



Effective Health Care

Rate of Mentation Nomination Summary Document

Results of Topic Selection Process & Next Steps

- Rate of mentation does not identify specific therapeutic or diagnostic interventions and therefore does not fit within the domain of the Effective Health Care (EHC) Program. No further activity will be undertaken on this topic.

Topic Description

Nominator: Individual

Nomination Summary: The nominator is concerned with how a physician measures a patient's rate of mentation. He wishes to see improvements in the understanding of psychopathology and pathophysiology of disease.

Key Questions from Nominator:

1. How would a physician measure a patient's rate of mentation?
2. Is the statement 'measurement of the rate of mentation' the same as the statement 'identification of the universal set of psychological states'?
3. Are there preexisting psychological states for physical diseases?
4. Would preemption of preexisting psychological states [if they exist] improve outcome for physical disease?

Considerations

- The topic does not meet EHC Program appropriateness criteria. (For more information, see <http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/submit-a-suggestion-for-research/how-are-research-topics-chosen/>.)