

Reviewer's report

Title: Improving eye care for veterans with diabetes: an example of using the QUERI steps to move from evidence to implementation

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Reviewer: Martin Eccles

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General

Thank you for re-submitting your article in the QUERI Series and for your comprehensive letter of response to our and the reviewers comments. In the light of this there are a small number of further changes we would like you to make to the article.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

None

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Page 4 paragraph 2. The first sentence seems something of a hostage to fortune and the paper does not need it. I'd suggest deleting it.

Page 5 the two sub headings should be removed. In the paragraph that currently follows the QUERI sub-heading We suggest that you delete all of the text after the second sentence – starting 'The Series introductory articles'.

Page 7 paragraph 2. Replace 'one fourth' with 'a quarter'.

Page 9 paragraph 3 line 5 we suggest you break the sentence after 'timing' and start a new sentence with 'However'.

Page 10 first full paragraph. The notion of 'hurting' quality is rather strange. Could you come up with a different word or phrase such as 'limit the scope for improving the quality of care'?

Page 12 paragraph 2 line 2 suggest delete 'which was named and put 'the Progressive ... (PRSS)' in parentheses.

Page 16 bottom paragraph line 3 and 4. Suggest that 'the majority' and 'more than 300' are replaced with the actual n (%).

Page 17 line 4 suggest delete 'However'.

Martin Eccles & Ian Graham
QUERI Series Editors

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.