



Elevator Speech on Six Building Blocks

This resource helps you think through how to talk with others in your organization about why you are improving opioid management through the Six Building Blocks. It offers “talking points” or “scripts” you can use and adapt when having these conversations, along with supporting resources you can consult to prepare to answer questions that might arise.

Talking Points

“We know we have room to improve how we manage our patients with chronic pain who are on opioids.”

Supporting resources: It helps to have data and stories to back up this talking point. Take time to learn about opioid prescribing within your organization. We will be exploring this during the Prepare and Launch Stage. The Six Building Blocks Self-Assessment, initial data gathered on your patients on long-term opioid therapy, and stories gathered for the Kickoff Event are all useful for these conversations.

“We are using the Six Building Blocks program to help us make changes in how we care for these patients to make sure they are safe and receive the best care possible.”

Supporting resources: Evidence that changes are possible and can improve care can be found in the Team-Based Clinic Redesign of Opioid Medication Management in Primary Care: Effect on Opioid Prescribing manuscript published in the Annals of Family Medicine; and the Introductory presentation on the Comagine Health Six Building Blocks.

“These changes will impact all of us, our daily work, and will take time to implement but in the end will improve both the care we provide as well as the quality of our work life.”

Supporting resource: Evidence to support this talking point can be found in the Staff and Clinician Work-Life Perceptions after Implementing Systems-Based Improvements to Opioid Management manuscript published in the Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine.

