

COPD Toolkit

The Office of Professional Education at National Jewish Health (NJH), an ACCME-accredited provider and the #1 respiratory hospital for 14 consecutive years, is collaborating with Salud Family Health centers on a multidisciplinary performance improvement continuing medical education (PI CME) program. This initiative is designed to improve the care of low-income COPD patients by providing multidisciplinary training and support to primary care practices. The program's goals include providing evidence-based COPD diagnosis and treatment education, and providing education and activation of patients toward effective self-management of their illness.

This program is based on an identified practice gap and area of need, as well as on the outcomes from two previous National Jewish Health programs, *The Colorado Asthma Toolkit Program* and *Making the Right Diagnosis: The Need for Spirometry*. *The Toolkit* program was a three year multidisciplinary initiative that targeted 58 rural primary care offices in Colorado. *Making the Right Diagnosis* was a multi-tactical and multidisciplinary program which combined live spirometry trainings with online learning.

This program is in partnership with Salud Family Health Centers, a local community provider network which provides medical and health education services to the underserved and indigent population at 9 clinics in the following Colorado cities: Brighton, Commerce City, Estes Park, Fort Collins, Fort Lupton, Fort Morgan, Frederick, Longmont, and Sterling.

This PI CME initiative, entitled "***COPD Toolkit***," focuses on COPD education, and includes three multidisciplinary trainings for 9 clinics, with the goal of increasing the capacity of primary care practices to assess and manage COPD as directed by current evidence-based guidelines. The second component of the program is aimed at helping providers to educate and support patients to increase medication adherence and effective self-management by providing the patient outreach "toolkit." The materials in the toolkit are printed in both English and Spanish.

Performance Improvement (Level 5) educational outcomes will be evaluated utilizing the partnering organization's Electronic Health Records (EHR) system. Charts will be pulled and assessed by a third-party educational outcomes provider, Healthcare Research, Inc., and feedback will be provided to participants at all stages of the initiative. All data will be de-identified and HIPAA compliant. A complete outcomes report at the completion of the program will be submitted for publication. The measurements used for this study were developed with consideration of national performance measures from the Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement® and the National Committee for Quality Assurance.

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