

NC AHEC PRACTICE SUPPORT UNHEALTHY ALCOHOL USE PROJECT

UNC's Sheps Center for Health Services Research was awarded funding from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to provide practice support in North Carolina addressing unhealthy alcohol use. NC AHEC Practice Support Consultants will work with practices, provider, and specialists to:

- ✓ develop or improve a systematic approach to screen for unhealthy alcohol use and help patients who engage in risky drinking or have alcohol use disorder (AUD)
- ✓ support appropriate prescribing of medications for AUD (mainly naltrexone)
- ✓ optimize the use of the practice's electronic health record (EHR) to improve care delivery
- ✓ train staff on the skills and principles of how to create positive change
- ✓ help improve throughput and billing (e.g., billing for screening and counseling for unhealthy alcohol use)
- ✓ provide access and technical assistance with patient registries, dashboards, and other analytics tools to effectively manage patient populations and offer value-based care
- ✓ query and measure performance data and patient outcomes related to quality improvement work listed above using designed change package
- ✓ provide the opportunity for eligible providers to meet quality measures for ACOs, MIPS, NC Medicaid, or other payors or programs

Apply for Practice Support Services: my.ncahec.net/roles/ipip/qic/addPractice.php

Northwest AHEC County Alcohol Statistics

County	Alcohol intoxicated ED visits in 2017	Alcohol-related deaths in 2017
Alexander	61	12
Alleghany	34	5
Ashe	71	7
Avery	36	7
Burke	300	44
Caldwell	413	43
Catawba	830	67
Davidson	304	75
Davie	63	13
Forsyth	305	146
Iredell	535	66
Rowan	31	79
Stokes	143	24
Surry	322	44
Watauga	183	12
Wilkes	260	28
Yadkin	125	20

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