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Pennsylvania Perinatal Quality Collaborative

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Learning Objectives

1. Identify tools to facilitate small tests of change at your hospital regarding implementing Urgent Maternal Warning Signs (UMWS) education.
2. Discuss ideas for addressing barriers to implementation of UMWS education.

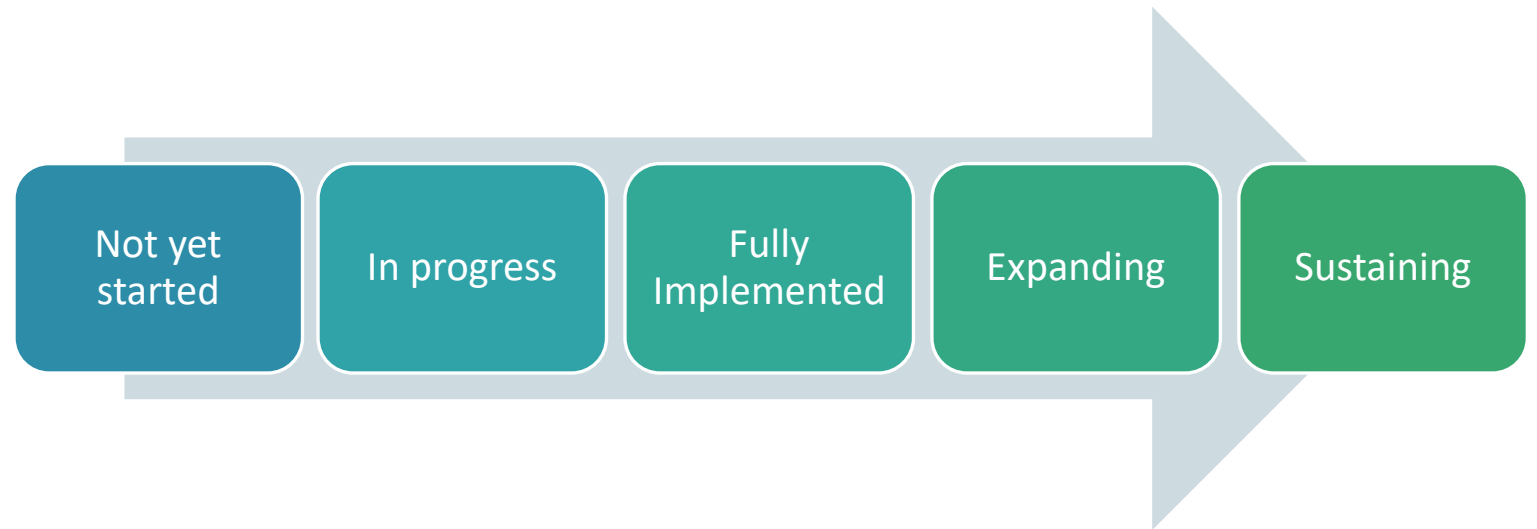
Agenda

1. **Welcome** – Jennifer Condel, SCT(ASCP)MT, Senior Program Manager of Perinatal Health, Jewish Healthcare Foundation
2. **Peer-to-Peer Discussion** – Karena Moran, PhD, QI Coach and NEPaPQC Manager
1. **Moving from “Plan” to “Do” in a PDSA** – Jennifer Condel, SCT(ASCP)MT, Senior Program Manager, Perinatal Health, Jewish Healthcare Foundation
2. **Peer-to-Peer Discussion** – Aasta Mehta, MD, MPP, PA PQC Advisory Group Co-Chair
3. **Wrap-up & Next Steps** – Kristen Brenneman, MSN, PA PQC QI Coach, Jewish Healthcare Foundation

- Baseline assessment
- Stakeholder engagement
- Data

Summary of Sprint Kickoff

Setting the Stage



The Maternal Early Warning System and Urgent Maternal Warning Signs both play an integral role in recognizing and addressing preventable maternal morbidity and mortality. Read below about the difference between the two:

Maternal Early Warning Signs (MEWS)

VS.

Urgent Maternal Warning Signs (UMWS)

MEWS

UMWS



Zoom Whiteboard

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Moving from “Plan” to “Do” in a PDSA

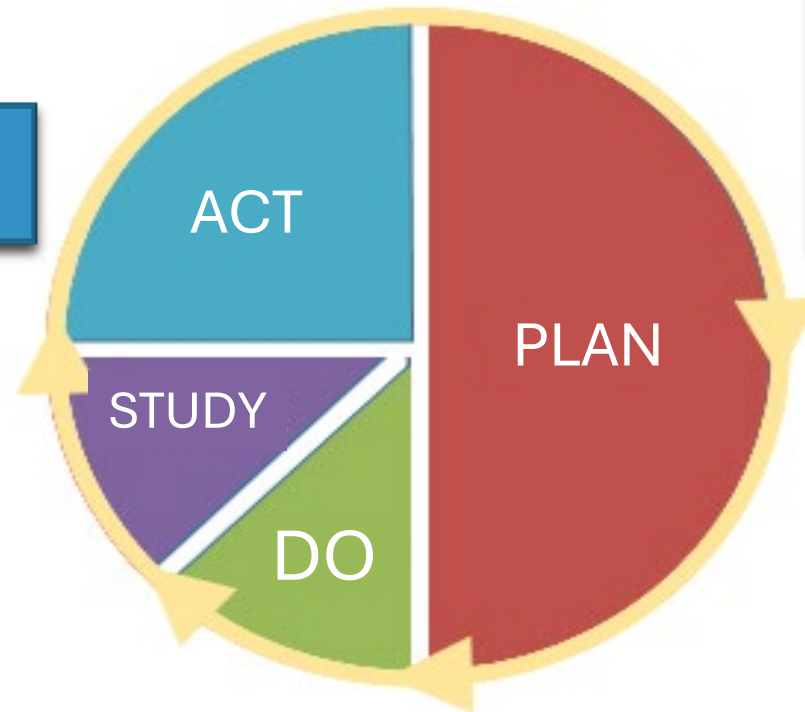
JENNIFER CONDEL, SCT(ASCP)MT

Systematic Approach to Quality Improvement

PLAN - DO - STUDY - ACT

- **Act based** on what you learned
- Adopt, Adapt, Abandon

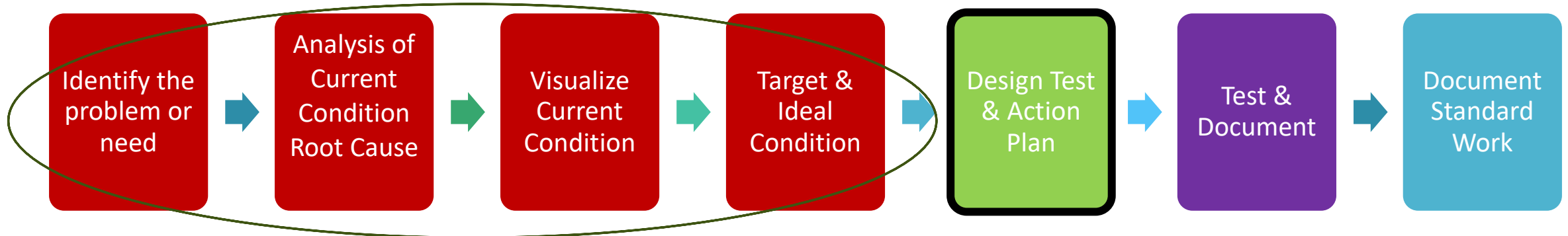
- Review the test
- **Analyze results**
- Assess learnings



- Identify your goal
- Understand the **current state**
- Design experiment/interventions
- Identify metrics
- Predict results

- Test the change
- Carry out a **small-scale experiment**
- Collect data

QI Project Plan Framework

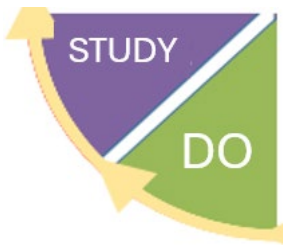


“Do”: Create A Small Test of Change



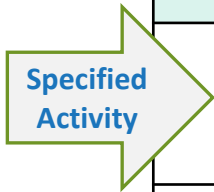
- Start small to **learn and scale**- ‘one patient, one area at a time, one part of the process’
- Identify **key stakeholders**, including patient support/caregiver for the workflow process
- Document **individual action step(s)** for each stakeholder
 - For each step, capture outcome &/or barriers
- Establish **timelines and due dates**
- **Meet regularly** to evaluate progress
 - Review outcomes to support next steps
 - Discuss barriers & how to address
 - Track data (process, outcome measures)
- ***Document, document, document!***



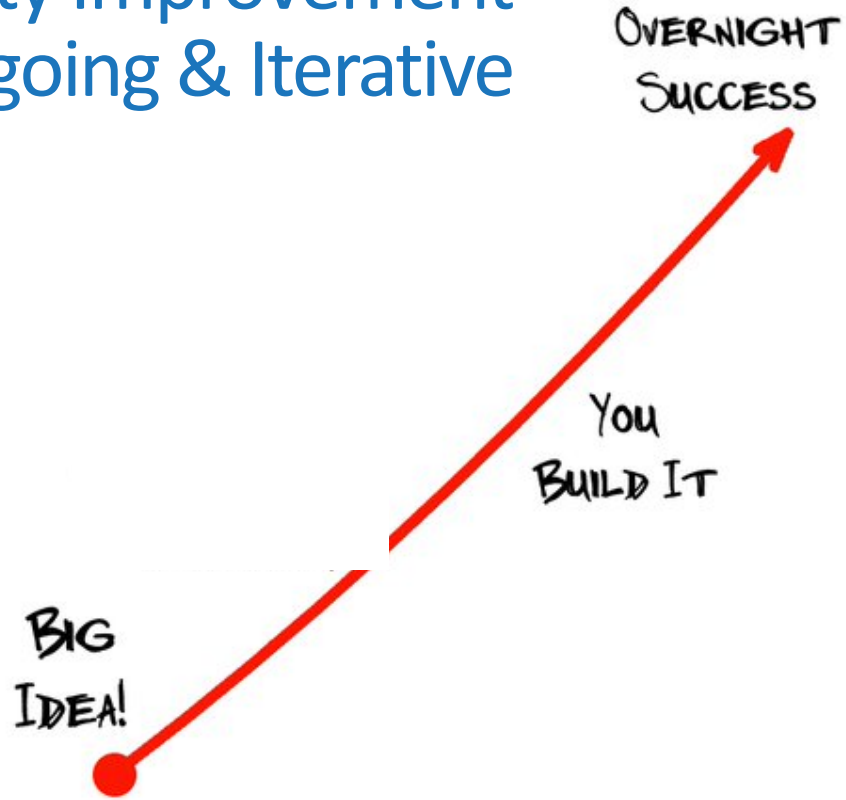


Action Planning: Document Your Work

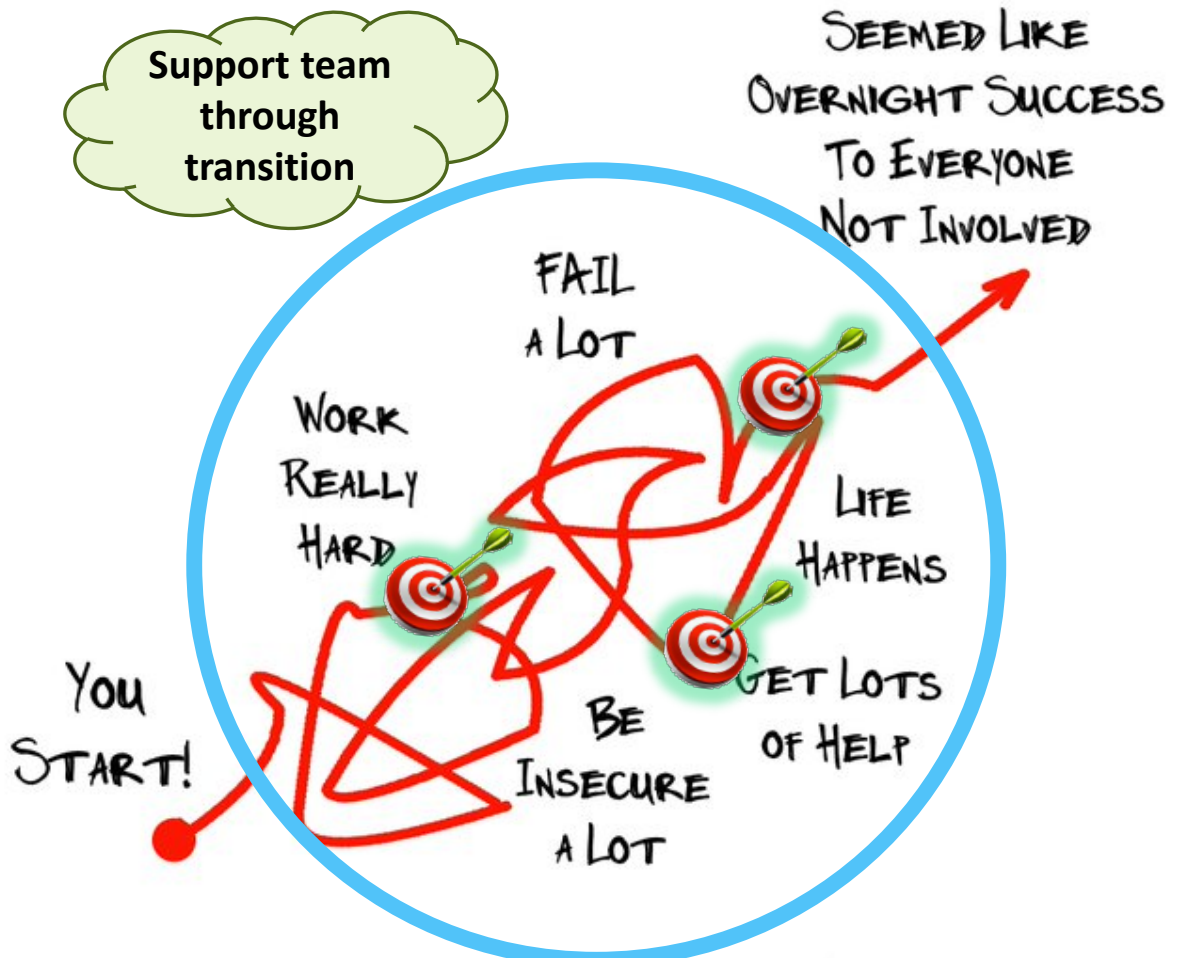
Action Item (What Will Happen)	By Whom (Team Member/Role)	Target Date	Status	Outcomes (Results/Barriers)



Quality Improvement is Ongoing & Iterative



WHAT PEOPLE THINK IT LOOKS LIKE...



WHAT IT REALLY LOOKS LIKE...

Peer-to-Peer Discussion

Aasta Mehta, MD, MPP

- Early lessons learned from hospitals who started implementing UMWS education before the sprint
- Sharing plans from PDSA
- Addressing persistent concerns or barriers

Wrap-Up

KRISTEN BRENNEMAN, MSN

Pre-work for next sprint session

The next UMWS Sprint Check-In:

September 17 from **11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** via Zoom

Pre-work:

Begin training staff on new or updated UMWS education

Upcoming Virtual Sessions

SEPTEMBER 17

UMWS Sprint Check-In

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Zoom

OCTOBER 1

UMWS Sprint Check-In

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Zoom

OCTOBER 15

UMWS Sprint Finale

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Zoom



Learn about the initiatives
and access session material

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The PA PQC provides quality improvement support to healthcare teams to improve the standard of care for pregnant and postpartum people and babies.

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<https://www.papqc.org/>

Access Sprint Session Materials

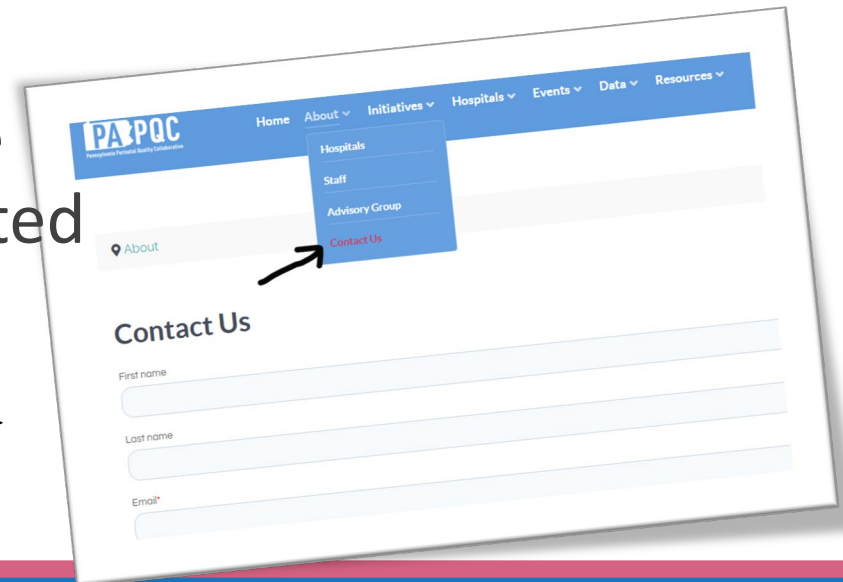
The image shows a sequence of three screenshots from the PA PQC website. The first screenshot shows the main navigation menu with 'Urgent Maternal Warning Signs Sprint Materials' highlighted in a red circle. An arrow points from this menu item to the second screenshot, which shows the 'Maternal Sepsis' page with a 'Download selected' button and a folder icon for 'UMWS Sprint Kickoff'. A second arrow points from this folder to the third screenshot, which displays a grid of document icons for various sprint materials, including 'Urgent Maternal Warning Signs Comparison'.

1. Under Initiatives, hover over Maternal Sepsis, then select "Urgent Maternal Warning Signs Sprint Materials"
2. Click on the individual UMWS Sprint session folders to find materials for each session

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- You can always reach us [here](#) →



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1. Please indicate on the evaluation which CEUs you are requesting: CME, CNE or Social Worker credits.
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