Section 4: Evidence Component
Evaluating the Project

Overview
In this module, evaluation of the evidence-based practice (EBP) project will be discussed.

Objectives
- Evaluate the outcomes of the practice decisions and the impact based on evidence generated.
- Evaluate how effectively your team performed in the EBP process.
- Evaluate sustainability of your EBP project.

Key Points
- This is the stage of the EBP process when it is critical to summarize outcomes from the ongoing monitoring and evaluate the results of the outcomes.
- Take this time to evaluate positive/anticipated outcomes that occurred throughout the project as well as any negative/unanticipated outcomes that may need to be remedied.
- Reflection of the project takes place by the EBP project owner(s) and the project team. It may be discovered that results from the research literature aren’t always reproducible in the clinical setting. Just because anticipated results aren’t always achieved, it doesn’t mean that the project is a failure.
- This is a critical time to assess outcomes and examine if further investigation and monitoring need to be completed to determine why results differed.
- Assess if outcomes that have been achieved help further develop practice change recommendations that are more specific to your population and setting.

- Take this time to evaluate how you performed throughout the process of the EBP project. See the Practice Application Exercise Handout Section I.
- Consider how to best achieve sustainability of your EBP project. See the Practice Application Exercise Handout Section II.

Handout
EBP Practice Application Exercise

References:
https://vaww.va.gov/nursing/ebprc/learnTabs.asp#process
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Suggested Time: 60 minutes