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COPD COLLABORATIVE MISSION

The Collaborative will provide evidence-based guidelines that will result in improved quality of care for patients with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease. Participants will learn to implement an organizational approach to caring for people with COPD using practical, supportive interactions which will result in cost savings for the primary care practices and the healthcare systems.

COPD COLLABORATIVE GOALS

Each practice team will focus on at least four of the six goals in support of The Care Model:

- 1.) 90% of COPD patients over age 45 with one or more risk factors should have evidence of being assessed for COPD.
- 2.) 100% of visits will show documentation of COPD patient smoking status and smoking cessation counseling will be done at each office visit.
- 3.) 90% of all COPD patients will have a step-wise treatment plan that reflects assessment and severity of the disease process.
- 4.) 90% of all COPD patients will have an annual influenza vaccination and an up-to-date pneumococcal vaccine.
- 5.) 100% of all COPD patients will be referred to a pulmonary rehabilitation program for a minimum of two months and have a documented exercise program.
- 6.) 90% of all COPD patients will have documented self-management goals in the patient chart for each regularly scheduled appointment.

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- American Lung Association
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TEACHING AND LEARNING

Participants will share knowledge and ideas, learn and apply methodologies for organizational change, implement proven concepts and measure progress.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Learning Session 1 – October 18, 2006

Learning Session 2 – January 17, 2007

Learning Session 3 – May 23, 2007

**Location: Jeff's Catering, East West Industrial Park
15 Littlefield Way, Brewer, ME**

Time: 8:00 to 4:00

COPD COLLABORATIVE PROCESS

The IHI style Collaborative process gives you an opportunity to work as a productive healthcare team in the management of your COPD patients. We will conduct practice assessments and chart reviews before and after the Collaborative to demonstrate progress obtained over eight months. Collaborative staff will support you throughout the process with resources such as:

- 1.) Quality improvement concepts, tools and techniques.
- 2.) American Lung Association for Maine - patient educational material.
- 3.) COPD flow sheet.
- 4.) COPD disease registry for tracking and reporting.
- 5.) Logician support for integrating flow sheet.
- 6.) Tobacco cessation information on Maine Tobacco Help Line and fax referrals.