# The Preventive Medicine Milestone Project: Occupational Medicine

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The milestones are designed only for use in evaluation of resident physicians in the context of their participation in ACGME-accredited residency or fellowship programs. The milestones provide a framework for assessment of the development of the resident physician in key dimensions of the elements of physician competency in a specialty or subspecialty. They neither represent the entirety of the dimensions of the six domains of physician competency, nor are they designed to be relevant in any other context.

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#### **Milestone Reporting**

This document presents milestones designed for programs to use in semi-annual review of resident performance and reporting to the ACGME. Milestones are knowledge, skills, attitudes, and other attributes for each of the ACGME competencies organized in a developmental framework from less to more advanced. They are descriptors and targets for resident performance as a resident moves from entry into residency through graduation. In the initial years of implementation, the Review Committee will examine milestone performance data for each program's residents as one element in the Next Accreditation System (NAS) to determine whether residents overall are progressing.

For each period, review and reporting will involve selecting milestone levels that best describe a resident's current performance and attributes. Milestones are arranged into numbered levels. Tracking from Level 1 to Level 5 is synonymous with moving from novice to expert. These levels do not correspond with post-graduate year of education.

Selection of a level implies that the resident substantially demonstrates the milestones in that level, as well as those in lower levels (see the diagram on page v).

- Level 1: The resident demonstrates milestones expected of an incoming resident.
- **Level 2:** The resident is advancing and demonstrates additional milestones, but is not yet performing at a mid-residency level.
- **Level 3:** The resident continues to advance and demonstrate additional milestones, consistently including the majority of milestones targeted for residency.
- **Level 4:** The resident has advanced so that he or she now substantially demonstrates the milestones targeted for residency. This level is designed as the graduation target.
- **Level 5:** The resident has advanced beyond performance targets set for residency and is demonstrating "aspirational" goals which might describe the performance of someone who has been in practice for several years. It is expected that only a few exceptional residents will reach this level.

#### **Additional Notes**

Level 4 is designed as the graduation *target* and <u>does not</u> represent a graduation *requirement*. Making decisions about readiness for graduation is the purview of the residency program director. Study of milestone performance data will be required before the ACGME and its partners will be able to determine whether milestones in the first four levels appropriately represent the developmental framework, and whether milestone data are of sufficient quality to be used for high-stakes decisions.

Some milestone descriptions include statements about performing independently. These activities must occur in conformity to ACGME supervision guidelines, as well as institutional and program policies. For example, a resident who performs a procedure independently must, at a minimum, be supervised through oversight.

To aid in scoring the milestones, a listing of assessment tools by competency is available on the milestone page under the heading "Educational Materials". These assessment tools are not required.

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions about Milestones are available on the Milestones web page: <a href="http://www.acgme.org/acgmeweb/Portals/0/MilestonesFAQ.pdf">http://www.acgme.org/acgmeweb/Portals/0/MilestonesFAQ.pdf</a>.

The diagram below presents an example set of milestones for one sub-competency in the same format as the milestone report worksheet. For each reporting period, a resident's performance on the milestones for each sub-competency will be indicated by:

- selecting the level of milestones that best describes that resident's performance in relation to the milestones or,
- for Patient Care and Medical Knowledge milestones, selecting the option that says the resident has "Not yet rotated" or,
- for Interpersonal and Communication Skills, Practice-based Learning and Improvement, Professionalism, and Systems-based Practice milestones, selecting the option that says the resident has "Not yet achieved Level 1"

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
<ul> <li>Recognizes the importance of advocating for quality care and optimal patient care systems</li> <li>Recognizes that medical errors and healthcare system failures are a significant cause or morbidity</li> </ul>	Understands key concepts related to healthcare quality improvement     Recognizes and reports errors and near-misses	Advocates for quality care and optimal individual patient care systems     Recognizes potential sources of system failure in healthcare systems such as minor, major, and sentinel events	<ul> <li>Advocates for quality care and optimal population based care systems</li> <li>Participates in a team based approach to make system changes</li> </ul>	Develops or leads a team to evaluate a system error and improve processes
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Comments:			Not yet	achieved Level 1
level implies tha	onse box in the middle of t milestones in that level ave been substantially	and Sele indi sub:	ecting a response box on to cates that milestones in lost stantially demonstrated a ne higher level(s).	ower levels have been

Toxicology: Recognize, evaluate, and treat exposures to toxins at work or in the general environment — Patient Care 1				
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Manages patients in outpatient and inpatient settings and demonstrates knowledge of anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, and pharmacological principles, including metabolism of drugs and other hazardous agents	Demonstrates core foundation knowledge of toxicological principles, including: toxicokinetics, routes of exposure and absorption, preclinical and clinical effects of toxins, evaluation and treatment of acute or chronic exposure to occupational or environmental chemical agents, screening and surveillance for exposed populations, and use and interpretation of relevant scientific literature and data bases	<ul> <li>Recognizes, evaluates, and treats (or refers) patients whose health may be affected by acute or chronic exposure to occupational or environmental chemical agents, including interpretation of laboratory and/or environmental monitoring test results under supervision</li> <li>Assesses clinical, worksite, and environmental data, and performs appropriate scientific literature reviews in performance of patient evaluations under supervision</li> </ul>	Recognizes, evaluates, and treats (or refers) exposures to toxicants at work or in the general environment, including interpretation of laboratory or environmental monitoring test results and applying toxicokinetic data under minimal supervision	<ul> <li>Performs complex causation analysis (e.g. Independent Medical Evaluations (IME), toxicology consultations, etc.) of patients with symptoms or conditions that may be related to toxic exposures from work or the general environment</li> <li>Communicates risk from real or potential hazards to groups, including health professionals, the public, and the media, in a clear and effective manner both orally and in writing</li> </ul>
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(these latter two communications to groups/organizations may be achieved through

simulation)

employer organizations

both orally and in

writing

Industrial Hygiene, Safety and Ergonomics and Risk/Hazard Control, and Communication: Assess if there is risk of an adverse event from exposure to physical, chemical, or biological hazards in the workplace or environment, and characterize, make recommendations for control of, and communicate the risk — Patient Care 2 Level 1 Level 2 Level 3 Level 4 Level 5 Acquires accurate and • Participates in activities • Applies the principles of • Interprets, analyzes, and Demonstrates the hierarchy of controls complete history and understanding of core or consultations that applies principles of performs appropriate principles of industrial include application of the to reduce risks from industrial hygiene, physical examination of hygiene, ergonomics, principles of industrial industrial hygiene, ergonomics, patients with injuries occupational safety, and hygiene, ergonomics, ergonomic, and safety occupational safety, and and illnesses that may risk/hazard control and occupational safety, and hazards to patients, risk/hazard control in be related to workplace communication (e.g., complex occupational or risk/hazard control to populations, and recognition of employer organizations community exposures patients, populations, regulatory standards and employer under minimal environments and guidelines) organizations under supervision Communicates risk from supervision Communicates risk from hazards to groups (e.g., hazards to patients in a health professionals, the public, public agencies, clear and effective manner both orally and and the media) in a clear in writing; communicates and effective manner

Comments: Not yet rotated

Emergency Preparedness and Response: Apply skills in Emergency Preparedness and Response — Patient Care 3					
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	
Demonstrates basic skills in emergency medical care	<ul> <li>Demonstrates         knowledge of triage         concepts</li> <li>Demonstrates basic         knowledge of         emergency         preparedness programs</li> </ul>	Demonstrates and applies understanding of emergency preparedness programs	Demonstrates the ability to develop and evaluate the medical portion of an emergency plan	Provides leadership in developing, implementing, and evaluating emergency preparedness programs	
Comments:  Community Health: Monito	r, diagnose, and investigate c	ommunity health problems -	– Patient Care 4	Not yet rotated	
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	
Identifies common health issues in a community	Identifies basic health status measures to assess/investigate a community's health	<ul> <li>Selects and describes appropriate health status measures to assess a community's health</li> </ul>	Monitors and interprets single health status indicator of the community	Monitors and interprets multiple and/or complex health status indicators of the community	
Comments:				Not yet rotated	

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
<ul> <li>Conveys basic health information to individuals or small groups</li> </ul>	Identifies proper communication techniques related to health threats and risks	Prepares and delivers a basic health hazard/risk presentation	Conveys complex health information to educate a community or group and responds to queries about risk	Conveys sensitive/high- stakes health information to educate community or group through a variety of media platforms
Comments:				Not yet rotated
Policies and Plans: Develop		•	ealth efforts — Patient Care	6
	Devel 2     Links individuals to needed personal health services including appropriate referrals and follow-ups	Level 3  • Applies primary, secondary, and tertiary preventive approaches to disease prevention and health promotion for individuals or communities, with minimal supervision	Level 4  • Applies primary, secondary, and tertiary preventive approaches to disease prevention and health promotion for the individuals and community	, ,

Evaluating Health Services: Evaluate Population-based health services — Patient Care 7				
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Recognizes distinctions between population and individual health services	<ul> <li>Describes basic measures of effect (e.g., risk ratio)</li> <li>Describes basic measures of quality (e.g., benchmarking)</li> <li>Lists populations known to be underserved (e.g., low income)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Assesses evidence for effectiveness of a population-based health service</li> <li>Uses scientific literature to identify a target population for a given population-based health service</li> <li>Uses scientific literature to identify barriers to delivery of population-based health service</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Uses program goals and/or established performance criteria to evaluate a population-based health service</li> <li>Uses evaluation findings to recommend strategic or operational improvements</li> <li>Uses data to identify barriers to population-based health services</li> </ul>	Develops program goals and/or performance criteria to evaluate a population-based health service
Comments:				Not yet rotated

## Clinical Occupational and Environmental Medicine: Provide evidence-based clinical evaluation and treatment for injuries and illnesses that are occupationally or environmentally related — Patient Care 8

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Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Understands basic	Understands controls that	Works with a team to	Works with a team to	Leads a team to evaluate
epidemiologic concepts	can be used to reduce	evaluate and identify	evaluate and identify	and identify a previously
and recognizes that	exposures in the	workplace or	workplace or	unrecognized workplace
diseases and injuries	workplace	environmental causes of	environmental causes of	or environmental cause of
occur in a social and	Acquires an accurate and	injury or illness and	injury or illness and	injury or illness
environmental context	relevant history, including	recommends controls or	recommends controls or	<ul> <li>Participates in cases of</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Acquires a history and</li> </ul>	occupational history, and	programs to reduce	programs to reduce	complex occupational
performs a basic	performs intermediate-	exposure, and to enhance	exposure, and to enhance	injury and illness that
physical exam that may	level physical examination	the health and productivity	the health and productivity	require tertiary prevention
be related to workplace	that may be related to	of workers under	of workers under minimal	measures such as
or environmental	workplace or	substantial supervision	supervision	multidisciplinary case
exposures	environmental exposures	<ul> <li>Acquires an accurate,</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Acquires an accurate,</li> </ul>	management, specialty
	under direct supervision;	organized, and relevant	organized, and relevant	referral, and advanced
	begins formulation of the	history, including	history, including	accommodation systems,
	differential diagnosis,	occupational history, and	occupational history, and	provides supervision of
	assessment, and plan	performs advanced-level	performs advanced-level	other independently
	<ul> <li>Begins to assess work-</li> </ul>	physical examination that	physical examination that	licensed health care
	relatedness (e.g., repair of	may be related to	may be related to	professionals, receives
	simple laceration, initial	workplace or	workplace or	minimal oversight by
	management of non-	environmental exposures	environmental exposures	attending physician (e.g.,
	displaced distal extremity	under minimal direct	<ul> <li>Formulates an appropriate</li> </ul>	managing a patient with
	fracture, interpretation of	supervision	differential diagnosis and	traumatic brain injury with
	surveillance pure-tone	Formulates an appropriate	assessment; provides	multiple medical providers
	audiometry)	differential diagnosis and	appropriate treatment and	involved)
		assessment; provides	plan, including fitness for	
		appropriate treatment and	duty and accommodations,	
		plan, including fitness for	for complex cases under	
		duty and accommodations,	indirect supervision	
		for simple cases	<ul> <li>Applies evidence-based</li> </ul>	
		Applies evidence-based	clinical practice guidelines	
		clinical practice guidelines	in treatment and	
		in treatment and	management. Provides	

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	management (e.g., management of wo related asthma and interpretation of spirometry)		
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Occupational and Environmental Medicine (OEM) Related Law and Regulations: Comply with regulations important to occupational and environmental health; workplace hazard related (e.g., Occupatioal Safety and Health Administration [OSHA]-based), and consumer/community hazard related (e.g., Enviornmental Protection Agency [EPA], Consumer Product Safety Commission [CPSC]) — Patient Care 9 Level 1 Level 2 Level 3 Level 4 Level 5 • Identifies relevant • Lists the • Reviews actual exposure • Prepares a written • Based on personal monitoring data and research (empirical data criteria/regulatory levels regulatory agencies with exposure monitoring jurisdiction for for exposures to the prepares written reports and reporting system or systematic literature regulating exposure in review), prepares a specific substance or about compliance for plan for a specific the geographic area and hazard workplace or other proposal for modifying managers, workers, or industry/agent defined entity an existing regulatory government standard **Comments:** Not yet rotated

and relevant history dire with pertinent physical examination findings of injuries and diseases clos	ens, manages, and ects straight-forward ekers' compensation atment plans, and se workers'	Opens, manages, and directs complicated workers' compensation treatment plans, and	<ul> <li>Provides advice and remediation strategies concerning summary results or trends in</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Performs an independent medical evaluation, including an impairment formulation</li> </ul>	
or limitation to perform follor required job tasks stat wor	npensation ry/illness cases owing the relevant re, federal, and public rkers' compensation urance rules	close workers' compensation injury/illness cases following the relevant state, federal, and public workers' compensation insurance rules	disability, disease, or risk that may have public health significance in order to maximize worker productivity—this may be achieved through simulation	following the relevant state, federal, and public workers' compensation insurance rules	

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Recognizes that individual and organizational factors in the workplace can influence health and productivity	Identifies individual and organizational factors in the workplace which influence the health and productivity of workers, such as ethnicity, language, health beliefs, absenteeism, presenteeism, safety culture, etc.	<ul> <li>Describes the appropriate use and limitations of health risk assessment and screening for well populations, and the applications of screening, assessment, and early intervention for targeted high-risk groups</li> <li>Counsels employees about health risks and lifestyle</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Monitors and surveys at least one workforce and interprets monitoring and surveillance data for prevention of disease in the workplace to enhance the health and productivity of workers under supervision (may be achieved through simulation)</li> <li>Communicates scientific knowledge related to health and productivity to target groups with supervision</li> </ul>	Designs, implements, and evaluates worksite health promotion and disease prevention programs independently, incorporating authoritative guidelines as appropriate

Public Health, Surveillance, and Disease Prevention: Develop, evaluate, and manage medical surveillance programs for the workplace —				
Patient Care 12				
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Demonstrates working knowledge of basic principles underlying screening (e.g., sensitivity, specificity, predictive value, positive/negative, etc.)	Performs a medical surveillance examination following prescribed guidelines; communicates results in writing to patient (and employer, if relevant)	Independently determines which tests are appropriate, cost- effective, and/or mandatory for a specific worker-patient	Prepares a valid aggregate analysis and summary of actual medical surveillance examinations for a specific focus, such as lead exposed workers, lipid screening, hearing conservation (may be achieved through simulation)	Develops a comprehensive program plan for an actual workplace, including test selections, follow-up plans, marketing, and comparison of cost effectiveness of alternative strategies
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OEM Related Management and Administration — Patient Care 13					
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	
Understands the basic use of information technology to prepare simple reports, present data, and communicate with colleagues and patients	<ul> <li>Adopts protocols to manage patient records and protect confidentiality</li> <li>Demonstrates an understanding of the roles of various professionals in an occupational health service, including other independent licensed health care professionals</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Identifies and implements, under supervision, process and outcome measures for work populations and benchmarks with other organizations</li> <li>Applies techniques of process improvement in uncomplicated circumstances</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Designs, with supervision, cost containment strategies for workers' compensation, health benefits, and disability management programs</li> <li>Communicates technical and clinical information to professionals and lay audiences, including labor and management with supervision</li> </ul>	• Plans, designs, implements, manages, and evaluates comprehensive occupational/environmen tal health programs, projects, and protocols that enhance the health, safety, and productivity of workers, their families, and members of the community	
Comments:				Not yet rotated	

Ethics: Apply an ethical approach to promote the health and welfare of the individual worker and protect worker rights and privacy in the context of overriding workplace public health and safety — Patient Care 14 Level 2 Level 4 Level 1 Level 3 Level 5 • Distinguishes between • Develops ethically sound Describes the legal rights Informs workers of results Demonstrates the ability of clinical and surveillance personal health to protect the privacy and policies and procedures of patients to confidentiality of personal information protections confidentiality rights of for workplace programs evaluations in an ethical the individual worker(may health information as manner consistent with and state laws governing related to substance stipulated in the Health release of clinical be achieved through abuse testing, fertility legal requirements • Describes the legal and information related to protection, fitness for Insurance Protability and simulation) Accountability Act (HIPAA) ethical uses of medical work-related duty evaluations, and Advises employers of safety sensitive positions injury/illness, as well as summary results and surveillance information from worker populations medical surveillance trends in disability, Advocates for health and • Describes the physician's programs disease, or risk that may safety issues arising in the role and responsibilities have public health workplace significance without with respect to jeopardizing individual identification and employee privacy rights reporting of work-related (may be achieved through illness and injuries simulation) • Understands and applies appropriate sharing and restriction of information for various aspects of occupational medicine (e.g., American's with Disabilities Act [ADA]) **Comments:** Not yet rotated

Behavioral Health — Medical Knowledge 1					
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	
<ul> <li>Lists major effects of individual behavior on health</li> <li>Recognizes that social and behavioral factors influence population health</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Identifies social and behavioral factors that affect health of individuals</li> <li>Identifies social and behavioral factors that affect health of populations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Identifies best practice and tools to assess risk behaviors</li> <li>Describes effective approaches to modify individual health behaviors</li> <li>Describes effective approaches to modify population health behaviors</li> <li>Identifies the causes of social and behavioral factors that affect health of populations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Integrates best practices and tools to assess risk behaviors</li> <li>Implements effective approaches to modify individual health behaviors</li> <li>Integrates best practices and tools to assess population risk behaviors</li> <li>Implements effective approaches to modify population health behaviors</li> </ul>	Develops and evaluates programs to change health behaviors of individuals	
Comments:				Not yet rotated	

Environmental Health — Medical Knowledge 2						
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5		
Identifies major routes of human exposure to environmental toxicants	<ul> <li>Identifies common illnesses that may be caused or influenced by environmental exposures</li> <li>Identifies broad environmental factors that may impact the health of a community</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Describes individual factors that impact susceptibility to adverse health effects from environmental exposures</li> <li>Identifies potential population health effects from exposure to chemical, physical, and biological hazards</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Recommends methods of reducing adverse environmental health effects for individuals</li> <li>Identifies sources and routes of environmental exposures to chemical, physical, and biological hazards for defined populations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Recommends, interprets, and explains the results of individual environmental monitoring</li> <li>Interprets and explains population level environmental monitoring results</li> </ul>		
Comments:  Not yet rotated						

Biostatistics — Medical Knowledge 3						
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5		
Recognizes common statistical concepts (e.g., measures of central tendency, p-values, and confidence intervals)	Defines common statistical concepts (e.g., p-values and confidence intervals)	Describes frequently used statistical tests (e.g., paired and unpaired t-tests, chisquare tests, and others)	• Independently utilizes simple statistical methods (e.g., paired and unpaired t-tests, chi-square tests, and appropriate nonparametric tests) to describe small data sets	Participates in the use of statistical software to perform statistical tests; understands more advanced statistical methods such as linear and logistic regression		
Comments:  Not yet rotated						

Epidemiology — Medical Know	vledge 4			
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
<ul> <li>Identifies and recognizes basic measures of disease frequency (incidence, prevalence, mortality)</li> <li>Distinguishes between experimental and observational studies</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Identifies and recognizes basic measures for comparing risk (risk ratios, odds ratios)</li> <li>Describes commonly used study designs (randomized clinical trial, cohort, casecontrol, cross-sectional)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Knows methods for calculating basic measures of disease frequency and risk</li> <li>Explains what is meant by validity, bias, confounding, and effect modification; distinguishes between association and causation; lists criteria for causal inference</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For a defined population, uses data to calculate measures of disease frequency and one or more risk factors for a specified disease or condition</li> <li>Critically reviews and interprets epidemiologic literature for commonly used study designs, identifying purpose, population, design, and biases</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Uses data to characterize the health of a local population, compares it with that of other populations, identifies localities or groups with poorer health, and identifies and assesses the importance of different risk factors, for at least one disease or condition</li> <li>Designs and conducts a basic observational study (defines aims; selects appropriate study designs, collects, analyzes, and interprets data; identifies limitations; summarizes and discusses findings)</li> </ul>
Comments:  Not yet rotated				

Work and coordinate patient care effectively in various health care delivery settings and systems — Systems-based Practice 1					
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	
Recognizes various individual and population-based health care/services delivery settings and systems	Works and coordinates individual patient care in various health care delivery settings and systems	Works and coordinates population-based health services in various health care delivery settings and systems	Assess organizational performance of health care delivery system	Interacts with other stakeholders to improve the performance of the system	
Comments:					
Incorporate considerations of cost awareness and risk-benefit analysis in patient and/or population-based care, as appropriate — Systems-					
based Practice 2		, ,	, , ,	,	
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	
Recognizes the importance of cost awareness and riskbenefit analysis in patient and/or population-based care	Identifies risks, benefits, and costs for a preventive service in an individual clinical patient	Demonstrates sound judgment relating to risks, benefits, and costs for a preventive service in an individual clinical patient	Demonstrates sound judgment relating to risks, benefits, and costs for a preventive service for a population	Articulates and weighs the costs, benefits, and risks of a proposed population-based service	
Comments:			1	Not yet achieved Level 1	

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
<ul> <li>Recognizes the importance of advocating for quality care and optimal patient care systems</li> <li>Recognizes that medical errors and health care system failures are a significant cause or morbidity</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Understands key concepts related to health care quality improvement</li> <li>Recognizes and reports errors and near misses</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Advocates for quality care and optimal individual patient care systems</li> <li>Recognizes potential sources of system failure in health care systems, such as minor, major, and sentinel events</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Advocates for quality care and optimal population-based care systems</li> <li>Participates in a teambased approach to make system changes</li> </ul>	Develops or leads a team to evaluate a system error and improve processes

Identify strengths, deficiencies, and limits in one's knowledge and expertise; set learning and improvement goals and identify and perform appropriate learning activities utilizing information technology, evidence from scientific studies, and evaluation feedback; systematically analyze practice using quality improvement methods, and implement changes with the goal of practice improvement — Practice-based Learning and Improvement 1

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	
<ul> <li>Acknowledges gaps in personal knowledge and expertise, and frequently asks for feedback</li> <li>Understands the importance of setting learning and improvement goals</li> <li>Identifies problems in health care delivery and gaps in care</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Assesses professional performance in a structured manner</li> <li>Begins to develop learning and improvement goals, based on feedback, with some external assistance</li> <li>Uses information technology to locate scientific studies related to patient health problems</li> <li>Understands the essentials of quality improvement</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Incorporates feedback and assessments into practice improvement</li> <li>Develops learning and improvement goals, based on feedback, with minimal external assistance</li> <li>Critically appraises scientific studies related to patient health problems</li> <li>Defines and constructs process and outcomes measures of quality</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Assesses performance by incorporating feedback and assessments from multiple stakeholders (e.g. patients, members of the health care team, third-party payors)</li> <li>Assimilates evidence from scientific studies into practice</li> <li>Participates in a quality improvement project</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Creates novel ways to assess performance</li> <li>Creates professional educational opportunities for others</li> <li>Systematically designs and carries out quality improvement project in clinical and other health settings</li> </ul>	
Comments:  Not yet achieved Level 1					

Compassion, integrity, and respect for others, as well as sensitivity and responsiveness to diverse patient populations, including diversity in gender, age, culture, race, religion, disabilities, and sexual orientation; knowledge about, respect for, and adherence to the ethical principles relevant to the practice of medicine, remembering in particular that responsiveness to patients that supersedes self-interest is an essential aspect of medical practice. — Professionalism 1

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	
<ul> <li>Seeks out, learns from, and models the attitudes and behaviors of physicians who exemplify appropriate professional attitudes, values, and behaviors, including caring, honesty, genuine interest in patients and families, and tolerance and acceptance of diverse individuals and groups</li> <li>Aware of basic bioethical principles; identifies ethical issues in clinical situations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Exhibits appropriate attitudes, values, and behaviors in straightforward situations, including caring, honesty, genuine interest in patients and families, and tolerance and acceptance of diverse individuals and groups</li> <li>Consistently recognizes ethical issues in practice; discusses, analyzes, and manages in common clinical situations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Exhibits appropriate attitudes, values, and behaviors in difficult situations, including caring, honesty, genuine interest in patients and families, and tolerance and acceptance of diverse individuals and groups</li> <li>Effectively analyzes and manages ethical issues in difficult clinical situations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Balances ethical principles required for individual patient care with those needed for addressing population health</li> <li>Consistently and effectively analyzes and manages ethical issues in both clinical and population-based medicine</li> </ul>	Develops organizational policies and education to support the application of these principles in the practice of individual and population-based medicine	
Comments:  Not yet achieved Level 1					

Accountability to patients, society and the profession — Professionalism 2					
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	
<ul> <li>Recognizes limits of knowledge in most clinical situations</li> <li>Understands importance of physician accountability</li> <li>Aware of the basic causes of impairment in professionals such as fatigue, and substance use</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Consistently recognizes limits of knowledge in common clinical situations and asks for assistance</li> <li>Demonstrates physician accountability to individual patients in clinical situations</li> <li>Identifies resources to address impairment of professionals</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Appropriately engages other members of the health care team</li> <li>Demonstrates physician accountability to a patient population in clinical situations</li> <li>Able to recognize impairment in themselves or other members of the health care team</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Consistently demonstrates the ability to identify limits of own knowledge and proactively incorporates the expertise of others from the health care team into clinical and population-based practice</li> <li>Demonstrates physician accountability to patients, society, and profession in the performance of clinical and population-based duties</li> <li>Able to respond appropriately to impairment in members of the health care team</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Acts as a consultant for clinical and population health topics</li> <li>Exemplifies ethical leadership in clinical and population-based settings</li> </ul>	
Comments:  Not yet achieved Level 1					

Communicate effectively with patients, families, and the public, as appropriate, across a broad range of socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds; communicate effectively with physicians, other health care professionals and health-related agencies; work effectively as a member or leader of a health care team or other professional group; act in a consultative role to other physicians and health professionals. — Interpersonal and Communication Skills 1

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
<ul> <li>Recognizes the importance of effective communication with patients, families, and public</li> <li>Recognizes the importance of effective communication with the health care team</li> <li>Recognizes the importance of working with other members of the health care team</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Demonstrates effective communication with patients, families, or public in common situations</li> <li>Demonstrates effective communication with the health care team in common situations</li> <li>Works effectively with the health care team in common situations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Demonstrates effective communication with patients or the public in issues related to confidential and/or highly sensitive medical information</li> <li>Demonstrates effective communication with the health care team in clinical and population settings</li> <li>Works effectively with the health care team in clinical and population settings</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Demonstrates effective communication with patients and the public in issues related to confidential and/or highly sensitive medical information using multiple communication modalities</li> <li>Able to communicate effectively with the health care team in stressful situations/crises</li> <li>Works effectively with the health care team in stressful situations/crisis</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Creates policy for effective communication of complex health information</li> <li>Demonstrates effective communication outside of the local health care environment, such as state and federal agencies, regional health care systems</li> <li>Understands the importance of working with diverse stakeholders outside of the local health care environment, such as state and federal agencies, regional health care systems</li> </ul>
Comments:  Not yet achieved Level 1				

Maintain comprehensive, timely and legible medical records, including electronic health records (EHR) — Interpersonal and Communication Skills 2						
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5		
Recognizes the importance of maintaining timely and legible records, including EHR	<ul> <li>Maintains timely and legible records, including EHR</li> </ul>	Maintains complete, timely, and legible records, including EHR	Consistently maintains complete, timely, and legible records, including EHR	Develops a protocol for record maintenance		
Comments:  Not yet achieved Level 1						