

PGME Continuous Improvement (CI) Working Group

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Institutional Standard 9: Continuous improvement of learning sites

9.1.1: There is a process to regularly review and improve the learning environment in each learning site.

9.1.2: A range of data and information is reviewed to inform evaluation and improvement of the quality of the learning environment at each learning site.

9.1.3: Based on the data and information reviewed, strengths are identified, and action is taken to address areas identified for improvement.

CI Working Group Purpose/Objectives

Purpose: To provide advice regarding the support and oversight of continuous improvement activities at U of T Learning Sites.

Objectives:

- Provide a U of T specific interpretation of Institutional Standard 9
- Assess the current state of CI initiatives at each site
- Make recommendations for how to address identified gaps
- Make recommendations for the continued reporting and/or monitoring of CI activities at each learning site

CI Working Group Membership

Members:

- Co-Chairs: Anne Matlow and Karl Iglar
- 7 Representatives from fully-affiliated and community-affiliated sites
- Resident members

Ex officio:

- Associate Dean, PGME
- Director, PGME, Admissions and Evaluation
- Program Manager, Accreditation & Education Quality Systems
- Quality Assurance Review and Program Evaluation Officer

*This working group will meet 4 times to research, develop and prepare their recommendations

Continuous Improvement of Learning Sites (LS) to Improve the Educational Experience

Regularly **review** the learning environment (LE)

AREAS OF REVIEW

- > Quality of clinical care
- > Resources re: residents' competency acquisition
- > Safety of LE for patients
- > Safety of LE for residents

WHO'S RESPONSIBLE?

- > Medical Ed Cmte/ Quality Cmte
- >MAC/ Leadership Cmte
- > PG Ed Cmte/ Trainee Cmte
- > Student Experience Cmte
- > Residency Training Cmte
- > Learner Environment Cmte

Use a **range of data & information** to inform LE evaluation & improvement

DATA / INFO SOURCES

- > Safety reporting/ CI report systems
- > M &M / Safety Rounds
- > Rotation evaluations & resident feedback
- > Teacher evaluations
- > POWER Hospital Education Evaluation Reports (HEER)
- > TAHSN Learner environment survey
- > VORS

Identify strengths & **take action to address areas for improvement** in the LE

PLAN, DO, STUDY, ACT

- > Having identified a process or outcome in need of improvement, commit to improving the situation by a set amount and by a set date.
- > Process, outcome and balancing measures are needed.
- > Improvement science includes iterative cycles of planning, trial, evaluation of the results of the trial, and planning the next steps, measuring all along the way.