

# Care Partner Sprint

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**What is this tool?**  
A checklist with strategies that can be implemented to optimize care partner engagement in patient care.

**Who should use this tool?**  
The care partner program implementation team at your hospital.

**How to use the tool:**  
1. Use the checklist with the EQIC Care Partner Program Implementation Guide to identify and select which strategies to implement to optimize processes at your hospital and enhance care partner engagement in patient care.  
2. Refer to the Guide for tools and strategies for implementation. Each section of the checklist corresponds to and expands upon a step in the Care Partner Framework (see diagram).

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CARE PARTNER PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION CHECKLIST

STEP 1: COMMIT Become a Care Partner Hospital		
Process steps	Options/ideas	In place Yes   No
Identify an executive sponsor	Select a staff person in a senior leadership role to support, promote and communicate the project goals and the value of a hospital-wide care partner program. Possible personnel for this role may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• chief medical officer;</li> <li>• chief nursing officer or director;</li> <li>• chief operating officer;</li> <li>• chief quality officer;</li> <li>• vice president or director of case management; or</li> <li>• chief patient experience or engagement officer or director.</li> </ul>	<input type="radio"/> Yes   <input type="radio"/> No
Dedicate a program lead	If the executive sponsor cannot be the team leader, choose a well-respected leader for this role. Consider someone from quality improvement as a facilitator.	<input type="radio"/> Yes   <input type="radio"/> No
Determine and identify the care partner team	Create a multidisciplinary team to help build the foundation and infrastructure of the care partner program by supporting a culture of patient and family engagement and reducing readmissions. Include the following personnel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• nursing, including frontline nursing staff (consider key unit-based nurse champions);</li> <li>• medical staff/hospitalist;</li> <li>• case management;</li> <li>• patient engagement department staff and potentially patient and family advisory council representative;</li> <li>• admissions department representative;</li> <li>• unit clerk (if you anticipate a role for them); and</li> <li>• information technology.</li> </ul>	<input type="radio"/> Yes   <input type="radio"/> No
Establish a care partner program	Identify how the team will obtain staff input to implement or enhance a care partner program to more effectively engage patients and care partners by using the strategies listed below:	<input type="radio"/> Yes   <input type="radio"/> No
Team	Immerse the staff (including physicians) in information about the value of the care partner model: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• consider starting with one or more pilot sites then spreading; use multidisciplinary task force with identified unit-level physician, nursing champions, unit clerk and direct care clinical staff to promote the program on the units;</li> <li>• schedule routine team meetings;</li> <li>• identify roles and responsibilities;</li> <li>• determine baseline data, for example:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• percent of patients who identified a care partner on admission;</li> <li>• review patient satisfaction scores/HCAHPS; or</li> <li>• review readmission rates.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Create a project plan with clearly defined goals.</li> </ul>	<input type="radio"/> Yes   <input type="radio"/> No



[https://qualityimprovementcollaborative.org/focus\\_areas/readmissions/docs/NYSPFP\\_CP\\_ImChecklist.pdf](https://qualityimprovementcollaborative.org/focus_areas/readmissions/docs/NYSPFP_CP_ImChecklist.pdf)

# Please share:

What key staff and physician members are members of your hospital or system care partner team?

Who is the lead/co-lead in your hospital?

Who is the executive sponsor of the care partner program?

# Identify a champion, form a team

## Executive Sponsor

CMO, CNO, chief experience officer

## Team Lead

MD, Nurse, QI, patient experience, case manager

- Prioritize work
- Support team
- Increase visibility

## Team

- frontline nursing
- medical staff/hospitalist
- quality improvement
- case management
- dietician
- home healthcare
- admission department representative
- information technology

**The Care Partner Program implementation team should develop “tests of change” to facilitate effective implementation and foster continuous improvement, using process and outcome measures to guide the work.**

# Data measures

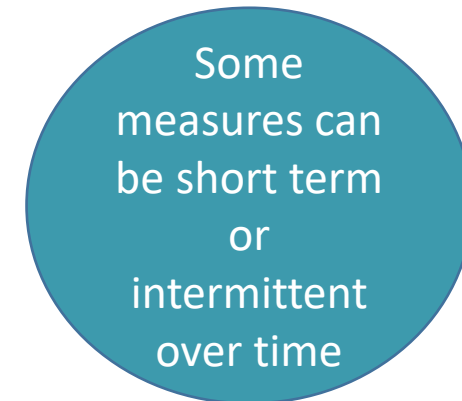
What potential QI pilot data elements will your team monitor during development of a care partner program;

- PDSA cycle measures
- Intermediate or long term process measures
- Outcome measures

Let's talk about process measures vs outcome measures?  
What have your teams chosen?

# Proposed process and outcome measures

Outcome Measures	Example Process Measures*
Readmission rate	% patients with a CP identified
HCAHPS #20: "my preferences"	% CPs received teach-back
HCAHPS #21: "understand what to do"	% CPs participated in consults
HCAHPS #22: "understand meds"	% CPs involved in discharge
	% CPs satisfied with involvement
	% Satisfied on post-discharge phone call



# Establish baseline

Did anyone find that the care partner identity was being collected/documented but that information is not currently shared with the healthcare team?

Can you get a report from your EHR? How are you planning to monitor?

Is your team currently documenting conversations with or the presence of family, friend, support person or care partner when at the bedside or spoken to by a member of the team?



# Designing your care partner program

- What EQIC tools will your program adopt or adapt?
- How will you get patient and care partner feedback on your program?

The collage features several EQIC (Eastern US Quality Improvement Collaborative) materials:

- Thank You Card:** A blue card with the EQIC logo and the text "THANK YOU FOR BEING A CARE PARTNER". It includes a photo of a patient in a hospital bed being attended to by a nurse and a family member.
- Informational Brochure:** A smaller blue card titled "WHAT IS A CARE PARTNER?". It explains the role of a care partner and provides instructions for patients and care partners.
- My Care Transition Plan Form:** A form titled "My Care Transition Plan" with sections for "Care Partners" and "My Care Transition Plan". It includes fields for patient name, phone numbers, and a list of concerns to address at home. A legend defines the SMART and AWARE acronyms.

# Educate staff

- How did you educate your staff?
- Provider staff
- Nursing staff
- Other



# Promote care partner program widely

- In-services/orientation
- Screen savers
- Patient television channel
- Posters
- Brochures
- Media



Did you know we have a care partner program?

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Ask your nurse manager.



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# Identify

- What did you find in your facilities that do have the law CARE Act regulation?
- Who will be the first person to ask a patient to identify the care partner?
- Who is the next person?
- Where will it be documented?

# Script for assisting patient to identify a care partner

Is there anyone who would like to share?

“We have learned that patients do better if they have someone participating in their care in the hospital and helping after you go home. Do you have someone who can help you?”

“Is there someone who helps you at home? Someone who you would like to learn about your situation and can help you while you are here and when you leave the hospital?”

“Is there someone you can identify as a care partner while you are in the hospital and when you go home?”

“We will update this person about your care while you are in the hospital, and we will teach them—along with you—to understand your condition and help get you ready to go home and look after you to stay well when you leave the hospital.”

# How will you make the care partner visible to the health care team?

- White board
- Huddle board
- Visible in EHR

Badge or wristband?





# Introduce the care partner to the team

- Orient the care partner
  - Unit schedule
  - Rounds
  - Daily update
- Invite to rounds
- Add to the rounding script
  - “Does this patient have a care partner?”
  - “Who will be updating the care partner today?”

# Thank you.

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