

Quality Improvement Program

Successful Core and Expanded Team Recommendations

Building a strong multi-disciplinary team is critical to successful quality improvement implementation. It is recommended that your **Core Team** be made up of 3 to 6 staff people and your **Expanded Team** include up to 12 staff depending on setting. Below is a list of possible team roles and project responsibilities along with space to list who will be taking on these roles within your setting.

Suggested Core Team Roles

Technical Advisor – External to the project setting, provides technical assistance and support for the implementation of *Project Breathe NY* and will coordinate and/or facilitate quality improvement and asthma guidelines trainings.

Name: _____

Provider Champion – Plays a critical role in promoting the *Project Breathe NY* implementation, empowering staff, and advocating for improvements in asthma care across the hospital or primary care setting.

Name: _____

Project Coordinator – Oversees the implementation of *Project Breathe NY*. As the main point person, organizes core and expanded teams, develops the overall work plan, and oversees execution of the project including managing ongoing communication with the Technical Advisor, internal meetings, and data collection and submission.

Name: _____

Nurse Manager/Lead Nurse – Plays a critical role in engaging the nursing team in the implementation of *Project Breathe NY*, including training on and reinforcement of new asthma workflows.

Name(s): _____

Nurse – Responsible for many critical components of the asthma visit triage process including administering the asthma history questionnaire, reviewing Asthma Action Plans, providing patient education, and reviewing discharge documentation with patients and families.

Name(s): _____

Case Manager – Assesses asthma patients for referrals to home care, school, and community referrals, and facilitates discharge planning in the hospital setting. This person will ideally be a nurse or social worker.

Name(s): _____

Respiratory Therapist – Provides medication and device training and education using teach back technique for asthma patients and their families.

Name: _____

Patient Navigator/Care Coordinator – Assists with post-visit patient follow-up activities including outreaching patients/families, scheduling follow-up appointments and documenting these activities.
Name: _____

Dedicated Certified Asthma Educator – Educates and counsels people with asthma and their families about proper management of the condition to improve patient quality of life. Provides asthma self-management education, including trigger control and medication adherence strategies.
Name: _____

Community Health Worker/Health Educator – Works as a part of the care team to improve/facilitate communication among patients, their families, and the clinical care team. Reinforces asthma education and trigger control strategies and refers patients to community resources when appropriate/necessary.
Name: _____

Pharmacist – Works collaboratively with care team on patient care to provide input on medication and dosing. May work directly with patient and families to solve problems with medications and improve adherence.
Name: _____

Suggested Expanded Team Roles

Clinical Providers – Physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners and other clinical providers play an important role on the *Project Breathe NY* team. They conduct a complete medical evaluation, work with patients and family members to create comprehensive Asthma Action Plans, and complete discharge documents where appropriate.
Name(s): _____

Child Life Specialist – Meets with patients and families and provides child-friendly asthma education, conducts outreach to schools when appropriate to coordinate school-based asthma care plans for patients.
Name: _____

Quality Improvement Liaison – Works closely with core team members to support QI learning sessions, building provider capacity to implement guidelines-based asthma care, and to communicate best practices for quality improvement.
Name: _____

Information Technology Specialist – Works on any adjustments needed to the EMR software and/or other systems to support practice and asthma workflow changes.
Name: _____

Data Analyst – Works closely with core team members to develop a data management and collection plan and to collect, analyze, and report data.
Name: _____