

Advancing Breast Cancer Screening and Diagnosis Learning Collaborative Syllabus 2027

Introduction

Supported by Novartis, the Weitzman Institute will offer a free **Advancing Breast Cancer Screening and Diagnosis Learning Collaborative** (LC) designed to help participating health centers strengthen the care and services they provide to their patients and communities. The LC will provide tools and resources to assist health centers in engaging patients in conversations about breast cancer screening, providing information to support informed decision-making, and encouraging patients to become more active in making decisions about the care that is right for them. Specifically, this LC will focus on breast cancer screening and diagnosis. The LC will be offered to health centers located in Baltimore, Detroit, Houston, Los Angeles, and New York City.

Breast cancer screening is an important component of preventive care, yet patients may face individual, interpersonal, and organizational barriers that affect their ability to access screening and make informed decisions about their care. These barriers may include access to care, communication and health literacy, social drivers of health, patient knowledge and preferences, and health center processes and workflows. Addressing these factors can help health centers strengthen patient education, decision support, and screening practices.

The health focus of this LC will be breast cancer screening and diagnosis. Participating health center teams will be asked to assess their current breast cancer screening education, decision support, and care processes. Teams will identify a specific area for improvement based on their health center's needs, data, and patient population. Areas of focus may include increasing awareness and education about breast cancer screening, improving conversations between patients and care team members, strengthening screening outreach and referral processes, addressing barriers to completing screening, or improving follow-up and navigation. Each team will use quality improvement methods to identify at least one priority gap and develop and test an intervention to improve breast cancer screening and diagnosis within their health center.

Objectives of the Advancing Breast Cancer Screening and Diagnosis Learning Collaborative

Participating health center teams will:

1. Assess strengths and areas for improvement in education and decision support related to breast cancer screening and diagnosis.
2. Design site-specific interventions to improve education and decision support related to breast cancer screening and diagnosis.
3. Use quality improvement tools and skills to implement selected interventions for improving education and decision support.
4. Evaluate patient-level and system-level barriers and develop strategies to improve education and decision support for women and their families.

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Learning Collaborative Structure

- Eight monthly 60-minute sessions via Zoom
- Four quality improvement (QI) guidance and feedback sessions
- Weekly internal health center team working meetings
- Weitzman Education Platform (WEP) for CME credit or participation hours
- Complete deliverables and upload drafted/complete deliverables to the Google Drive folder:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Y1kmY7NznF0Ui0Td8-JvAiBC_3X-37dt?usp=drive_link

Deliverables

As evidence of learning and participation in the learning collaborative, teams will complete:

- Organizational Readiness to Implement Change (ORIC) Self-Assessment
- “North Star” Statement
- Global Aim Statement
- Fishbone Diagram
- Process Map
- Stakeholder Analysis
- Showcase Presentation

SYLLABUS

The following syllabus provides an overview of the topics that will be covered during the eight, monthly 60-minute learning sessions. **The syllabus is subject to change in order to best meet the learning needs of the cohort.** The deliverables are meant to help you structure your team meetings in order to keep you on track and help you to identify areas of improvement and better understand your practice.

Date	Topics and Assignments
January 2027	<u>Pre-Work</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify your team members and send contact information to Meaghan Angers, angersm@mwhs1.com Review the syllabus and learning session schedule Register for the Weitzman Education Platform to receive CME credit or participation hours <u>Deliverables</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizational Readiness to Implement Change (ORIC) Self-Assessment: Link TBA
Learning Session 1 – Welcome, Introductions, and Overview February 2027	<u>Session Topics</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome and Introductions Foundations of the Learning Collaborative Breast Cancer Screening Overview Basics of Informed Decision-Making and Patient-Centered Care
Between Session 1 and Session 2	<u>Deliverables</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion Question: What is your approach to breast cancer screening at your health center? Discussion Question: What factors may influence whether patients at your health center initiate or remain up to date with breast cancer screening?
Learning Session 2 – Understanding Barriers to Breast Cancer Screening March 2027	<u>Session Topics</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Factors Influencing Breast Cancer Screening Decisions Social Drivers of Health and Screening Understanding Disparities in Breast Cancer Screening
Between Session 2 and Session 3	<u>Deliverables</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion Question: What are your current strategies for facilitating conversations about breast cancer screening? What are your organization's strengths and weaknesses? Discussion Question: How does your health center provide education about breast cancer screening?
Learning Session 3 –	<u>Session Topics</u>

Innovations & Thinking Outside the Box April 2027	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile Mammography • Early Detection Program • Early Detection with Genetic Screening
Between Session 3 and Session 4	<p><u>Deliverables</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion Question: What aspect(s) of your breast cancer screening do you believe can be improved? • Draft Your “North Star” Statement <p><u>Quality Improvement Session</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DATE TBD • Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Identifying a population ○ Selecting a focus ○ Writing an aim statement
Learning Session 4 – Assessing Current Breast Cancer Screening Practices May 2027	<p><u>Session Topics</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessing current breast cancer screening education and decision-support practices • Identifying priority populations / Identifying gaps in patient education and shared decision-making • Understanding the current screening workflow and selecting a focus area for improvement
Between Session 4 and Session 5	<p><u>Deliverables</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion Question: What ideas do you have for changes needed to enhance breast cancer screening? • Draft Your Global Aim Statement <p><u>Quality Improvement Session</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DATE TBD • Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Understanding measurement (overall population and differences between groups) ○ Selecting a focus using a fishbone diagram ○ Process mapping
Learning Session 5 – Measuring and Understanding Your Area of Focus June 2027	<p><u>Session Topics</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding current screening rates and performance measures • Understanding UDS Measures • Mapping Your Optimal Workflow

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Between Session 5 and Session 6	<p><u>Deliverables</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion Question: What resources are available to connect within the community specific to breast cancer screening (e.g. educational materials, other organizations, community health workers, peer navigators)? • Fishbone Diagram • Process Map <p><u>Quality Improvement Session</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DATE TBD • Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stakeholder Analysis ○ Selecting a change to implement using your fishbone diagram ○ Testing your change (PDSA cycle)
<p>Learning Session 6 – Involving the Care Team and Community</p> <p>July 2027</p>	<p><u>Session Topics</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educating the Clinical Team on Breast Cancer Screening • Improving Patient Communication • Building and Leveraging Community Resources and Partnerships
Between Session 6 and Session 7	<p><u>Deliverables</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion Question: How do you engage with patients in the decision-making process regarding breast cancer screening? • Discussion Question: Do you provide training within your organization on motivational interviewing? • Stakeholder Analysis <p><u>Quality Improvement Session</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DATE TBD • Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Role optimization ○ Health coaching and training
<p>Learning Session 7 – Shared Decision Making</p> <p>August 2027</p>	<p><u>Session Topics</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying Opportunities for Breast Cancer Screening and Shared-Decision Making • Understanding the Principles of Shared Decision-Making • Engaging the Care Team in Shared Decision-Making

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Between Session 7 and Session 8	<u>Deliverables</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Showcase Presentation
Learning Session 8 – Showcase & Sustaining Practice Changes September 2027	<u>Session Topics</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health center presentations: share practice changes made during the learning collaborative • Discuss the Project ECHO format and case presentations
After the Learning Collaborative	<u>Deliverables</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit drafted/completed deliverables to the Google Drive: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Y1kmY7NznF0Ui0Td8-JvAiBC_3X-37dt?usp=drive_link • Complete evaluation survey • Complete Organizational Readiness to Implement Change (ORIC): Link TBA