Ask-Advise-Refer Tobacco Treatment Workflow



Ask if the patient uses tobacco.

- Tobacco use screening of all patients 13 and older.
- Tobacco use status is documented in EMR.
- If the patient is a tobacco user the clinical tobacco treatment workflow is activated.*



Advise the patient to quit.

- Assess the patients readiness and motivations for quitting.
- Assess the patients barriers to quitting.
- Inform patient of resources available to support quit efforts, including Quitline and any local resources.
- Dose for FDA tobacco cessation medications when appropriate.



Refer to the Quitline

- Proactive referral for patients ready to quit within 30 days.
- Provide patient with any written materials to encourage or support.
- Progress notes are provided to healthcare systems.

















^{*}Clinical team will determine roles and responsibilities for each part of the tobacco treatment workflow. Inform the IT staff of any implications for the EMR including the attachment of billing codes for tobacco cessation counseling and applying tobacco cessation to any relevant reports of clinical measures.