

NC AHEC PRACTICE SUPPORT

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STOP UNHEALTHY ALCOHOL USE NOW (STUN) PROJECT

UNC's Sheps Center for Health Services Research was awarded funding from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to provide practice support in North Carolina addressing unhealthy alcohol use. NC AHEC Practice Support Consultants will work with practices, providers, and specialists to:

- ✓ develop or improve a systematic approach to screen for unhealthy alcohol use and help patients who engage in risky drinking or have alcohol use disorder (AUD)
- ✓ support appropriate prescribing of medications for AUD (mainly naltrexone)
- ✓ optimize the use of the practice's electronic health record (EHR) to improve care delivery
- ✓ train staff on the skills and principles of how to create positive change
- ✓ help improve throughput and billing (e.g., billing for screening and counseling for unhealthy alcohol use)
- ✓ provide access and technical assistance with patient registries, dashboards, and other analytics tools to effectively manage patient populations and offer value-based care
- query and measure performance data and patient outcomes related to quality improvement work listed above using designed change package
- ✓ provide the opportunity for eligible providers to meet quality measures for ACOs, MIPS, NC Medicaid, or other payers or programs

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County Statistics

County	Alcohol intoxicated ED visits in 2017	Rate per 100,000	Alcohol-related deaths in 2017	Rate per 100,000
Avery	36	205	7	43
Buncombe	1,116	433	132	52
Cherokee	59	210	18	66
Clay	15	135	6	57
Graham	27	316	6	76
Haywood	304	498	39	65
Henderson	391	338	60	52
Jackson	140	326	14	34
Macon	223	642	19	56
Madison	72	331	8	38
McDowell	128	283	18	42
Polk	65	316	11	55
Rutherford	264	397	38	57
Swain	78	546	10	74
Transylvania	224	660	14	43
Yancey	142	800	10	59

Source:

https://public.tableau.com/profile/nc.injury.and.violence.prevention.branch#!/vizhome/NCAlcoholDataDashboard/Story