

SVS VQI PSO Quality Improvement

QI Methodology Toolkit

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Identifying a QI Project

Use your VQI reports

- **Bi-annual reports (Spring and Fall)**
- **Center Opportunity Profile for Improvement (COPI) reports**
 - **Center level**
 - **Physician level**
- **Analytics engine reports**
- **SVS guidelines and recommendations**

Starting a QI Project – Team Members

Identify Team Members

- Project lead
- Project sponsor
- Quality expert
- Front line staff
- Stakeholders





Starting a QI Project

What are the desired improvements?

- **Relevant**
- **Measurable**
- **Accurate**
- **Feasible**

Starting a QI Project –be SMART

When starting a QI Project, it is also important to select **SMART** goals. By making sure the goals you set are aligned with the five **SMART** criteria (**Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and Time-Bound**), you have an anchor on which to base all of your focus and decision-making.

Starting a QI Project –be SMART

 Specific	 Measurable	 Attainable	 Realistic	 Time-bound
<p>Do: Set real numbers with real deadlines.</p> <p>Don't: Say, "I want more visitors."</p>	<p>Do: Make sure your goal is trackable.</p> <p>Don't: Hide behind buzzwords like, "brand engagement," or, "social influence."</p>	<p>Do: Work towards a goal that is challenging, but possible.</p> <p>Don't: Try to take over the world in one night.</p>	<p>Do: Be honest with yourself- you know what you and your team are capable of.</p> <p>Don't: Forget any hurdles you may have to overcome.</p>	<p>Do: Give yourself a deadline.</p> <p>Don't: Keep pushing towards a goal you might hit, "some day."</p>



Selecting a QI Model

- Use a single model or combination
- Categorize and identify potential changes
- Already been proven effective
- Provides guidance on approach to change
- Improves quality care

PDSA

Model for Improvement/PDSA: This model focuses on three questions to set the aim or organizational goal, establish measures, and select changes. It incorporates **Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA)** cycles to test changes on a small scale.



The PDSA Methodology, which is a Model for Improvement, is one of the most common QI methodologies utilized. The Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) and Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) have excellent PDSA tools available for download. The **PDSA cycle** is shorthand for testing a change by developing a plan to test the change (**Plan**), carrying out the test (**Do**), observing and learning from the consequences (**Study**), and determining what modifications should be made to the test (**Act**).

DMAIC or Lean Six Sigma

The DMAIC model is a roadmap for Six Sigma, used to improve the quality of results that company processes produce. The letters **DMAIC** are short for: **Define, Measure, Analyse, Improve and Control.**

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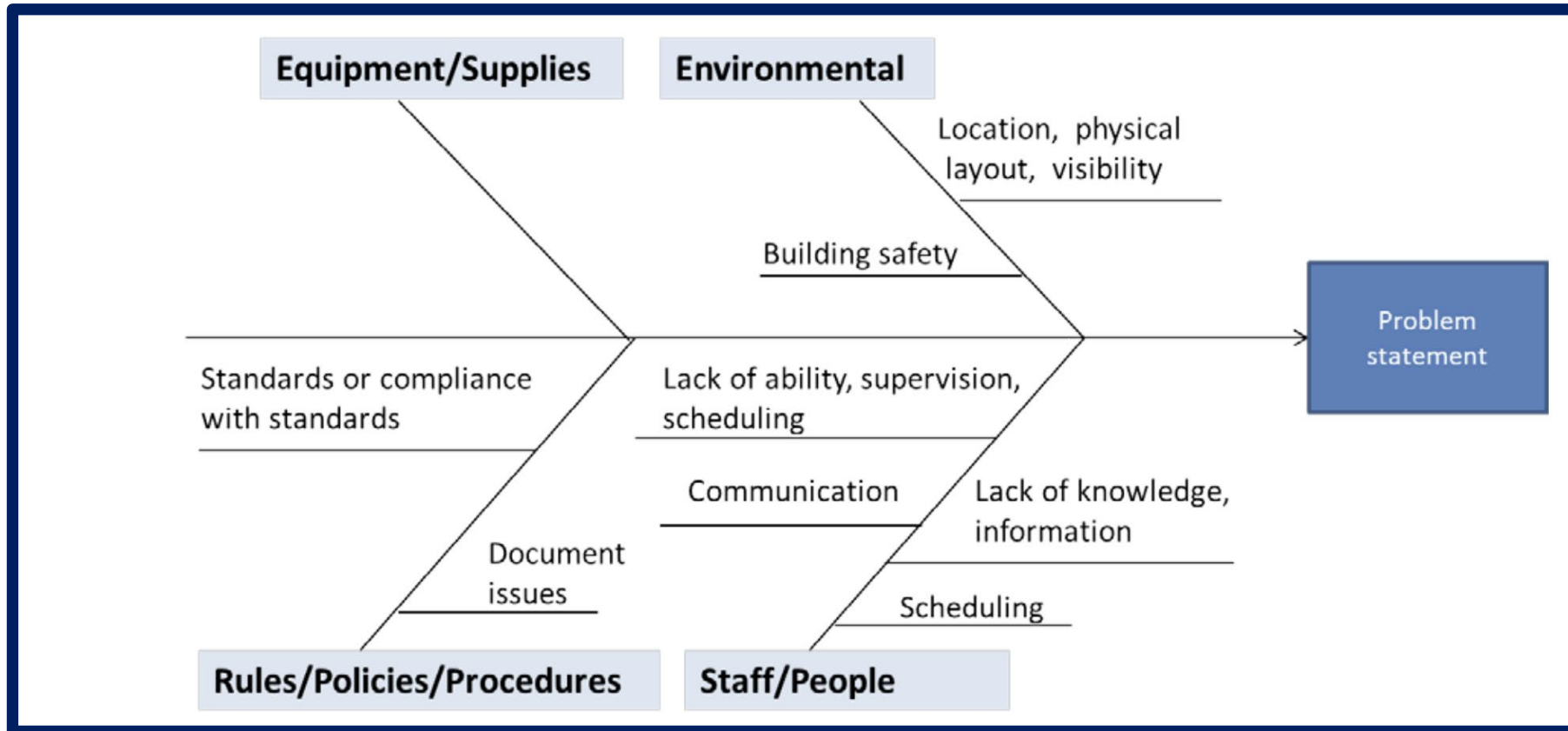
DMAIC/Lean Six Sigma



Fishbone

A cause-and-effect diagram, often called a “fishbone” diagram, can help in brainstorming to identify possible causes of a problem and in sorting ideas into useful categories. A fishbone diagram is a visual way to look at cause and effect.

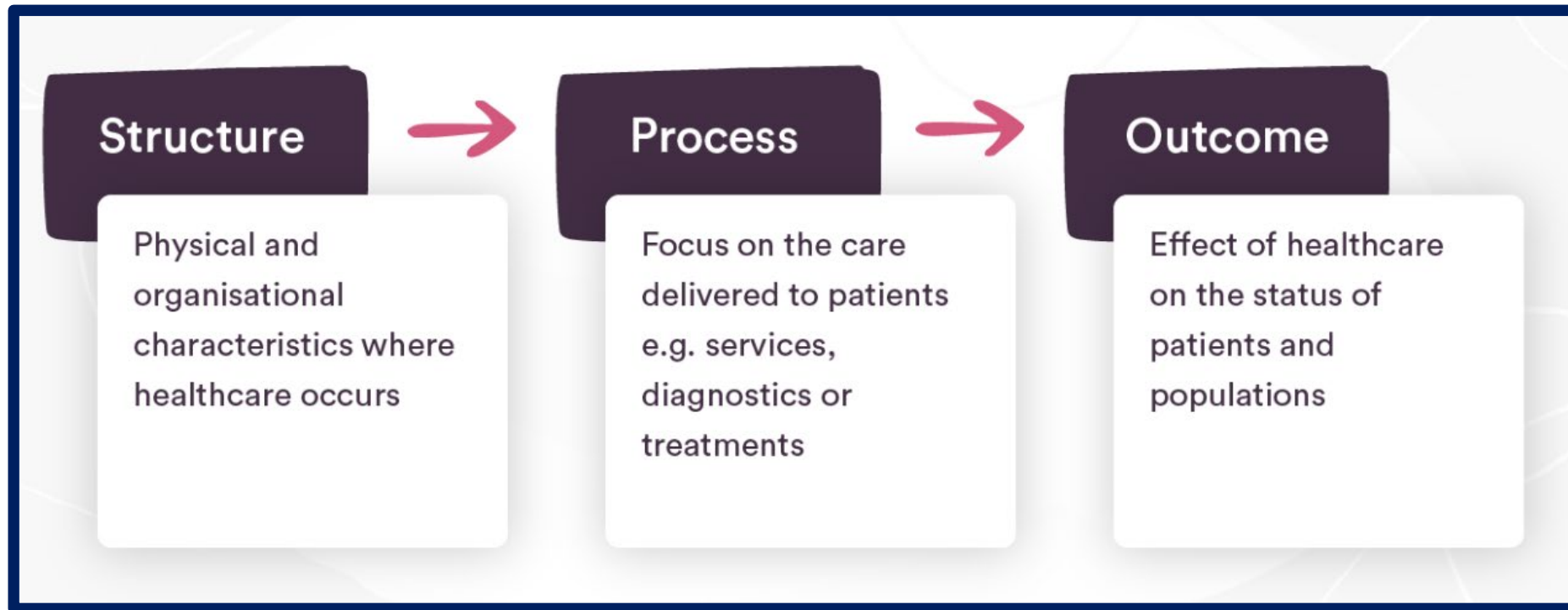
Fishbone



Donabedian Model of Care

Measures used to assess and compare the quality of health care organizations are classified as either a structure, process, or outcome measure. Known as the Donabedian model, this classification system was named after the physician and researcher who formulated it.

Donabedian Model of Care



FMEA

Begun in the 1940s by the U.S. military, failure modes and effects analysis (FMEA) is a step-by-step approach for identifying all possible failures in a design, a manufacturing or assembly process, or a product or service. It is a common process analysis tool.

FMEA



FADE

FADE -a cyclical model consisting of 4 steps

Focus – define the process to be improved

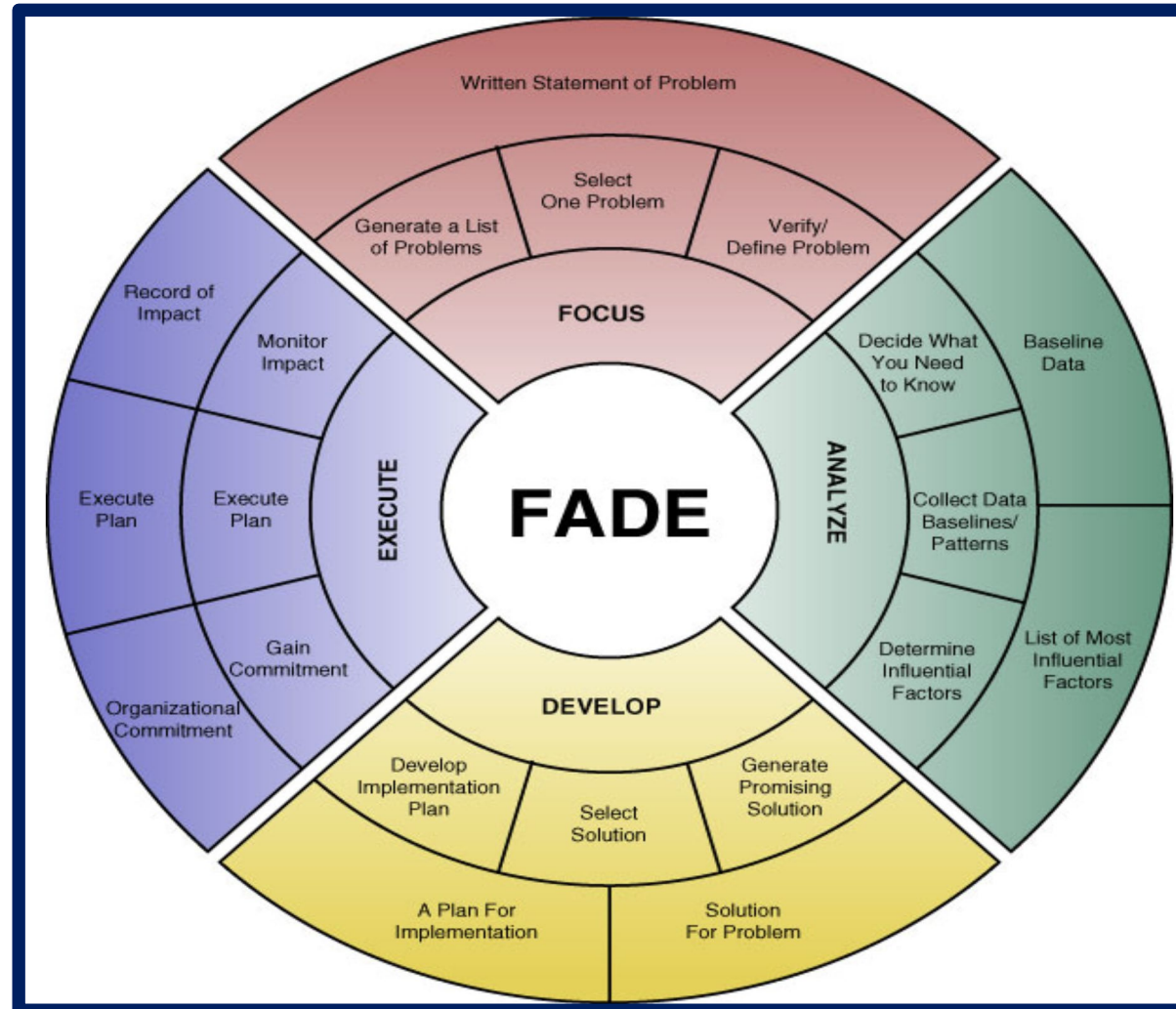
Analyze – collect and analyze data

Develop – action plans for improvement

Execute – implement the action plans *and*

Evaluate – measure and monitor the system to ensure success

FADE



Supporting the QI Project

- Keep the momentum going
- Strike a balance
- Communication – informal and formal
- Celebrate success
- Learn from failure



Which Model(s) Best Fit Your QI Project?

- Review www.vqi.org for resource materials
 - <https://www.vqi.org/quality-improvement-members-only/>
- Need members only access for VQI?
 - Contact jcorrea@svspsso.org
- Develop a charter and email bwymmer@svspsso.org for approval
 - Sample charters <https://www.vqi.org/quality-improvement-members-only/#qi-charters>
- Any questions, contact bwymmer@svspsso.org