



Population of Focus and Team Aims

- In order to measure our outcomes, we need to have a list of who our patients are. Figuring out this list of clients is called **Empanelment**.
- If we want to know our list of clients with opioid use disorder, then we best use a standard diagnosis code and have a way of running a list of our clients with this code
- Need to measure to overcome human bias in assessing our outcomes'
- If we measure people we are NOT actually seeing, then we dilute any changes
- If we miss measuring people we ARE seeing, we miss detecting any improvements from their cases
- Our Population of Focus (POF) is our list of clients with opioid use disorder who we care for, and who do not have an external provider for OUD/OAT
- Teams could consider seeing how their clients with external provider are doing
- If patients are not found after adequate follow-up/outreach efforts, or they have moved, are seeking care elsewhere, or have died, then we remove them from our POF
- A proportion of our POF will have an active OAT prescription, and this proportion is our first core measure that we want to track.
 - **NUMERATOR** – number of clients in POF with active OAT rx on today's date
 - **DENOMINATOR** – number of clients in POF
 - Goal – 95%
- Of those with an active prescription, we then want to figure out the number retained on therapy (without need to restart) for >3 months. This gets to our main outcome measure.
 - NUMERATOR – number of clients in POF with active OAT rx on today's date and has been on OAT for >3mos with restart ("most recent start date" is over three months prior)
 - DENOMINATOR – number of clients in our POF with active OAT rx (we can exclude new clients who have been in our POF for <3 months from here)
- As the largest drops in retention length occur in the first weeks and months, it may also be useful to track retention >1 week, 1 month, 2 months.

Questions

1. Are you able to produce a list corresponding to your Population of Focus? How so?
2. If you are not, what work do you need to do first?
3. Our team's aim statement:

_____ aims to provide _____
_____ to help our clients with OUD achieve

- _____% have an active OAT prescription
- _____% of those with an active OAT prescription are retained on therapy for >3 months
- _____% _____
_____ (optional 3rd numerical aim)