

NC AHEC PRACTICE SUPPORT UNHEALTHY ALCOHOL USE 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, provider, 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 payors or programs

County Statistics

County	Alcohol intoxicated ED visits in 2017	Alcohol-related deaths in 2017
Alamance	446	83
Chatham	85	28
Caswell	44	12
Guilford	1,928	215
Orange	477	39
Randolph	430	73
Rockingham	285	40

Source: <https://public.tableau.com/profile/nc.injury.and.violence.prevention.branch#1/vizhome/NCAcoholDataDashboard/Story>

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