Beyond Guidelines: A Model to Support High Quality Evidence-Based Care
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Problem: A national strategy to drive consistent systems change across regional boundaries requires strong leadership and a multi-dimensional approach.

Evidence: Knowledge transfer and implementation theory.

Strategy: This session will use the stroke patient population as an example exploring six critical components for success: national evidence-based best practice guidelines; performance measurement frameworks; quality improvement initiatives and education; professional development resources; economic value and benefit; and engagement of champions, including policy-makers, clinicians, advocacy groups and patients.

Practice Change: Understand the broad components required to effect system change and discuss the challenges to system change, and possible solutions including goals and objectives, change mechanisms, tools and resources, recognized leaders, training and development.

Evaluation: Participants evaluate their circumstances and opportunities to apply and implement this model within their practice settings

Results: This model has produced significant improvements in stroke care delivery via integration of care across health-care settings, and the success of the strategy's implementation has been recognized nationally and internationally.

Recommendations: This model could be applied to other clinical conditions and across other jurisdictions. The audience will be engaged in discussions regarding opportunities for synthesis, applicability, and adaptability to your own or other environments.

Lessons Learned: Key elements of system change include: i) stakeholder analysis; ii) prioritization tools; iii) approaches to change acceleration, and iv) quality improvement.

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