

CHF QUERI: 2009 Impacts on Process and Performance Improvements

Description	Scope	Goal
Improved use of beta-blockers nationally from 2005 to 2008. Use of any beta-blockers in appropriate patients (per the External Peer Review Program) has increased from 81% to 90%. Use of VA recommended beta-blockers has increased from 48% to 70% over the same time period.	VA	2
Improved use of beta-blockers in VISN 21 in appropriate patients with heart failure within VISN21. We have promoted a clinical reminder within the VISN as well as a nurse based initiation and titration clinic During this time recommended beta-blocker use (carvedilol or metoprolol succinate) in VISN21 has increased from 54% in 2003 to 81% in 2006.	VISN21	2