

# Use of quality improvement strategies among US primary care practices

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Improving primary care quality is a national priority, but little is known about the extent to which small- to medium-size practices use quality improvement strategies to improve care.

This is according to a recently published article in the *Annals of Family Medicine* entitled "Use of Quality Improvement Strategies Among Small- to Medium-Size U.S. Primary Care Practices." Bijal Balasubramanian, MBBS, PhD, et al, examined variations in use of quality improvement strategies among 1,181 small- to medium-size primary care practices engaged in a national initiative spanning 12 U.S. states to improve quality of care for [heart health](#) and assessed factors associated with those variations.

The researchers found substantial variation in the use of quality improvement strategies among small- to medium-size primary care practices. Findings suggest that practices may need external support to strengthen their ability to do [quality](#) improvement and to be prepared for new payment and delivery models.

**More information:** "Use of Quality Improvement Strategies Among Small- to Medium-Size US Primary Care Practices," by Bijal Balasubramanian, MBBS, PhD, et al, Dallas, Texas, [www.annfammed.org/content/16/Suppl\\_1/S35](http://www.annfammed.org/content/16/Suppl_1/S35)

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