

Attachment A. Selection of Sites

To be considered as candidates for case studies, health systems must have the following characteristics:

1. The system employs people engaged in embedded research; research will be defined as embedded if
 - (1) The primary investigator is closely affiliated with the care organization or care system that is a major site of the research project
 - (2) The research project at least partially addresses operational concerns of the system (e.g., ways to improve care quality, value, or other aspects of system performance (e.g., patient and staff satisfaction)).
2. The system has been engaged in embedded research for at least two fiscal years (i.e. began embedded research no later than fiscal year prior to the fiscal year of interviews);
3. The system has a distinctive approach to embedded research or was identified in our scan as a recognized leader in this field.

The investigators will identify sites with these characteristics from their scan data (expert interviews, discussions with other knowledgeable individuals, publicly available documents (grey and scientific literature.)