POLICY STATEMENT:

It is the policy of the TTUHSC School of Medicine to ensure that a comprehensive, formal performance improvement program and plan are in place and implemented.

SCOPE:

This policy applies and will be distributed to all TTUHSC School of Medicine Clinics, also known as Texas Tech Physicians.

PROCEDURE:

1. Authority: The Dean’s of the Schools of Medicine and MPIP Committee delegate the functional authority for the Performance Improvement Program. The final authority and ultimate responsibility for the assurance of a flexible, comprehensive and integrated Performance Improvement Program rests with the Texas Tech University School of Medicine Deans. The Performance Improvement/Quality Management Directors are responsible for implementing and coordinating their campus’ Performance Improvement Plan.

2. Organization: Responsibility for the daily coordination and implementation of the Performance Improvement Program shall rest with the Performance Improvement/Quality Management Director in conjunction with the Chief Medical Officer/Regional Dean. The MPIP Policy Committe serves as an oversight body for all Performance Improvement activities that either directly or indirectly affect patient care. The Professional Staff Bylaws should be referenced for committee composition and charge.

3. Appraisal: The Performance Improvement Plan should be evaluated on an ongoing basis to assure that it meets the Performance Improvement needs of the Texas Tech University Health Science Center Schools of Medicine.

   a. The plan should be reviewed by the Clinic Operation Committee or PI/QI Committee and revised as necessary. Reviews will be documented in the Committee minutes.

   b. The final signatory authority for approval of the Performance Improvement Plan lies with the Chief Medical Officer/Regional Dean.

APPROVAL AUTHORITY:

This policy shall be recommended for approval by the Joint SOM Policy Committee to the Regional Deans with final signatory authority by the Deans, Schools of Medicine.
RESPONSIBILITY AND REVISIONS:

It is the responsibility of the Joint SOM Policy Committee to review and initiate necessary revisions based on collaboration and input by and through Quality Improvement/Performance Improvement and Risk Management. Administrative and technical management of this policy, including web site maintenance, will be the responsibility of the Lubbock Office of Performance Improvement.

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