

Title of Intervention: Chart Reminders for Smoking Cessation Counseling

Intervention Strategies: Provider Education

Purpose of the Intervention: To increase physician smoking cessation counseling and referral rates

Population: Health care providers

Setting: Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center; worksite-based

Partners: None mentioned

Intervention Description:

- Provider Education: Chart reminders (fluorescent green stickers with space for documenting smoking status and physician action) were placed on the top of all progress notes in the clinic.

Theory: Not mentioned

Resources Required:

- Staff/Volunteers: Not mentioned
- Training: Not mentioned
- Technology: Not mentioned
- Space: Not mentioned
- Budget: Not mentioned
- Intervention: Chart reminders, fluorescent green stickers
- Evaluation: Observer

Evaluation:

- Design: Quasi-experimental
- Methods and Measures: Chart reviews of the progress reports information was collected on smoking status, smoking cessation counseling and referral to a smoking cessation clinic.

Outcomes:

- Short Term Impact: Organizational practices improved in terms of documentation. Social interactions improved in terms of the overall proportion of patients who received counseling to stop smoking.
- Long Term Impact: Not measured

Maintenance: Not mentioned

Lessons Learned: Not mentioned

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Chang, H. C., L. H. Zimmerman, et al. (1995). "Impact of chart reminders on smoking cessation practices of pulmonary physicians." *Am J Respir Crit Care Med* 152(3): 984-7.