

Massachusetts Hospital Association – M-LiNk

Stages of Development for Hospital Mortality Review Program

Stage	Description
Stage I	No formal program in place to address mortality reduction, though raw mortality is monitored with identification/creation of minimal elements for hospital to address mortality
	Less than 15 points on M-LiNk Hospital Mortality Program Self-Assessment Tool
Stage II	Multi-professional Hospital Mortality Review Committee (or function) in place with responsibility for measuring mortality across patient populations with the reporting of data across clinical departments. Hospital uses data to identify goals for improvement.
	16-25 points on M-LiNk Hospital Mortality Program Self-Assessment Tool
Stage III	Hospital mortality Review Program formally established, with effective measurement and feedback systems on mortality data to address staff training and awareness/intervention protocols for patients, conditions/events at greatest risk of mortality.
	26-35 points on M-LiNk Hospital Mortality Program Self-Assessment Tool
Stage IV	Hospital Mortality Review Program successfully integrated into hospital management structure, with accountability to Medical Executive Committee. Mortality is monitored across key populations and benchmarked across key targets for performance. Protocols implemented for identification and treatment of high-risk patients and process in place to assess and refer end-of life care.
	36-45 points on M-LiNk Hospital Mortality Program Self-Assessment Tool
Stage V	Highly developed and well-integrated Hospital Mortality Review Program in place, with strong emphasis on internal improvement through use of robust measurement and feedback systems, planned maintenance through case review and the hospital quality improvement systems, with hospital and community coordination for addressing effective end-of-life placement and care. Hospital mortality rates have demonstrated sustained improvement (reductions) over protracted period of time (at least 2 years)
	45-50 points on M-LiNk Hospital Mortality Program Self-Assessment Tool