

## TEAM-BASED HEALTH CARE

### VALUES

**HONESTY** Team members put a high value on effective communication within the team, including transparency about aims, decisions, uncertainty, and mistakes. Honesty is critical to continued improvement and for maintaining the mutual trust necessary for a high-functioning team.

**DISCIPLINE** Team members carry out their roles and responsibilities with discipline, even when it seems inconvenient. At the same time, team members are disciplined in seeking out and sharing new information to improve individual and team functioning, even when doing so may be uncomfortable. ...

**CREATIVITY** Team members are excited by the possibility of tackling new or emerging problems creatively. They see even errors and unanticipated bad outcomes as potential opportunities to learn and improve.

**HUMILITY** Team members recognize differences in training but do not believe that one type of training or perspective is uniformly superior to the training of others. They also recognize that they are human and will make mistakes. Hence, a key value of working in a team is that fellow team members can rely on each other to help recognize and avert failures, regardless of where they are in the hierarchy. ...

**CURIOSITY** Team members are dedicated to reflecting upon the lessons learned in the course of their daily activities and using those insights for *continuous improvement* of their own work and the functioning of the team.

### PRINCIPLES

**SHARED GOALS** The team—including the patient and, where appropriate, family members or other support persons—works to establish shared goals that reflect patient and family priorities, and can be clearly articulated, understood, and supported by all team members.

**CLEAR ROLES** There are clear expectations for each team member's functions, responsibilities, and accountabilities, which optimize the team's efficiency and often make it possible for the team to take advantage of division of labor, thereby accomplishing more than the sum of its parts.

**MUTUAL TRUST** Team members earn each others' trust, creating strong norms of reciprocity and greater opportunities for shared achievement.

**EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION** The team prioritizes and continuously refines its communication skills. It has consistent channels for candid and complete communication, which are accessed and used by all team members across all settings.

**MEASURABLE PROCESSES AND OUTCOMES** The team agrees on and implements reliable and timely feedback on successes and failures in both the functioning of the team and achievement of the team's goals. These are used to track and improve performance immediately and over time.