

**Revised Standards for Quality Improvement Reporting Excellence (SQUIRE 2.0)  
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<b>Title and Abstract</b>		
<b>1. Title</b>	Indicate that the manuscript concerns an initiative to improve healthcare (broadly defined to include the quality, safety, effectiveness, patient-centeredness, timeliness, cost, efficiency, and equity of healthcare)	
<b>2. Abstract</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Provide adequate information to aid in searching and indexing</li> <li>b. Summarize all key information from various sections of the text using the abstract format of the intended publication or a structured summary such as: background, local problem, methods, interventions, results, conclusions</li> </ol>	

<b>Introduction</b>	<i>Why did you start?</i>	
<b>3. Problem Description</b>	Nature and significance of the local problem	
<b>4. Available knowledge</b>	Summary of what is currently known about the problem, including relevant previous studies	
<b>5. Rationale</b>	Informal or formal frameworks, models, concepts, and/or theories used to explain the problem, any reasons or assumptions that were used to develop the intervention(s), and reasons why the intervention(s) was expected to work	
<b>6. Specific aims</b>	Purpose of the project and of this report	
<b>Methods</b>	<i>What did you do?</i>	
<b>7. Context</b>	Contextual elements considered important at the outset of introducing the intervention(s)	
<b>8. Intervention(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Description of the intervention(s) in sufficient detail that others could reproduce it</li> <li>b. Specifics of the team involved in the work</li> </ul>	
<b>9. Study of the Intervention(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Approach chosen for assessing the impact of the intervention(s)</li> <li>b. Approach used to establish whether the observed outcomes were due to the intervention(s)</li> </ul>	
<b>10. Measures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Measures chosen for studying processes and outcomes of the intervention(s), including rationale for choosing them, their operational definitions, and their validity and reliability</li> <li>b. Description of the approach to the ongoing assessment of contextual elements that contributed to the success, failure, efficiency, and cost</li> <li>c. Methods employed for assessing completeness and accuracy of data</li> </ul>	
<b>11. Analysis</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Qualitative and quantitative methods used to draw inferences from the data</li> <li>b. Methods for understanding variation within the data, including the effects of time as a variable</li> </ul>	
<b>12. Ethical Considerations</b>	Ethical aspects of implementing and studying the intervention(s) and how they were addressed, including, but not limited to, formal ethics review and potential conflict(s) of interest	

<b>Results</b>	<i>What did you find?</i>	
<b>13. Results</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Initial steps of the intervention(s) and their evolution over time (<i>e.g.</i>, time-line diagram, flow chart, or table), including modifications made to the intervention during the project</li> <li>b. Details of the process measures and outcome</li> <li>c. Contextual elements that interacted with the intervention(s)</li> <li>d. Observed associations between outcomes, interventions, and relevant contextual elements</li> <li>e. Unintended consequences such as unexpected benefits, problems, failures, or costs associated with the intervention(s).</li> <li>f. Details about missing data</li> </ul>	
<b>Discussion</b>	<i>What does it mean?</i>	
<b>14. Summary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Key findings, including relevance to the rationale and specific aims</li> <li>b. Particular strengths of the project</li> </ul>	
<b>15. Interpretation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Nature of the association between the intervention(s) and the outcomes</li> <li>b. Comparison of results with findings from other publications</li> <li>c. Impact of the project on people and systems</li> <li>d. Reasons for any differences between observed and anticipated outcomes, including the influence of context</li> <li>e. Costs and strategic trade-offs, including opportunity costs</li> </ul>	
<b>16. Limitations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Limits to the generalizability of the work</li> <li>b. Factors that might have limited internal validity such as confounding, bias, or imprecision in the design, methods, measurement, or analysis</li> <li>c. Efforts made to minimize and adjust for limitations</li> </ul>	
<b>17. Conclusions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Usefulness of the work</li> <li>b. Sustainability</li> <li>c. Potential for spread to other contexts</li> <li>d. Implications for practice and for further study in the field</li> <li>e. Suggested next steps</li> </ul>	
<b>Other information</b>		
<b>18. Funding</b>	Sources of funding that supported this work. Role, if any, of the funding organization in the design, implementation, interpretation, and reporting	