

Activity: Assessing Standards

Objectives:

To identify different methods for assessing a given standard

To recognize the issues involved when selecting a method for assessing standards

Directions: This exercise will be done in small groups. After the work is done, you will discuss your experience within the large group.

Read the first criterion under the standard: Imagine you are assessing this criterion.

Write 3 ways that you could measure whether the criterion was met. Think about these questions:

- What would you look for? Would you:
 - Make an observation
 - Inspect the facility
 - Do an inventory
 - Talk with the manager or supervisor
 - Talk with staff
 - Talk with clients
 - Review clinic documents, e.g. clinical record
- How would you measure this criterion?
- Why did you choose this method?
- Is the method that you selected practical?

Continue this line of questioning for each criterion under your standard until the time is up.

After the small group activity, the facilitator will ask the following post activity questions:

- What difficulties did you have in determining a method to measure the criteria?
- Was it difficult for the group to reach consensus regarding what to measure and how?
- What did you learn from the exercise in terms of assessing standards?
- What was the most difficult part of this activity for you?