**DEFINE: PROJECT AIM**

To begin the project you will need to identify the specific aim of the quality improvement effort. The Aim Statement should include: (1) a specific and measureable improvement goal, (2) a specific target population, and (3) a specific target date/time period.

\***EXAMPLE AIM STATEMENTS:**

We will [improve, increase, and decrease] the [number, amount, and percent] of [the process/outcome] from [baseline measure] to [goal measure] by [date].

OR

I will decrease the amount time that it takes me to complete Patient Order Entry from a baseline average of 15 minutes to 5 minutes by December 31, 3020.

**Hint:** Document how many patients were included to come up with this baseline measure- you will need this for the graph that is included in your submission

**MEASURE**

Take a baseline measurement of your AIM to include in the above AIM statement

NOTE: You will measure this same data post intervention two times, including the number of patients included in that measure.

**ANALYZE**

Based on your baseline measurement figure out what the issue is and analyze how you could make it better.

**IMPROVE**

Design an intervention that will help you solve the issue, this intervention should be based off the lessons you learned in class but cannot be only educational. Once your intervention is designed – implement it and then measure the same data you did at baseline (your aim)

Did you see improvement? Why or why not? What other changes can you make? Make those…

Measure again (this is your second post measurement)

Put your baseline (be sure to include how many patients) the first post intervention measure and the second post intervention measure in a graph or table.

**EXAMPLE:**

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|   | Baseline Measure of the aim | 1st  post intervention re-measure of the aim | 2nd post intervention re-measure of the aim |
| Date | Sept 1- Oct 1 | Nov 1 – Dec 1 | Feb 1 – March 1 |
| Number of minutes spent on order placement | 15 | 10 | 5 |
| Number of patients | 126 | 75 | 89 |

**CONTROL**

Consider how you are going to maintain this improvement in your practice. How will you monitor your performance and what will you do if your results slide? While this is not included in the attached application, it is important to consider sustaining the improvement that you have made by completing this Quality Improvement project and participating in the EPIC Reboot course.