

# 10 Steps for the NIATx Model of Process Improvement

STEP #	TASK	TOOL or DOCUMENT	PEOPLE
1	Conduct a <b>walk-thru</b> or <b>talk-thru</b> of the process; what's working and not working?	Walk-through (Take notes of your experience)	Executive Sponsor, Change Leader, Change Team or other Key Stakeholders
2	Identify a <b>key problem</b> to focus on and one important <b>process</b> to improve; define your <b>aim &amp; measure</b> (data)	Change Project Form ( <i>Charter, pg. 1</i> )	Executive Sponsor, Change Leader, and/or Change Team
3	Assemble a <b>Change Team</b> (3-7 people); include stakeholders who work in the process	Change Project Form ( <i>Charter, pg. 1</i> )	Executive Sponsor and Change Leader
4	Change Team <b>kick-off meeting</b> . <b>Review</b> your project <b>aim</b> and <b>walk-through</b> experience; discuss strengths & improvement opportunities in the process	Your walk-through notes	Change Leader and Change Team
5	<b>Flowchart</b> the current process; list problem areas or steps in the process	Flowcharting	Change Leader and Change Team
6	Conduct an <b>NGT</b> exercise to brainstorm solutions and vote on which change to test first (other ideas saved for future PDSA cycles)	Nominal Group Technique (NGT)	Change Leader and Change Team
7	Assign <b>roles/tasks</b> among the Change Team and document your <b>Change Project</b>	Change Project Form ( <i>Charter, pg. 1</i> )	Change Leader and Change Team
8	Do <b>PDSA</b> rapid cycle/pilot tests until you achieve your aim; rely on <b>data</b> in deciding to adopt, adapt, or abandon a change	Plan-Do-Study-Act Rapid Cycle/Pilot Testing; Document on Change Project Form ( <i>PDSA, pg. 2</i> )	Change Leader and Change Team
9	Develop a <b>sustainability plan</b> for your change project to hold the gains	Change Project Form ( <i>Evaluate/Sustain, pg. 3</i> )	Change Leader and Change Team
10	<b>Celebrate &amp; share your story!</b> Change project is completed	5x5 Presentation	Executive Sponsor, Change Leader and Change Team