

IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE

Mammography Decision Aid for Women 75 and Older

Note: Refer to “Putting Public Health Evidence in Action”. Review the appropriate Modules and the handouts provided in each, in order to modify and evaluate this program to meet the needs of your organization and audience.

“Putting Public Health Evidence in Action” is available online at:
<http://cpcrn.org/pub/evidence-in-action/>

I. Program Administration (Type of Staffing and Functions Needed)

IT Staff [Recommended: IT professionals]

- Establishes the coding for the automated process in the electronic health record (EHR) system to identify patients eligible for the decision aid and deliver the decision aid via the patient portal before an annual wellness visit.
- Creates an external database to track and monitor patient eligibility and outreach.

Clinician [Recommended: Primary care provider]

- Discusses mammography screening with the patient.

II. Program Delivery

For additional information on modifying program materials, refer to the appropriate Module(s) for program adaptation from “Putting Public Health Evidence in Action”.

A. Program Materials (*All required materials are listed on the Program Materials Page*):

The program materials consist of different versions of the decision aid:

- **Decision aid for women 75 to 84 (English and Spanish version):** This tool provides information on breast cancer risk factors, health and life expectancy, likely outcomes for women who are screened or not screened with mammography, competing mortality risks, and breast cancer treatment options. It also includes a health score calculator and a values clarification questionnaire to help women weigh the benefits and risks of screening.
- **Decision aid for women 85 and older (English and Spanish version):** This version is largely the same as the version for women 75 to 84, but the messages are tailored to the age group to take life expectancy into account.

B. Program Implementation:

The steps used to implement this program are as follows:

Step 1: IT staff develop, test, and implement an automatic process in the EHR system to identify patients eligible for the decision aid and deliver the decision aid via the patient portal before an annual wellness visit.

Step 2: An eligible patient receives the decision aid.

Step 3: The patient completes the decision aid prior to her annual wellness visit with her clinician.

Step 4: The clinician discusses mammography screening with the patient.

III. Program Evaluation

For additional information on planning and adapting an evaluation, review the appropriate Modules for program implementation and evaluation from “Putting Public Health Evidence in Action”.

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