IDEAL CLINIC PROGRAMME

Training module IV part I for Ideal Clinic software

INTRODUCTION TO SOFTWARE

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1. Background on Ideal Clinic programme

1.1 Ideal clinic programme

The Ideal Clinic (IC) initiative commenced in July 2013 by the National Department of Health as a way of systematically improving the deficiencies in Primary Health Care clinics in the public sector. The initiative is also supported by the Department for Planning Monitoring and Evaluation (DPME) through the Operation Phakisa programme.

1.2 Definition

An Ideal Clinic is a clinic with good infrastructure, adequate staff, adequate medicine and supplies, good administrative processes and adequate bulk supplies that use applicable clinical policies, protocols, guidelines as well as partner and stakeholder support, to ensure the provision of quality health services to the community. An Ideal Clinic will cooperate with other government departments as well as with the private sector and non-governmental organizations to address the social determinants of health. PHC facilities must be maintained to function optimally and remain in a condition that can be described as the “Ideal Clinic”. Integrated clinical services management (ICSM) will be a key focus within an Ideal Clinic.

1.3 Composition of the Ideal Clinic dashboard

The Ideal Clinic dashboard (see example below) is the tool that is used to measure the status of the clinic, determining whether the health facility is Ideal or not. The dashboard comprises of 10 components and 32 Sub components. Within each sub component there are various elements that speak to quality and safety. There are 185 elements. Some elements are further defined by checklists with measurements.

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1 Physical condition and spaces, essential equipment and information and communication tools
1.4 Weighing of elements

Each element is weighted as vital, essential or important. The definitions for each weight are as follows:

- **Vitals** - Extremely important (vital) elements that require immediate and full correction. These are elements that affect direct service delivery and clinical care to patients and they may have immediate and long-term adverse effects on the health of the population.

- **Essentials** - Very necessary (essential) elements that require resolution within a given time period. These are process and structural elements that indirectly affect the quality of clinical care given to patients.

- **Important** - Significant (important) elements that require resolution within a given time period. These are process and structural elements that affect the quality of the environment in which health care is given to patients.

1.5 Method of measuring

The method of measuring each element is indicated with a symbol. See table below for explanation of each method of measuring

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<td>a) Check applicable documents e.g. policies, guidelines, standard operating procedures, data, etc</td>
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<td>🤔</td>
<td>b) Ask staff members and or clients for their views or level of understanding</td>
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<td>😊</td>
<td>c) Observations and or conclusion</td>
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<td>🛠️</td>
<td>d) Test the functionality of equipment/systems</td>
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1.6 Responsibility

The responsibility to achieve each element lies with four levels within the government structure. The four levels are set out in the table below

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<td>D</td>
<td>District</td>
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<td>Health Facility</td>
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1.7 Scoring

Each element is scored as:
- Green (G) = achieved
- Amber (A) = partially achieved
- Red (R) = not achieved

Some elements are further defined by checklist with measures. The measures are scored as ‘Yes’ or ‘No’.

When conducting a status determination (SD), refer to the Ideal Clinic Manual for clear instructions on what needs to be assessed.

The average score according to the weights assigned to the 185 elements determines whether Ideal Clinic status is achieved or not. The majority of elements are weighted as Vital (15 elements), Essential (88 elements), and Important (82 elements). In order for a facility to obtain Ideal Clinic status, the facility must at a minimum score 100% for elements weighted as Vital, 70% for elements weighted as Essential, and 65% for elements weighted as Important. This will give the facility silver status. Depending on how a facility performs in a status determination, it will be scored and subsequently categorised as no category achieved, silver (70-79%), gold (80-89%), platinum (90-99%) and diamond (100%). The category will only be achieved when the minimum average percentages for Vital, Essential and Important elements have also been achieved. It is therefore important to note that a facility can obtain a high average score (70% to 99%) but still fail to obtain an Ideal Clinic category as they have failed to obtain the minimum average score for per weight category.

The table below set out the percentages required per category to achieve the various Ideal Clinic categories.

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<td>Essential</td>
<td>70%</td>
<td>80%</td>
<td>91%</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Important</td>
<td>65%</td>
<td>76%</td>
<td>87%</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>AVERAGE</td>
<td>70%</td>
<td>80%</td>
<td>90%</td>
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2. Conducting Status Determinations

There are four different types of status determinations that can be conducted. The type of status determination is determined by the status determination role of the staff that will conduct the status determination as explained below.

- **SD by the Facility manager**
  A SD by the Facility manager is recommended to prepare the facility for the SD by the Perfect Permanent Team for Ideal Clinic Realization and Maintenance (PPTICRM). Once conducted, short fall must be corrected before the district PPTICRM SD takes place.

- **SD by the district or provincial PPTICRM**
  The SD by the PPTICRM is compulsory and must be conducted once in a financial year. The first SD must be conducted at the start of the financial year, before the end of May. Short fall must be corrected before the district peer PPTICRM SD takes place.

- **SD by district peer reviewer’s PPTICRM Peer Review (PR)**
  Only the top scoring 500 facilities will be selected for this review. The SD by the PPTICRM PR is conducted by the PPTICMR of a neighbouring district within the same province. The PPTICRM PR must commence on 19 September and be completed by 7 October.

- **SD by neighbouring PPTICRM Peer Review Update (PRU)**
  Only facilities that did not obtain an Ideal Clinic category during the peer reviews must be reassessed by the district itself once shortfalls in those clinics were corrected.

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**Flow diagram of SD process for Financial year 2016/17:**

1. **SD by Facility manager**
   - Facility manager conduct SD
   - Start 1 April and complete by 15 April 2016

2. **SD by district PPTICRM:**
   - District PPTICRM conduct SD
   - Start 16 May and complete by 31 May 2016

3. **SD by neighboring district PPTICRM PR:**
   - Neighbouring district PPTICRM conduct SD
   - Start 19 Sept and complete by 7 Oct 2016
   - Top 500 scoring facilities

4. **SD by district PPTICRM PRU:**
   - District conduct PPTICRM PRU for facilities that did not obtain an IC category in step 3.
   - Start 16 Feb 2017 and complete by 28 Feb 2017
3. Capturing of data

A web based application ([https://www.idealclinic.org.za](https://www.idealclinic.org.za)) was designed to monitor and evaluate the implementation of the IC Initiative. The software can also be installed as a standalone application should connectivity to the web-based interface not be available. The standalone application can be downloaded from the IC website. See flow diagram of data flow below.

The reporting tool will present the information in a meaningful way that will support analysis, findings and recommendations effectively. The reporting system will allow for individual facility reports, aggregated reports at sub-district, district, provincial and national levels. These reports will assist facilities, sub-districts, districts, provincial and national departments to monitor and evaluate the quality of services in PHC facilities and to develop quality improvement plans accordingly to close the identified gaps.
4. Obtaining access to Ideal Clinic software

4.1 Accessing the web-based (live) software

To access the online live IC software go to the Department of Health’s website (https://www.health.gov.za) there is a tab named Ideal Clinic. Clinic on it to redirect you to the Ideal Clinic website (https://www.idealclinic.org.za) or you can access the site directly as well. A user must have a user account to access the online live IC software.

There are two types of user accounts. Firstly an account that allows the user to view reports and dashboards and secondly an account that also allows a user to capture data on the dashboard.

There are four types of permissions to capture data

- SD by Facility Manager
  This type of permission will allow the user to capture only SDs that was conducted by the Facility manager.

- SD by PPTICRM
  This type of permission will allow the user to capture SDs that were conducted by the district PPTICRM.

- SD by PPTICRM PR
  This type of permission will allow the user to capture SDs for peer reviews that were conducted by another district’s PPTICRM.

- SD by PPTICRM PRU
  This type of permission will allow the user to capture SDs for peer review updates that were conducted by the district's PPTICRM.

To request that a user account be created the Excel form to request creation of a user account must be completed, see example below.
All request for creation of user accounts must be sent to the provincial or districts Ideal Clinic coordinators. They will approve the requests and forward the form to the National Department of Health to the Ideal Clinic e-mail address, idealclinic@health.gov.za. All forms must be submitted electronically, no handwritten or scanned forms will be processed.

Once the account has been created the user will receive an e-mail on the e-mail address that was used to register the account. See example below:

"From: <idealclinic@asgworld.co.za>
Date: Tue, Feb 24, 2015 at 9:44 AM
Subject: Password Reset: Ideal Clinic Monitoring System
To: susan.botha@gmail.com

Hi, Susan Botha,

Please use the following details to login to the Ideal Clinic Monitoring System:

  Link: https://www.idealclinic.org.za/
  USERNAME: SBotha
  PASSWORD: eNMku@0P

4.2 Accessing the web-based (live) test site

Staff from the provincial office, PPTICRM or District office that will be responsible to train staff on the IC software can access the test site on https://test.idealclinic.co.za to train staff to capture assessments etc as this cannot be done on the live site (https://www.idealclinic.org.za) as all data that is saved on this site will be permanent and cannot be removed

The details to log onto the test site are as follows:

 Username: Test
 Password: password

4.3 Accessing the Offline module

Users that work on the offline module do not need to have a user account. A generic account that is 1234 is used to access the Offline module.