

# *Urologic Nursing*<sup>®</sup>

## **Quality/Performance (QI/PI) Improvement Project Template**

*Urologic Nursing* defines a QI/PI Improvement Project as a manuscript that identifies methods used to evaluate an organizational system, providers of care, and or patient outcomes for the purposes of improving the current status. Evaluation methods may be current, retrospective, or prospective methods such as Root Cause Analysis (RCA), Failure Mode Effects Analysis (FMEA), Plan-Do-Check-Act (PDCA), Define-Measure-Analyze-Improve-Control (DMAIC), Lean, Six Sigma, etc. Implementation and results of the improvements are also described.

*Please review the SQUIRE Guidelines for manuscript preparation prior to submission.*

### **Components to be included:**

#### **Background and Significance of the Problem**

**Study Question or Intended Improvement** (May include a PICOT (Population, Intervention, Comparison, Outcome, Time Frame) Question)

#### **IRB approval or exemption**

#### **Performance Improvement Methods or Processes**

##### **Literature Review**

**PI/QI Methods** (such as Root Cause Analysis (RCA), Failure Mode Effects Analysis (FMEA), Plan-Do-Check-Act (PDCA), Define-Measure-Analyze-Improve- (DMAIC), Lean, Six Sigma)

#### **Findings/Results**

#### **Practice Changes and Recommendations**

**Cost-Benefit/Cost-Effectiveness Analysis** (if applicable)

#### **Implications**

#### **Conclusion**