

Maryland Healthcare Quality and Cost Council  
Evidence-Based Medicine Workgroup  
Suggested Project Checklist  
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The Evidence-Based Medicine Workgroup would like to broadly solicit ideas for future projects.

Current projects endorsed by the Quality and Cost Council include: 1) Hospital Hand Hygiene Program with standardized compliance observation methodology and data collection, 2) Blood Wastage Reduction Program also with standardized data collection, 3) Telemedicine System Development, and 4) Hospital Regulated Medical Waste Reduction. In addition, the Hand Hygiene Project is embarking on a second phase, linking hand hygiene compliance to hospital-acquired infections over time.

Proposed projects should focus on improvement in healthcare quality, and should have hearty evidence-base that the practice is effective and safe. Generally projects will be applicable to the inpatient hospital setting, have a substantial impact in terms of quality improvement, possibly offer cost-savings in the short or long-term, and have some ease of implementation. Ease of implementation should be quantified in terms of cost of implementation, intensity of the human resources required, and time. Below is a suggested checklist to accompany project suggestions.

Description of Project:

Evidence:

Impact:

Cost-savings:

Ease of implementation:

    Financial resources required:

    Human resources required:

    Approximate time to implement:

Suggestions will be solicited from various organizations and individuals, including professional groups, trade associations, advocacy groups and health insurers.

Recently, suggestions have been received regarding projects to improve management for groups of patients with diabetes and receiving dialysis, academic detailing, and smoking cessation.

To suggest a project to the Evidence-Based Medicine Workgroup please contact Mary Mussman, MD, MPH at [mmussman@dhhm.state.md.us](mailto:mmussman@dhhm.state.md.us) or 410-767-5468.