



At-A-Glance

Directed Clinical Performance Improvement activity allows an individual and up to nine additional physicians to report a completed clinical practice improvement effort regardless of the type of practice or scope of care delivered and meets the performance improvement requirement.

What Information Will You Need to Provide?

1. The start and end date of the improvement project.

Your credit is applied upon the end date of the project once the performance improvement requirement is confirmed to be met.

2. How the project was funded, if funded externally.

The project must meet the ABFM Industry Support policy, which prohibits pharmaceutical and device manufacturer influence on activities for certification credit.

3. The relevant topic areas for the project.

4. What problem or gap in quality was the project intended to address?

5. As a result of identifying the gap in quality, what did the project aim to accomplish?

An aim statement is a clear, quantifiable goal set within a specific time frame. It states what you tried to change, by how much, and by when.

☐ What did you try to change?

e.g., we aimed to improve our practice's influenza vaccination rate

☐ What was your improvement goal?

e.g., improving our rate to 85% compliance

☐ What was the time frame for this to be accomplished?

e.g., within 9 months

6. What measures were used in the project to evaluate progress?

Measures are directly related to the aim statement showing whether a project's changes are resulting in improvement.

EXAMPLE:

Measure Name: Influenza vaccination compliance

Goal: 85%

Data Source: Electronic Medical Record

Collection Frequency: Monthly

Number of Patient Records: 25 or more

7. The results of the improvement effort.

Provide the baseline and follow-up percentage or number meeting the stated measure(s).

8. The interventions or changes that were made during the project. A sample intervention might be education for your clinical staff, an added compliance check, or utilization of pamphlets during a well-patient visit.

9. How were you involved in the project?

Demonstration of active involvement in the improvement process is necessary for approval of a self-directed activity.

Ready to get started?

Log into your **MyABFM Portfolio**, select Performance Improvement activities from the main screen. From this screen, chose **Self-Directed Clinical** from the list of activities.

