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The American College of Physicians invites your practice to participate in Closing the Gap: Cardiovascular Risk (CTG), a team-oriented, multi-format, practice based, on-line educational intervention. **CTG** will help physicians and their staff to develop and improve strategies for creating systems change in their practices, to improve the care they provide to patients with cardiovascular risk and secondary prevention.

This program incorporates the Chronic Care Model for systems change, the Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA) cycle for quality improvement.

What are the benefits?

- Free participation. There are no tuition or registration fees
- Work at your own pace through our online educational site
- Educational materials, chart tools, patient tools, data abstraction forms and support materials
- Access to ACP's most eminent faculty who will give you hands on advise and coaching throughout the program
- Assistance with IRB approval. ACP is responsible for overall IRB approval of this project and we will provide you with all IRB approved materials, consent forms, etc and we will assist you with any IRB applications you may have.
- Reports on your practice measurements
- 33 hours of CME credit (for the training session and the practice-based learning) for physicians
- ABIM recognition of this program for re-certification
- 11 hours of CE credit for nurses and other allied health professionals

What is involved?

- Designate a team of 1 physician, 1 nurse, and 1 administrator:
- Provide practice data from 35 patients via chart review. Baseline prior to first starting. The second measurement is taken after approximately three months later and a third measurement is taken 6 months later.
- Send two progress reports for review on two scheduled conference calls that will last 1-2 hours.
- Obtain any IRB approvals necessary from your institutions, ACP will assist you
- Participation on at least one beginner coaching call

What are the risks?

Physician chart audits with no identifiable patient data and will be sent from the clinic sites by mail, fax or web to the sponsor's office at the department of Clinical Programs and Quality of Care at the American College of Physicians headquarters building in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

If you have any questions about this study or your participation in this study, you have questions, complaints or concerns about the study, or if at any time you feel you have experienced a research-related undesired outcome, contact:

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This study is voluntary, your alternative is not to participate.

If you are interested in participating in this study, please provide the following data and fax it to Lia Bennett, MPH at (215) 351-2594.



Thank you very much!

Practice Name:

Contact Name:

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The American College of Physicians designates this activity for a maximum of 33 category 1 credits toward the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. Each physician should claim only those credits that he or she actually spent in the educational activity."

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