



2. Is there benchmark or comparative data available on this issue?

NOTE: This data can come from your own organization or similar health care institution(s) in your state or other regions.

Resp.	(√)	Next step
Yes		What did you learn from the data? How does this influence your achievable goal? (Answer below.) Proceed to Question 3.
No		Proceed to Question 3.
Explain:		

► **Seriousness**

3. How serious is the ethics issue? Can even one occurrence of the practice be tolerated? Can you publicly defend your achievable goal?

NOTE: An example of an intolerable occurrence would be to engage in research on human subjects without their informed consent.

Seriousness of the Practice
NOTE: As seriousness increases, set achievable goal to reflect level of tolerance (up to 100%), and proceed to Question 4.
Explain:

► **Environment**

4. **What factors in the current environment will impact our achievable goal? Will these result in setting the achievable goal higher or lower? Describe.**

NOTE: The team will want to consider constraints of the local environment, as well as factors in the environment that might support a more robust improvement target. In other words, the environment can influence goal setting in an upwards or downwards way.

Level of Impact of Environmental Factors
<p>Explain:</p>

