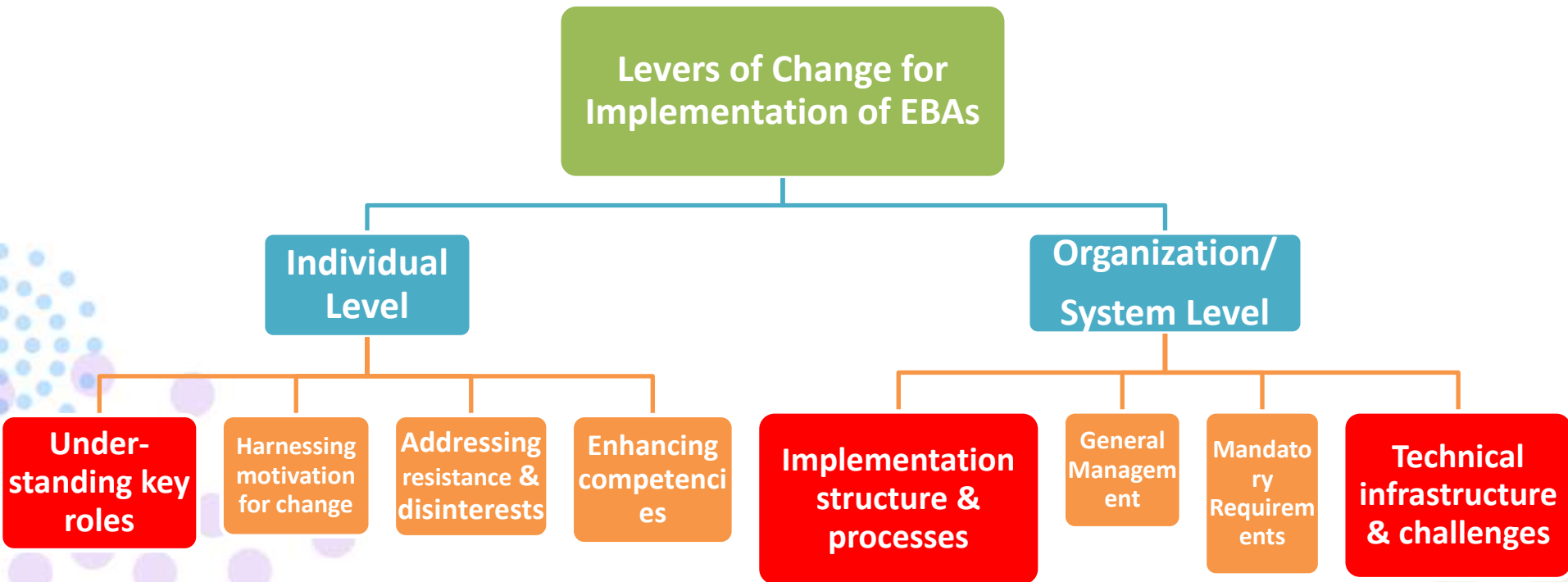
- Identified barriers and facilitators to implementation of cancer control practices or practice changes based on respondents’ descriptions of successful and unsuccessful efforts

## Thematic Analysis

- Barriers and facilitators were conceptually clustered to identify a small set of sub-themes
- Sub-themes are clustered to identify a smaller set of themes that comprise the main factors that influence implementation



# Overview of Findings



# Individual Level: Understanding Key Roles

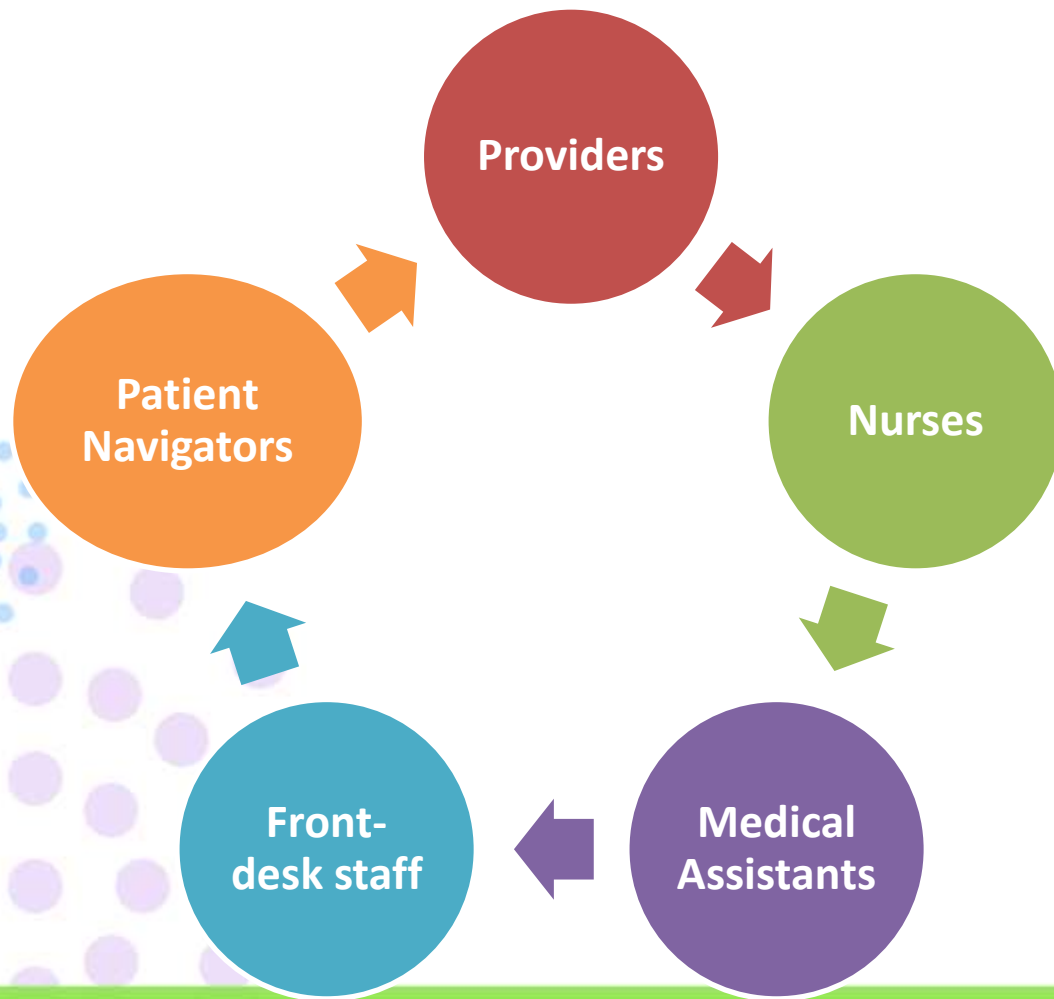
- Leaders
- Champions
- Designated implementers (front-line)
- “QI person” (Quality Improvement managers/coordinators)

# Understanding Key Roles—Leaders

“The fish rocks from the head down. So if you do not have leadership at the top, no matter what you try to do from the bottom up, you’re going to hit a wall, and you’re either going to have to have perseverance or you’re going to go away.....”



# Understanding Key Roles—Designated Implementers



“There has to be...a small group of people who actually do the job that you’re talking about. ..don’t just go to the doctors; go to the front desk, medical assistants, community health workers, and ask them, ‘How can we get this assessment done? Who can do it? Who can do what?’ Then once you have that done, set up your training using that work model or those ideas. You set up the training, and then the training has to be repeated....”

# Organizational Level: Implementation Structure & Processes



# Prioritization

- Set organizational priorities
- Focus on one change at a time; do not move onto the next one until one is fully incorporated in the routine

“Too much change.....they get excited about breast cancer and next month they get excited about colon cancer, and the clinicians just get barraged, you know.”

“I think there's got to be some responsibility at high levels in the organization to pick a few things and stick with them ....stay with them until they become bread and butter...”

# Integrating EBAs into Quality Improvement Process

- Organic, dynamic, complex and various Quality Improvement (QI) processes exist in FQHCs
- QI plays a significant role in the organization's overall functioning
- QI committees are often in charge of decision making and the overall workflow
- Any new practice (including EBAs for cancer control) needs to be integrated into the QI process





# Creating Change-Supportive Structure

- Change-supportive structure requires:
  - 1) Availability of time for staff
  - 2) Internal resources leveraged for a particular change
  - 3) Top-down support from the administrative

# Creating Change-Supportive Structure (Cont.)



“I think it's because of the history and experience the organization has with quality improvement.....it's the kind of thing when I say, "Gee, I'd like to see us do this," and there were folks who said, "Great! Let's mock it up. Let's do it. Let's PDSA (Plan, Do, Study Act) it." And there was a structure to do that in.”

# Technical Infrastructure & Challenges

## Benefits of EMR

- Access to patient data
- Tracking performances & clinical measures
- Enhancing accountability
- Reminder & alerting system improves outcomes

## Challenges of EMR

- Documentation on EMR is time-consuming
- Lack of connectivity with other EMR systems
- Inability to customize to particular practice needs
- Lack of appropriate reminding system for cancer screening

# Current Solutions to Technical Challenges

- When EMR doesn't fit the needs of the health center, they create a paper form that must be touched by every part of the center for each patient visit
- When transitioning to EMR, add check boxes in current paper forms to remind providers and staff to do the “ask” and follow-ups.

“We worked with the people who-you know-work with us around the IT support people, and they couldn't figure out how to make it happen for us, and I was very opposed to having a piece of paper to do it, but we developed a piece of paper. It's called our yellow sheet. So the yellow sheet has served an enormous number of purposes, and it's become such an important part of our process.....”

# Summary of Findings

- Obtaining buy-in from all key players and enhancing their competencies for implementation are prerequisites for successful implementation of any EBAs that require practice changes
- Successful implementation involves prioritizing efforts related to EBAs, integrating EBAs into routine Quality Improvement process, and creating a change-supportive structure



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# **My Own Health Report: Helping FQHCs to meet PCMH standards**

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# My Own Health Report Tool

## Patient fills out tool


MRN: \_\_\_\_\_

**Patient Health Update**  
Check the box next to your answer.


Q1. Over the past **7 days**:

a. How many times did you eat **fast food meals or snacks**? 

less than 1 time	1-3 times	4 or more times
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

b. How many servings of **fruits/vegetables** did you eat each day? 

5 or more	3-4 servings	2 or less
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

c. How many **soda and sugar sweetened drinks** (regular, not diet) did you drink each day? 

Less than 1	1-2 drinks	3 or more
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Database of text messages and triggers

Summary report for patient

Action Plan

Summary report for patient

Data stored in database

Research analysis



# Study Design

- Paired, cluster (practice-level) randomized pragmatic trial, delayed intervention
- 9 pairs of diverse primary care practices
  - PBRN & FQHC
  - Race/Ethnicity
  - Payer mix
  - Age
  - Language
  - Geographic setting



# What Are We Testing?

- Can primary care clinics systematically collect patient-reported measures?
- Does the use of MOHR lead to increased patient-provider communication and goal-setting discussions around health behaviors and mental health?

# Why Patient-Reported Measures?

- The IOM defines patient-centered care as, “providing care that is respectful of and responsive to individual patient preferences, needs and values, and ensuring that patient values guide all clinical decisions.”
- How can care be patient-centered if patient-reported measures, goals and concerns are not collected in a systematic and comprehensive way through the Electronic Health Record?

# Patient-Reported Measures

Domain	Final Measure (Source)
1. Overall Health Status	1 item: BRFSS Questionnaire
2. Eating Patterns	3 items: Modified from Starting the Conversation (STC) [Adapted from Paxton AE et al. <i>Am J Prev Med</i> 2011;40(1):67-71]
3. Physical Activity	2 items: The Exercise Vital Sign [Sallis R. <i>Br J Sports Med</i> 2011;45(6):473-474]
4. Stress	1 item: Distress Thermometer [Roth AJ, et al. <i>Cancer</i> 1998;15(82):1904-1908]
5. Anxiety and Depression	4 items: Patient Health Questionnaire—Depression & Anxiety (PHQ-4) [Kroenke K, et al. <i>Psychosomatics</i> 2009;50(6):613-621]
6. Sleep	2 items: a. Adapted from BRFSS b. Neuro-QOL [Item PQSLP04]
7. Smoking/Tobacco Use	2 items: Tobacco Use Screener [Adapted from YRBSS Questionnaire]
8. Risky Drinking	1 item: Alcohol Use Screener [Smith et al. <i>J Gen Int Med</i> 2009;24(7):783-788]
9. Substance Abuse	1 item: NIDA Quick Screen [Smith PC et al. <i>Arch Int Med</i> 2010;170(13):1155-1160]
10. Demographics	9 items: Sex, date of birth, race, ethnicity, English fluency, occupation, household income, marital status, education, address, insurance status, veteran's status. Multiple sources including: Census Bureau, IOM, and <i>National Health Interview Survey (NHIS)</i>

# My Own Health Report

	Recommended Score	Your Score	Level of Concern	Ready to Change?	Want to Discuss?
<b>Overall Health Rating</b> Reason: I am working too hard at my job.	Good to Excellent	Poor	A Lot	✓	✓
<b>Body Mass Index</b>	20-25	27.7	Some		
<b>Health Behaviors</b>					
Fruit/Vegetable Intake	5+/day	Less than 2/day	A Lot	✓	✓
Fast Food Intake	Less than 1 time/week	1-3 times/week	Some	✓	✓
Soda/Sugary Beverage Intake	Less than 1/day	1 to 2/day	Some		
Physical Activity Participation	150+ minutes/week	175 minutes/week	None		
Sleep	Never/rarely sleepy	Often sleepy	Some		
Alcohol Intake	Never	Never	None		
Tobacco use	No	Yes	A Lot		
Illegal Drug/Prescription Use	Never misuse	Never misused	None		
<b>Mental Health</b>					
Stress	Less than 5	II	A Lot	✓★	✓
Anxiety/Worry	Not at all/rarely	Not at all/rarely	None		
Depression	Not at all/rarely	Not at all/rarely	None		

★ = Most important to you

## Keep up the GOOD Work!

- You are meeting or exceeding the physical activity recommendations for health.
- You said there are few days you feel nervous, anxious, on edge or unable to stop or control worrying.
- You said there are few days you feel down, depressed, hopeless or have little interest or pleasure.
- You never drink too much alcohol.
- You do not use illegal drugs or prescription medications for non-prescribed reasons.

## Recommendations to Improve Your Health

### Medium Priority

- Excess weight can lead to a number of health problems. Increase physical activity and/or limit the unhealthy food you eat to reduce your weight.
- Decrease your fast food meals or snacks to less than one per week.
- Decrease the number of soda or sugary drinks you drink to less than 1 per day.
- Try to get 7-8 hours of sleep each night.

### High Priority

- Increase fruits and vegetables to 5 or more servings per day.
- You reported feeling stressed often. Discuss ways to reduce your stress.
- Discuss options for decreasing or quitting tobacco use.

# My Own Health Report

Notes/Things to Discuss During My Appointment	
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Health Goals	
<p>The best goals to set are those that are <b>specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and timely</b> and focus on the <b>who, what, where, when and how</b> you will achieve them in order to be able to measure your success. List 1-3 goals you have to try to improve your health based on your health update.</p>	
<b>Example Goal:</b>	
<i>What will you do?</i>	Decrease fast food by eating out 2-3 less times per week.
<i>How will you do it?</i>	Pack a lunch to bring to work 2 times per week and cook dinner one more time a week.
<i>By when?</i>	Gradually work up to this over the next 3 weeks by decreasing fast food meals by one per week until I reach 3.
<b>Goal #1:</b>	
<i>What will you do?</i>	<hr/>
<i>How will you do it?</i>	<hr/>
<i>By when?</i>	<hr/>
<b>Goal #2:</b>	
<i>What will you do?</i>	<hr/>
<i>How will you do it?</i>	<hr/>
<i>By when?</i>	<hr/>
<b>Goal #3:</b>	
<i>What will you do?</i>	<hr/>
<i>How will you do it?</i>	<hr/>
<i>By when?</i>	<hr/>
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Follow-up Plan	
<b>When:</b>	
<b>How:</b>	

# Synergies between MOHR and PCMH

- Systematic collection of patient-centered data
- Meaningful use of information technology
- Goal-oriented: enhance the quality of patient care
- Practical and actionable measures

# Patient-Centered Medical Home

## Element C: Comprehensive Health Assessment

4 points

To understand the health risks and information needs of patients/families, the practice conducts and documents a comprehensive health assessment that includes:

	Yes	No	NA
1. Documentation of age- and gender-appropriate immunizations and screenings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2. Family/social/cultural characteristics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3. Communication needs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4. Medical history of patient and family	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5. Advance care planning (NA for pediatric practices)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Behaviors affecting health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7. Patient and family mental health/substance abuse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8. Developmental screening using a standardized tool (NA for adult-only practices)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Depression screening for adults and adolescents using a standardized tool.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	



# Patient-Centered Medical Home

## Element A: Implement Evidence-Based Guidelines

4 points

The practice implements evidence-based guidelines through point-of-care reminders for patients with:

1. The first important condition<sup>†</sup>
2. The second important condition
3. The third condition, related to unhealthy behaviors or mental health or substance abuse.

Yes

No

## Element B: Identify High-Risk Patients

3 points

To identify high-risk or complex patients, the practice:

1. Establishes criteria and a systematic process to identify high-risk or complex patients
2. Determines the percentage of high-risk or complex patients in its population.

Yes

No

# Patient-Centered Medical Home

50 PCMH 3: Plan and Manage Care

## Element C: Care Management **MUST-PASS**

4 points

The care team performs the following for at least 75 percent of the patients identified in Elements A and B.

1. Conducts pre-visit preparations
2. Collaborates with the patient/family to develop an individual care plan, including treatment goals that are reviewed and updated at each relevant visit
3. Gives the patient/family a written plan of care
4. Assesses and addresses barriers when the patient has not met treatment goals
5. Gives the patient/family a clinical summary at each relevant visit
6. Identifies patients/families who might benefit from additional care management support
7. Follows up with patients/families who have not kept important appointments

Yes

No

Enter  
Percent

# Patient-Centered Medical Home

## Element A: Support Self-Care Process **MUST-PASS**

6 points

The practice conducts activities to support patients/families in self-management:

1. Provides educational resources or refers at least 50 percent of patients/families to educational resources to assist in self-management
2. Uses an EHR to identify patient-specific education resources and provide them to more than 10 percent of patients, if appropriate<sup>++</sup>
3. Develops and documents self-management plans and goals in collaboration with at least 50 percent of patients/families
4. Documents self-management abilities for at least 50 percent of patients/families
5. Provides self-management tools to record self-care results for at least 50 percent of patients/families
6. Counsels at least 50 percent of patients/families to adopt healthy behaviors

Yes

No

Enter  
Percent

# Patient-Centered Medical Home

## 60 PCMH 4: Provide Self-Care Support and Community Resources

### Element B: Provide Referrals to Community Resources

3 points

The practice supports patients/families that need access to community resources:

- |  | Yes                                 | No                       |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Maintains a current resource list on five topics or key community service areas of importance to the patient population | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Tracks referrals provided to patients/families  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Arranges or provides treatment for mental health and substance abuse disorders  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Offers opportunities for health education programs (such as group classes and peer support.)                            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |

# Context around implementation

- Research process issues
  - MOHR data collected by phone, mail, in clinic?
  - Informed consent necessary?
- Clinic-level
  - Were there local champions?
  - Concerns about staff time/overload
  - Robust system of referral to community resources?
- Patient-level
  - literacy, educational level, age, tech savvy, no shows/cancellations

# Discussion

- How do you think these data could be useful to you?