

Study on Person-Centred Quality Indicators

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A Person-Centred Quality Indicator (PC-QI) is the unit of measurement of healthcare system or organizational or individual performance, that quantify patients' and families' experiences with the care received and quantify the experience of any individual who comes in contact with healthcare services

List of Person-Centred Quality Indicators

I. Structure Indicators

- S1. Policy on Person-Centred Care
- S2. Educational Programs on Person-Centred Care
- S3. Culturally Competent Care
- S4. Providing an Accommodating and Supportive Person-Centred Care Environment
- S5. Co-designing Care in Partnership with Communities
- S6. Health Information Technology to Support Person-Centred Care
- S7. Structures to Report Person-Centred Care Performance

II. Process Indicators

- P1. Compassionate Care
- P2. Equitable Treatment
- P3. Trusting Relationship with Healthcare Provider
- P4. Assessing Interpreter Services
- P5. Communication with Healthcare System
- P6. Communication between Patient and Healthcare Provider – Nurse
- P7. Communication between Patient and Healthcare Provider – Physician
- P8. Information about Taking Medication
- P9. Communicating Test Results
- P10. Coordination of Care
- P11. Patient Involvement in Decisions about their Care and treatment
- P12. Engaging Patients in Managing Their Own Health
- P13. Timely Access to a Primary Care Provider
- P14. Patient Preparation for a Planned Treatment Program
- P15. Transition Planning
- P16. Using Patient-Reported Outcome Measures to deliver Patient-Centred Care

III. Outcomes Indicators

- O1. Overall Experience
- O2. Cost of care – Affordability

IV. Global Indicator

- G1. Global indicator – Friends and Family Test
“Would you recommend this hospital/health facility to your friends and family?”
[Definitely no/Probably no/Probably yes/Definitely yes]

How were the PC-QIs developed?

- The Person-Centred Quality Indicators (PC-QIs) were developed between 2015-2019 through a multi-phased process involving patients, community members, healthcare providers, and quality improvement experts.
- The PC-QIs are generic (applicable across health sectors) and classified using the Donabedian model for evaluating the quality of care (1988). PC-QIs related to “Structure” are intended to measure the structural and organizational foundations for person-centred care. “Process” indicators refer to the processes of care (informed by the structures), and “Outcome” indicators measure outcomes of these processes and structures. The PC-QIs can be used together to provide a comprehensive perspective on measuring the quality of person-centred care (Santana et al. 2018).
- **Phase 1: 39 indicators identified**
 - A review of the literature to identify PC-QIs that have already been developed
 - A survey of 60 provincial/regional healthcare authorities across Canada, England, Australia, New Zealand, and Sweden to identify PC-QIs that are already in use
 - 16 Interviews with healthcare providers and quality improvement experts on their perspectives related to measuring person-centred care
 - 8 Focus groups with 60 diverse patients and community members in Alberta on what their values and needs related to health care (“what matters to patients”)



- **Phase 2: Final list of 26 indicators prioritized, refined, and validated**
 - A 30-member consensus panel comprised of:
 - 15 patients and community members
 - 15 healthcare providers, person-centred care researchers, and quality improvement leads from across Canada, and with representatives from the UK, Sweden, and the US.



Next steps:

- **Phase 3: Assessing the feasibility of implementing and using PC-QIs**
 - Survey with 33 provincial and regional health care authorities across Canada (ex. Health Quality Councils, AHS, LHINs, etc.) to obtain a system-level perspective on implementing and using the PC-QIs
 - *Interviews to explore the factors that will influence the implementation and use of PC-QIs with:
 - 8-10 Provincial and regional health care authorities (system perspective)
 - 8-10 Primary care clinics in Alberta (clinical perspective)

**Current phase of research*