# Peer Reviewer Guidance**[[1]](#footnote-2)**

# *PDSA CYCLE FEEDBACK*

# **PURPOSE:** To provide helpful feedback to those presenting PDSA cycles designed to develop, test or implement a change.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please read through the PDSA cycle once. Then use the following prompts to help guide your feedback around each section of the PDSA cycle. You do not need to respond to each question. This is a great exercise to help strengthen everyone’s PDSA skills. If you have additional questions, please reach out to your Improvement Advisor for more information.

**Team: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Reviewing Team: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Driver: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cycle: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Change Being Reviewed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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| **Reflection Questions** | **Notes** |
| **PLAN:*** Was the change being tested for this PDSA cycle clear to you? If not, what would you suggest?
* Were the questions they were trying to answer stated clearly (If we… will it result in…)? If not, what would you suggest?
* Did they state their predictions? Were the predictions specific, measurable and linked to their data collection plan? If not, how could the predictions be improved?
* Did they address WHO, WITH WHOM, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN? If not, what would you suggest they do to strengthen this part of their plan?
* Did they include the people who will be most impacted by the change in their planning?
* Will they be able to evaluate their predictions using these data? Are there ways to strengthen their data collection plan? Other pieces of data that they could collect?
* What did you think of the scale/scope of this PDSA? (Too: large, small, complex, simple, etc.?) What do you think would have been a more useful size/scope for this PDSA cycle?
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| **DO:*** Did they attempt to carry out their plan?
* Did they document any problems or unexpected events?
* Did they collect the data they planned to collect?
* Did they capture feedback or observations from those testing the plan?
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| **STUDY:** * Did they analyze the data, feedback, and/or observations? Did all team members (including caregivers) participate in interpreting the data?
* Has the team learned directly from the people most affected about what works and doesn't work for them?
* Did they compare the data and feedback or observations to their prediction and summarize what they learned? Did the team notice any assumptions that influenced their original predictions?
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| **ACT:** * Did they say what will happen in the next PDSA cycle (adapt, adopt or abandon?)
* If they are adopting the change, do you feel like it has been tested adequately? Who else does the change need to be tested with to make sure it works for everyone? What barriers or unintended consequences should be planned for in the next test?
* What are your suggestions for them for their next PDSA cycle(s)? (What suggestions do you have for scale, scope, sequencing of next PDSA cycle(s)?
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| **Linking Ramps of PDSA Cycles:*** Was a ramp identified to link multiple PDSA cycles?
* If so, what suggestions do you have on the series of PDSA Cycles planned for the ramp?
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