



## Criteria for Quality Improvement Projects

- The primary objective of the project is to improve the quality of care and/or services within the organization
- The project INCLUDES:
  - A designated individual to lead the project (note: students and residents must have a project mentor)
  - Defined quality outcome or goal and process measures to demonstrate success or failure of the project
    - E.g. May use comparisons from pre and post implementation of improvement project to show the quality that was improved.
  - A defined process for data collection and analysis that includes evaluation, revision and frequency of collection
  - Use of a quality improvement methodology (e.g. Plan-Do-Study-Act model)
  - A defined endpoint of the project (eg. when quality goal is achieved)
- Project does NOT:
  - Use an investigational drug or device
  - Randomize patients
  - Use a fixed clinical protocol that may not be altered by caregivers and staff
  - Include a non UF\Shands\VA site
  - Have objectives other than to improve safety or care
  - Compare two or more groups where improvements have only been applied to select groups
  - Violate privacy and confidentiality