How is ASAP implemented?
Primary care organizations in Alberta have been successful in making improvements to their screening and prevention processes by building and spreading quality improvement capacity in the following key enablers:

- **Measurement**: A means to make informed decisions about improvements in patient care.
- **Facilitation**: Primary care teams are more likely to adopt evidence-based improvement with the help of a facilitator.
- **Quality Improvement**: 'Know-how' to make changes - structured and evidence-based.
- **Engaged Leadership**: A champion - to empower the team, remove the barriers and drive change.
- **Teamwork**: The people doing the work need to change the work - together.
- **EMR**: A tool to manage, measure, coordinate and provide continuous, quality patient care.
- **PANEL**: Make a list, maintain it and use it to make on-going, data informed decisions about patient care.
- **Collaboration**: Share and learn from others doing similar work.

ASaP is designed to address the most important screening interventions for most people, most of the time.

Life can get hectic – I didn’t know I was due for my mammogram. I was seeing my doctor for another reason, and I was sent for a mammogram. The early diagnosis of invasive breast cancer, that no one could see or feel, saved my life. It’s a relief to know my medical clinic has my back.

-Patient

In 2016, the Alberta Primary Health Care Strategy adopted the ASaP guidelines and integrated it within the System Level Indicators framework. Primary care providers are measuring their screening care and reporting on their quality improvement progress!
“Since starting my medical home journey, the ASaP maneuvers and guidelines allowed me to transform my practice to provide proactive care for numerous at-risk patients, who potentially could have slipped through the cracks…”

- Physician

Continuous Measurement of screening rates leads to improvement over time

14% Absolute improvement rate across all screening maneuvers and all providers

17% Absolute improvement rate across all screening maneuvers for providers who submitted multiple follow-up chart reviews

Screening rate improvements by providers who submit multiple follow-up chart reviews are sustained over time.

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