

RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITIES FOR ANESTHESIOLOGY AND PAIN MEDICINE

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Table 1: Improvement Activities Suggested for Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine

Activity ID	Activity Title
IA_BE_1	Use of certified E H R to capture patient reported outcomes
IA_BE_6*	Collection and follow-up on patient experience and satisfaction data on beneficiary engagement
IA_BE_12	Use evidence-based decision aids to support shared decision-making
IA_BE_13	Regularly assess the patient experience of care through surveys, advisory councils and/or other mechanisms
IA_BMH_2	Tobacco Use
IA_CC_2	Implementation of improvements that contribute to more timely communication of test results
IA_EPA_1*	Provide 24/7 access to eligible clinicians or groups who have real-time access to patient's medical record
IA_PM_16	Implementation of medication management practice improvements
IA_PSPA_2	Participation in MOC Part IV
IA_PSPA_3	Participate in IHI Training/Forum Event; National Academy of Medicine, AHRQ Team STEPPS® or other similar activity
IA_PSPA_5	Annual registration in the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program
IA_PSPA_6*	Consultation of the Prescription Drug Monitoring program
IA_PSPA_7	Use of QCDR data for ongoing practice assessment and improvements
IA_PSPA_8	Use of patient safety tools
IA_PSPA_12	Participation in private payer CPIA
IA_PSPA_18	Measurement and improvement at the practice and panel level
IA_PSPA_19	Implementation of formal quality improvement methods, practice changes or other practice improvement processes
IA_PSPA_20	Leadership engagement in regular guidance and demonstrated commitment for implementing practice improvement changes
IA_PSPA_21	Implementation of fall screening and assessment programs

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PM - POPULATION MANAGEMENT | **PSPA** - PATIENT SAFETY & PRACTICE ASSESSMENT

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Table 2: Anesthesiology		Table 3: Pain Medicine	
Activity ID	Activity Title	Activity ID	Activity Title
IA_BE_15	Engagement of patients, family and caregivers in developing a plan of care	IA_BE_14	Engage patients and families to guide improvement in the system of care
IA_BE_22	Improved practices that engage patients pre-visit	IA_BE_16	Evidenced-based techniques to promote self-management into usual care
IA_BMH_3	Unhealthy alcohol use	IA_BE_20	Implementation of condition-specific chronic disease self-management support programs
IA_ERP_1	Participation on Disaster Medical Assistance Team, registered for 6 months	IA_BE_21	Improved practices that disseminate appropriate self-management materials
IA_ERP_2*	Participation in a 60-day or greater effort to support domestic or international humanitarian needs	IA_BMH_4	Depression screening
IA_PSPA_1	Participation in an AHRQ-listed patient safety organization	IA_CC_8	Implementation of documentation improvements for practice/process improvements
IA_PSPA_4	Administration of the AHRQ Survey of Patient Safety Culture	IA_EPA_2	Use of telehealth services that expand practice access
IA_PSPA_9	Completion of the AMA STEPS Forward program	IA_EPA_3	Collection and use of patient experience and satisfaction data on access
IA_PSPA_11*	Participation in CAHPS or other supplemental questionnaire	IA_PM_11	Regular review practices in place on targeted patient population needs
IA_PSPA_14	Participation in Bridges to Excellence or other similar program	IA_PM_15	Implementation of episodic care management practice improvements
IA_PSPA_16	Use of decision support and standardized treatment protocols	IA_PSPA_10	Completion of training and receipt of approved waiver for provision opioid medication-assisted treatments

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