Improving Pain Management and Prescribing of Opioids in Partnership with Patients and Families
Initial Questions to Ask

• Do clinicians and other members of the interdisciplinary team know . . .
  o What information about pain and pain management is shared with patients and families?
  o When this information is shared?
  o How often is this information shared?
  o How this information is shared—formats and literacy levels?
  o If the patient is connected with peer support?

• How are you learning from patient and family advisors about current pain management practices and improving pain management . . .
  o Patient and family advisory councils?
  o Patient and family advisors serving on key committees such as patient safety, pain management QI, opioid prescribing QI, patient/family education, pain management research?
  o Post-discharge phone calls?
  o Interviews and focus groups?
  o Interviews with individuals providing peer support?
  o Other?

• In which of the following ways are you partnering with patients and families to improve and ensure appropriate pain management and opioid prescribing practices . . .
  o Quality improvement projects?
  o Continuing education for staff and clinicians?
  o Education for students and trainees?
  o Orientation for new employees, students, and trainees?
  o Development of informational and educational material for patients and families?
  o Use of technology, telehealth, and the electronic health record?
  o Data collection and reporting for improvement and accountability?
  o Other?