

Concept Development Checklist

This checklist is designed to be used as a guide for authors in the development of their concepts and to provide the framework that will be used by the Publication Committee when reviewing the concept. Authors are NOT required to use/complete it, nor does it need to accompany the Request for Publication Committee Review form.

If you would like assistance with drafting any portion of your concept, or if you have any questions, email the Committee Chair, Dr. Dave Bozaan dabozaan@med.umich.edu to request assistance.

Purpose

The concept should have a clear question that it is looking to answer or new information to convey. Does the submission have a broad scope with the potential to contribute to the field of clinical quality improvement and, more specifically, care transitions? Is this concept feasible, interesting, novel, ethical and relevant?

Rationale

The concept should provide a means of understanding or ameliorating important care transition problems. Does the concept define the significance of the problem, the anticipated effect of the project on the problem and/or health policy, and the potential for widespread application of the potential results?

Is the question that this concept is looking to answer significant and important in clinical quality improvement and, more specifically, care transitions?

Preliminary Analysis:

Was a preliminary analysis performed?

Were the conclusions supportive of the overall concept?

Design:

Does the intervention or practice describe how the question will be answered?

Are the interventions or practices described appropriately for the clinical topic?

Is the population well defined?

Are the variables being evaluated clear?

Is the statistical approach feasible? i.e.

- Can the question be answered with the data made available?
- Is there enough data available to answer the question?

If there are comparison groups, are they well defined?

New Information

This concept should contribute some new information not otherwise available. Has the intervention been tested or evaluated elsewhere? Is this an original concept? Is the concept under review generalizable beyond a specific institution or I-MPACT?

Feasibility

Is the concept feasible?