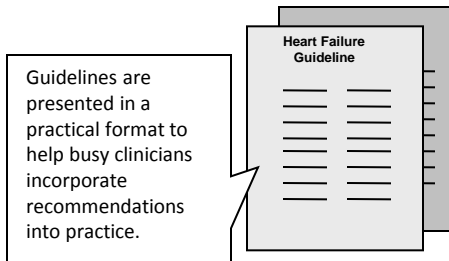


Adoption of Evidence-Based Practice



Meant to complement clinical judgment and patient choice. Not meant to be applied rigidly and followed in all cases.

Clinical Practice Guidelines

Evidence-based practice recommendations designed to aid in decision making regarding patient management and treatment options. Subject to rigorous scientific support and peer review.

Clinical Algorithms

Evidence-based practice recommendations designed to aid in decision making regarding patient management and treatment options by means of a structured flowchart, decision tree, or decision grid format.

Multidisciplinary Clinical Pathways

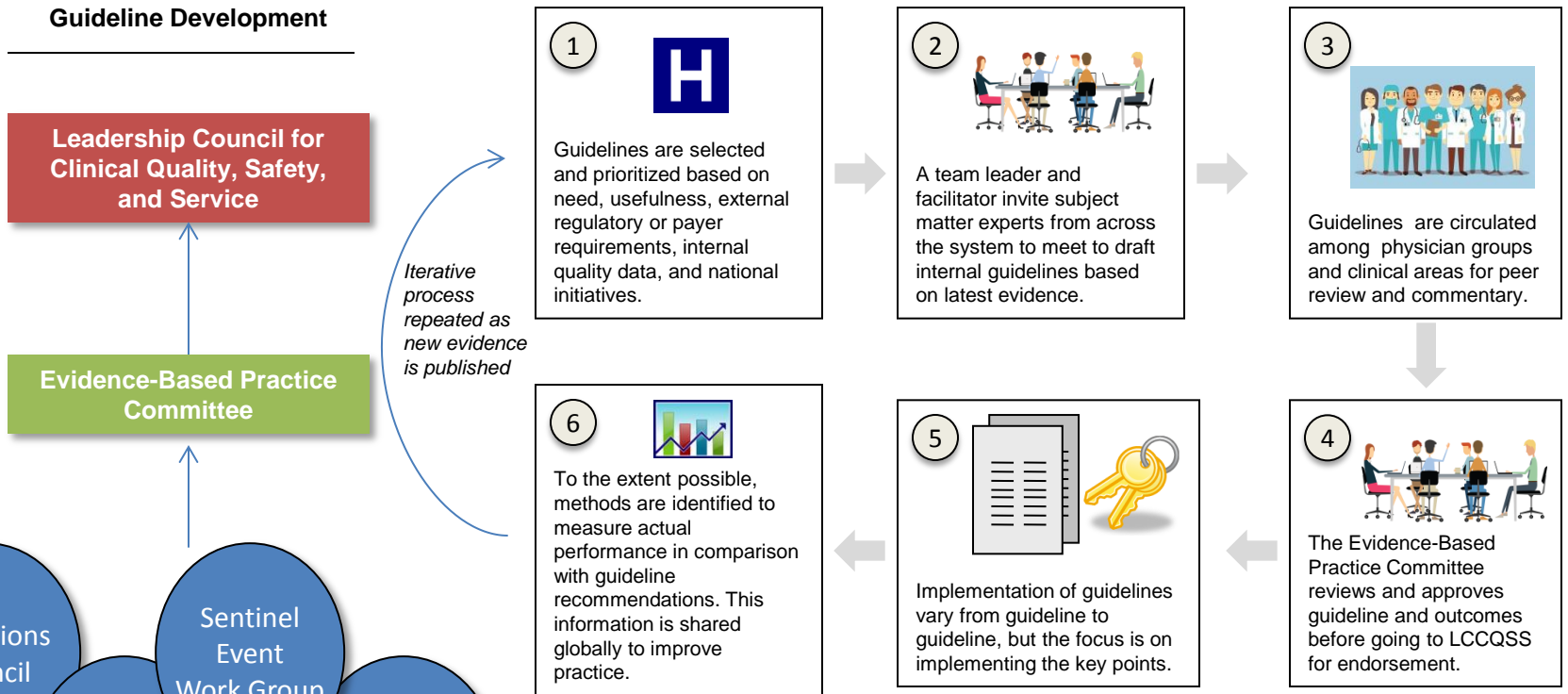
Organize, sequence, and time the major interventions of nursing staff, physicians, and other departments for a particular patient population. Designed to achieve identified patient outcomes and improve quality of care and resource utilization. Reflect current literature and practitioner and organizational preferences for practice. Meant to complement clinical judgment of care providers.

Implementation Tools:

- ✓ Order sets
- ✓ Electronic discharge instructions
- ✓ CPOE Rules, alerts, reminders
- ✓ Electronic documentation systems
- ✓ Scoring or assessment tools
- ✓ Checklists

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Current Process for Guideline Development



Updating

Approximately every two years, guidelines teams reconvene to review current literature, available data regarding actual practice, and determine whether the existing guideline needs to be revised.

In addition, guidelines are reviewed and updated anytime that new information suggests that the current guidelines need modification.

Education & Communication

Various methods are used to educate physicians and other clinicians about the guidelines:

- Email / Newsletter
- EBP website; *OneSource*
- Presentations & Lectures
- Integrate guidelines into Electronic Medical Record

