Implementing the ASQ

From Keys to success to biting off too much:
The only way to find out what is right for your practice

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How much to bite off

• What ages
• In office or at home

Getting the ball rolling

• Planning
  o Goal of all WCC 4 months to 5 years
  o Weekly meetings at lunch
• Enacting
  o Set start date – 2 weeks!
• Re-tooling
  o Follow up meetings to problem shoot

Key Efforts in implementing the ASQ

• Dedicated medical assistant
• Dedicated lead person
• Starting with only one provider to work out the bugs
• Committed and informed receptionist
• Reminding parents to bring in completed questionnaires
• Changing WCC forms
  o Results
  o Reminder
• Developing own flow sheet

Stumbling blocks

• Home versus office
  o Accuracy
  o Timeliness
  o Primary care giver not at WCC
• The correct age for that WCC
Actual benefits

- Low cost
- Easy to implement
- Easy to score
- Heightens parents observation of their children
- Reaffirmed my prior developmental assessment
- Additional visual support for parents if referral needed
- An educational tool for parents

Scaling down

- From 10 ASQs to 4
  - If filled out in office, ASQ for younger patients more accurate
- Do more frequent ASQs if assessment at WCC or previous ASQ borderline/abnormal
- Will send home ASQs for >2 year olds and have parents call with concerns
- Use if appointment made for developmental concerns