

Case Study #1 Alcohol Status QI Activity

This was a Quality Improvement activity carried out in Geelong where the staff measured **the proportion of regular patients aged 15+ who have had their alcohol consumption status recorded in the previous 24 months**. The staff identified this as an important QI activity as excessive consumption of alcohol is a preventable risk factor for many chronic conditions such as cardiovascular disease.

Clinic's alcohol status reporting was below the 75% target in 2021 at 63%



The Clinical Audit Tool was used to identify patients without an alcohol status



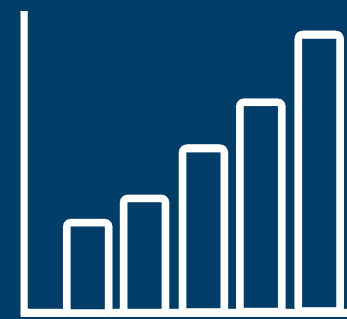
Over 1 month there was an increase of 2.1% for the clinic



One GP had an increase of 10.5%



Current 2022 indicators at 76%



Clinic staff found the QI helpful



Case Study #2 Shingles QI Activity

This was Quality Improvement activity carried out in Apollo Bay that aimed to **increase the number of 71 to 79 year old's immunised against Shingles**, a viral infection characterised by a painful rash and blisters. The National Immunisation Program provided funding for practices to have a reminder system to increase the uptake of shingles vaccines.

Clinic used Govt. funding for a reminder system as an opportunity for QI



Clinic aimed to increase number of 70+ year olds against shingles by 10%



The Clinical Audit Tool was used to identify eligible patients



A QI team was formed including GP's, nurses, admin and PHN staff



Zostavax immunisations were promoted in the waiting room



Clinic had a 10.3% improvement over 2 months



Case Study #3 Cervical Screening QI Activity

This Quality Improvement activity in Apollo Bay aimed to increase the **proportion of patients aged 25 to 74 tested for HPV**. Higher participation in cervical screening means that more women with precancerous abnormalities can have these detected and treated, which is necessary for achieving the overall aim of reducing incidence and mortality from cervical cancer.

Covid was a barrier for cervical screening



Nurses wanted to make it easier for patients



The Clinical Audit Tool was used to identify patients who were overdue



The nurses called all overdue patients



16 patients booked in for a cervical screening



QI activity continued with reminder letters being sent out

