# PDSA evaluation worksheet

*Use this worksheet during the Act step of the PDSA cycle to help you evaluate each phase of your improvement effort before starting the next PDSA cycle.*

Entire cycle

**What were the strongest and weakest steps of the PDSA cycle?**

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**How much did the weaker steps impact the success of the project?**

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**Were you surprised by anything in the cycle? Unanticipated challenges or resistance?**

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**Did any champions emerge for the project specifically or for quality improvement generally?**

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**Notes**

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Plan

**What was the team’s attitude toward the plan?**

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**Did they believe the improvement aim was important and give it priority?**

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**Did they believe the goal was feasible?**

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**Were they committed to making the change?**

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**Notes**

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**Did your team implement the quality improvement change as planned?**

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**If not, where did implementation break down and what caused the failure?**

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**How can this be corrected for the next cycle?**

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**What worked well?**

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Study

**What additional knowledge and practice gaps were revealed by the PDSA cycle?**

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**Were there any unanticipated patient barriers?**

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**Were any health IT barriers revealed?**

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**Did the change seem to increase workload or streamline it?**

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**Notes**

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Act

**What actions will you take next? Adjust, continue or discontinue your effort?**

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**What were your key takeaways from this cycle that you can apply to the next?**

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**Did other opportunities for improvement surface?**

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**How will you share the successful effort with others in your practice or organization?**

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Source: AMA. *Practice transformation series: plan-do-study-act*. 2016.