

# PIP Quick Start Guide

## For Nursing Home QAPI Teams

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### Identify the Problem



QAPI committee selects a priority issue.

**Goal: Authorize PIP**

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### Define the Project



Create a PIP charter and SMART goal.

**Goal: Develop a clear project plan**

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### Identify Root Causes



Analyze why the problem is happening.

**Goal: Find the cause**

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### Create Implementation Plan



Develop actions to address root causes.

**Goal: Use targeted solutions**

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### Test and Adjust (PDSA)



Test changes in small cycles.

**Goal: Improve with data**

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### Monitor and Sustain



Track performance to ensure improvements last.

**Goal: Achieve long-term success**



### Quick Tips for Success

Start with one small project • Use data to guide decisions • Keep QAPI committee informed

PIP = Performance Improvement Project; QAPI = Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement; SMART = Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound; PDSA = Plan-Do-Study-Act