

# Model for Improvement Worksheet

## Writing an Effective AIM Statement

There is no one way to write an AIM statement but most effective AIMs have the following attributes:

They:

- Answer the question, "What are we trying to accomplish"?
- Communicate the expectations
- Are time specific
- Are measurable
- Define the specific population or populations affected
- Are clear and unambiguous
- They can be used in your elevator speech
- They AIM BIG

Less Effective

Reduce ventilator associated pneumonias (VAPs)



More Effective

Reduce the VAP rate to zero within 12 months in the medical and surgical ICUs at My Favorite Medical Center

Your AIM statement:

## Measurement Plan

How will you know if you are making an improvement? What do you need to measure to answer that question globally? Note that you will have project measures such as falls with injury rate. You will also have time limited measures associated with one or more PDSA cycles such as did the users like the trial form and was the form complete?

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## Planning a small test of change

In order to accomplish your AIM, what idea are you going to test in your organization by Friday?

What do you need to do to test this idea?

- Who is involved in the test?
- What do you need to do to inform the participants?
- Where will the test occur?
- When will the test occur?
- How will you know if the test was successful?

When and where will you compare what happened to what you thought would happen and decide what you will do next?