

Optimizing Medication Systems and Usage



What is a Collaborative Learning Experience?

A collaborative learning experience is a methodology that brings teams of people from different organizations together to solve a particular problem or issue. Each team focuses on issues that are relevant to the individuals they serve. The teams share their successes and challenges and hold each other accountable to continue to move forward and achieve success with their goals.

What Should I Expect as a Participant?

- Each participating organization will select a core interdisciplinary team of at least 4 individuals that have the resources/expertise needed for the team to successfully impact the use of medications for a sample group of Elders (residents). The core team could include: DON; nurses; nurse practitioners; clinical social workers; in-house physicians, pharmacists, or physical therapists.
- *The core team commits to attending all online sessions together and working as a team in between sessions on designated goals.* Additional team members (CNAs, activity professionals, administrators) are welcome to sit in for online sessions, but it is the core team that will be responsible for driving the organization's participation in the overall learning experience.
- Teams from participating organizations will be asked to collect baseline data on a number of medication-related measures for a sample group of Elders (residents) in advance of the online learning sessions. Data will be collected quarterly during the course of the collaborative learning experience.

- Online learning sessions involve the use of a webinar-based meeting system. Faculty will work with teams to ensure that the optimal audio settings are determined and tested. Teams will designate an appropriate group meeting space that can accommodate the use of an internet connection, an LCD projector, screen, and good quality speaker phone or computer speaker set-up (depending on which audio solution is best for the team).
- Each team member will receive emails during the course of the collaborative learning experience. Prior to each Learning Cycle, team members will receive a message with links to download the materials for those online sessions. Each team member will be responsible to open, download, and review the materials prior to the online sessions.
- Continuing education credits for this offering will be available through NAB for 17 hours pending approval. To be eligible for these education credits, core team members must attend 10 of the 12 sessions in person and view the recordings for the sessions they miss.
- Online learning sessions frame four complete learning cycles:

Learning Cycle 1: Creating Awareness **Sept. 17-Nov. 4, 2015**

Online Session: Thu, Sep 17, 2015 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM EDT

Online Session: Thu, Sep 24, 2015 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM EDT

Learning Cycle 2: Seeing Change **Nov. 5, 2015 – Jan. 6, 2016**

Best Practice Exchange: Thu, Nov 5, 2015 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM EST

Online Session: Thu, Nov 12, 2015 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM EST

Online Session: Thu, Nov 19, 2015 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM EST

Learning Cycle 3: Digging Deep **Jan. 7-March 2, 2016**

Best Practice Exchange: Thu, Jan 7, 2016 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM EST

Online Session: Thu, Jan 14, 2016 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM EST

Online Session: Thu, Jan 21, 2016 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM EST

Learning Cycle 4: Integration & Sustainability **March 3-May 15, 2016**

Best Practice Exchange: Thu, Mar 3, 2016 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM EDT

Online Session: Thu, Mar 10, 2016 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM EST

Online Session: Thu, Mar 17, 2016 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM EST

Sharing Results & Outcomes Celebration: Thu, May 19, 2016 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM