

NEW ENGLAND HIV IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE NETWORK *Spotlight*

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Working with HIV clinics to adopt addiction treatments using Implementation Facilitation (WHAT-IF?)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

We seek to evaluate the impact of Implementation Facilitation (IF), an evidence-based intervention that includes a bundle of strategies to promote practice change, on improving provision of treatments (pharmacotherapy and counseling) for tobacco, alcohol, and opioid use disorders in 4 HIV clinics. We will use a hybrid type 3 approach with a stepped wedge design. We will conduct a formative evaluation to tailor the IF to each site's needs and then examine the impact of IF on organizational and patient-level outcomes.

KEY INSIGHTS/PROGRESS:

Lessons learned during study roll-out:

- 1) Identifying sites was facilitated by relationships in the New England HIV Implementation Science Network;
- 2) Determining the baseline “denominator” (i.e. prevalence) of treatment-eligible patients is

complicated by low screening practices for SUD;

- 3) Clinics vary in provision of treatments for SUD supporting the need for formative evaluations; and;
- 4) Streamlining data extraction from diverse electronic medical records requires validation and close partnership with information technology team members.

PROJECT TEAM AND PARTNERS:

Haelen Center at Yale New Haven Hospital – New Haven CT; Special Treatment and Research (STAR) Program at SUNY Downstate; Miriam Hospital Immunology Center – Providence RI; Hartford Hospital/University of Connecticut – Hartford CT.

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