

Using Your Pain Assessment Quality Improvement Activity (QIA) Tracker

This tracker is for internal tracking and monitoring purposes only and **should not be submitted or emailed** to the Network.

This tracker will assist you in completing your reporting via Survey Monkey each month. It will also assist your facility with ongoing monitoring and tracking of patient pain assessments follow-up plans.

Download this excel file to your computer to update and complete on an ongoing or monthly basis.

Monthly Follow-up Plans Tabs by Reporting Month: Use these tabs to track and monitor follow-up plans for patients reporting pain for the months of March–September 2018. Your facility should be tracking a minimum of three patients that have pain each month, with at least one patient from the disparity patient population (African America, Asian American, Asian Pacific Islander or Native American). You can monitor/track the same three patients each month, but please choose patients you think will benefit from closer monitoring and tracking of their pain. You should also use this tab to track monthly updates to the follow-up plans, patient involvement (if applicable), and barriers, successes, and best practices identified.

A Note About Patient Health Disparities and Patient and Family Engagement (PFE)

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Networks are making addressing improvements in health disparities and PFE activities a priority in 2018. To that end, a race disparity was identified among the Pain Assessment QIA facilities; fewer Pain Assessment and follow-up plans were being completed among the minority population (i.e., African Americans, Asian Americans, Asian Pacific Islanders and Native Americans.) As noted above, the Pain Assessment QIA Tracker provides facilities with a mechanism to identify and track at least one patient from the disparate patient population each month. This is important. The monthly Survey Monkey will include questions about Pain Assessment and follow-up plans for patients in the disparity population in your facility. Additionally, each facility should be engaging in ongoing PFE activities, which include but are not limited to: inviting patients to participate in the monthly Plan of Care (POC) meetings, monthly Quality Assessment Performance Improvement (QAPI) Program meetings, and patient and family support groups. There will be PFE-related questions included in the monthly Survey Monkey.

For questions regarding the Pain Assessment QIA or the tracker, please email jwilson@nw17.esrd.net or call 650.389.1083.

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