



Diabetes Workflow Modifications to Improve Care for Your Patients

Providers and practices who are actively engaged in the [Pennsylvania Department of Health's Improving the Health of Americans Through Prevention and Management of Diabetes, Heart Disease, and Stroke program](#) have the benefit of scheduling a no-cost Workflow Assessment (WFA) with a local Quality Insights Practice Transformation Specialists (PTS). WFAs are completed annually and designed to initiate a future state of processes that will move the needle on clinical quality improvement activities.

The following list includes solutions aimed at achieving better patient outcomes in cooperation with the WFA. We encourage you to partner with your Quality Insights PTS to discuss scheduling a WFA and implementing at least ONE of the recommendations listed below. If you are not currently working with a PTS and would like assistance, please email [Ashley Biscardi](#) or call **1.800.642.8686, Ext. 137**.

Electronic Health Record (EHR) Actions

	Activate CDS reminders for diabetes (i.e., diagnosis A1c testing, referral to Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support [DSMES] programs).
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Protocol & Workflow Actions

	Create a protocol to routinely screen patients for diabetes based on clinical guidelines.
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	Create an office workflow/protocol to discuss DSMES referral with all patients living with diabetes.
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Practice & Clinical Solutions

Using the Quality Insights [DSMES Practice Module](#) as a guide:

	Refer eligible patients living with diabetes to Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support (DSMES).
	Partner with a local DSMES and create a bi-directional referral process.

Patient Education Actions

	Review the Medication Adherence module . Educate patients on the importance of medication adherence and create a workflow in your office to document and address patient communication barriers.
	Recommend diabetes apps for patients to download and use to help them better manage their diabetes.
	Promote the American Diabetes Association Risk Assessment to your patients. Have the tests available in the waiting area and exam rooms to educate your patients and help identify risk for diabetes.

