

# KEY Takeaways

from the 2021 RISE  
Practice Improvement Activity

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RISE  
Registry

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The 2021 RISE Performance Improvement Activity uses evidence-based performance measures and quality improvement interventions/changes to help providers strategically identify and improve areas of patient care. The performance improvement activity planners identified these key takeaways based on RISE registry users' participation in the activity.

### Takeaway #1: Increased Confidence in Ability to Reassess Quality Measure Performance after Implementing Change(s) in Practice and Summarize the Outcome(s)

**RISE registry users had increased confidence** in their knowledge and/or abilities to reassess quality measure performance after implementing the change(s) and summarize the outcome that resulted from implementing the change(s).

### Takeaway #2: Quality Measure Performance Increases

**RISE registry users collectively worked to improve their performance** on a total of 21 quality measures in RISE. Some users selected only one of the 21 measures to track changed performance, while others chose numerous measures. All users documented their quality measure performance percentages both before and after implementing changes in their practice to improve performance and patient care. There was an increase in measure performances on 16 of the 21 quality measures (76.2%) after providers introduced interventions in their practice.

### Takeaway #3: Identified Changes Most Effective in Improving Quality Measure Performance

**RISE registry users identified and implemented changes in their practice to improve their quality measure performance and quality of patient care. The following are examples of changes the RISE users identified as most effective in improving their performance:**

- "Filling the gap between EHR and paper documentation."
- "We developed a pop-up notification that reminded us of who our PSA patients are and that an MDHAQ needs to be performed."
- "Calculate and confirm mg/kg dosing of the measure medication EVERY visit on patients taking this medication and aim to keep all with rare exception less than 5 mg/kg daily."
- "Documenting required data elements."
- "Monthly review of measurements at monthly business meeting."

#### Quotes from RISE Practice Improvement Activity Participants:

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“I was able to better screen for hepatitis on every patient on a DMARD, recalculate Plaquenil and dose it lower, and add REVIEWED meds on every patient encounter.”

“When I started work on this measure, I was at 46.43% performance, and I increased my performance to 77.42% performance. That is almost a 50% improvement!”

“We are getting better data, which helps us understand where we can improve.”

#### Additional Resources for Continued Learning

[RISE Registry](#)

[RISE for Practices](#)

[2022 RISE QCDR Measure Specifications](#)

[2022 RISE Quality Measures](#)

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- *“Interfacing existing data into EHR that were not captured before.”*
- *“All these changes [making sure hepatitis screen is included for MTX and Arava, making sure Plaquenil dose is 5 mg/kg, and making sure I review and document medications] were effective.”*

## Takeaway #4: Popular Quality Measures

The following measures were selected by RISE registry users as most popular to improve performance:

- 1) **ACR10:** Hepatitis B Safety Screening
- 2) **ACR12:** Disease Activity Measurement for Patients with PsA
- 3) **ACR 14:** Gout: Serum Urate Target
- 4) **ACR 15:** Safe Hydroxychloroquine Dosing
- 5) **CQM 039:** Screening for Osteoporosis for Women Aged 65-85 Years of Age
- 6) **CQM 128:** Preventive Care and Screening: Body Mass Index (BMI) Screening and Follow-Up Plan
- 7) **CQM 130:** Documentation of Current Medications in the Medical Record
- 8) **CQM 176:** Tuberculosis Screening Prior to First Course Biologic Therapy

## Takeaway #5: RISE Dashboard Performance Updates

Users noted the importance of seeing regular, updated measure performance after they implemented changes in practice.