

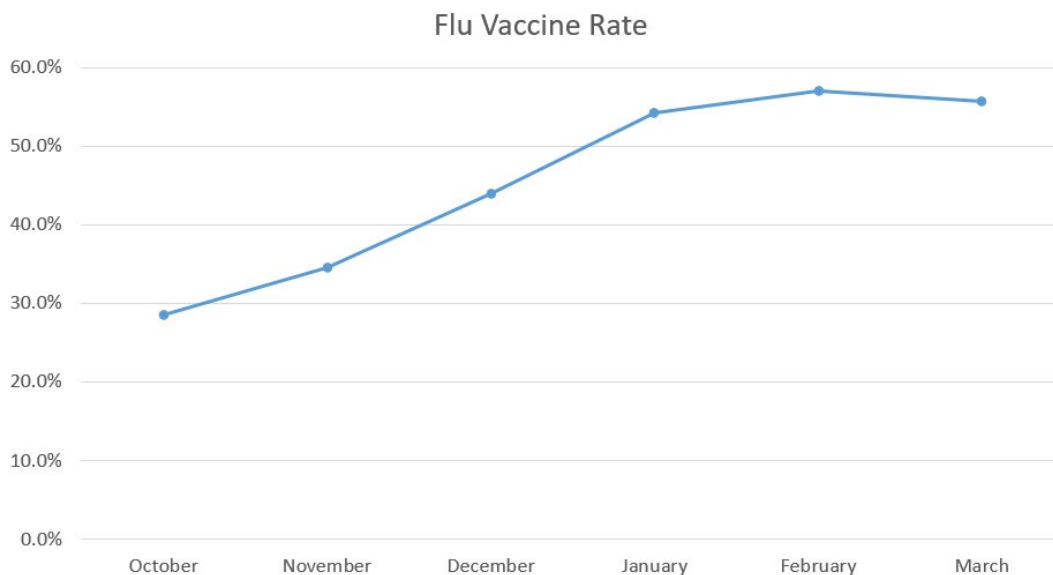
## Tracking Change: The Run Chart

- Measurement is central to quality improvement (QI), providing evidence of change and thus guiding widespread implementation
- Measures can include outcomes, such as vaccination rates to smaller process change indicators or tracking documentation of vaccine denials
- Measures can be generated by the IT department (weekly reports), manual chart sampling or contemporaneous tracking (MA or nurse marks a form for each documentation they provide)
- Integral to the PDSA process, early evidence of success as shown in a run chart recommends expansion of the process to a bigger part of the practice and health care system

One can take advantage of a programmed Excel spreadsheet to enter performance data and generate a run chart.

Below is a run chart from a DRIVE participant, with flu vaccine rates charted by month. As this was a small clinic, their efforts to increase the use of a strong recommendation by all clinic staff was derived from the EHR by the larger system's IT department.

### Sample Run Chart



**Select References:** AMA STEPSforward, Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA) Accelerate Quality Improvement in Your Practice. <https://edhub.ama-assn.org/steps-forward/module/2702507>