



At-A-Glance

Directed Clinical Performance Improvement activity allows an individual and up to nine additional physicians to report a completed clinical practice improvement effort regardless of the type of practice or scope of care delivered and meets the performance improvement requirement.

What Information Will You Need to Provide?

- 1. The start and end date of the improvement project.**
Your credit is applied upon the end date of the project once the performance improvement requirement is confirmed to be met.
- 2. How the project was funded, if funded externally.**
The project must meet the ABFM Industry Support policy, which prohibits pharmaceutical and device manufacturer influence on activities for certification credit.
- 3. The relevant topic areas for the project.**
- 4. What problem or gap in quality was the project intended to address?**
- 5. As a result of identifying the gap in quality, what did the project aim to accomplish?**
An aim statement is a clear, quantifiable goal set within a specific time frame. It states what you tried to change, by how much, and by when.
 - What did you try to change?
e.g., we aimed to improve our practice's influenza vaccination rate
 - What was your improvement goal?
e.g., improving our rate to 85% compliance
 - What was the time frame for this to be accomplished?
e.g., within 9 months
- 6. What measures were used in the project to evaluate progress?**
Measures are directly related to the aim statement showing whether a project's changes are resulting in improvement.
EXAMPLE:
 - Measure Name:** Influenza vaccination compliance
 - Goal:** 85%
 - Data Source:** Electronic Medical Record
 - Collection Frequency:** Monthly
 - Number of Patient Records:** 25 or more
- 7. The results of the improvement effort.**
Provide the baseline and follow-up percentage or number meeting the stated measure(s).
- 8. The interventions or changes that were made during the project.** A sample intervention might be education for your clinical staff, an added compliance check, or utilization of pamphlets during a well-patient visit.
- 9. How were you involved in the project?**
Demonstration of active involvement in the improvement process is necessary for approval of a self-directed activity.

Ready to get started?

Log into your **MyABFM Portfolio**, select Performance Improvement activities from the main screen. From this screen, chose **Self-Directed Clinical** from the list of activities.

