

Functional Definition of Integration

Purpose: To identify which ambulatory practices operate as functionally integrated practices.

Definition: Mental health and primary care clinicians work in the same physical space within the same facility where mental health clinicians perform a) assessment, b) brief intervention and c) referral services, and at least:

- share some systems, like scheduling or medical records;
- communicate in person as needed;
- collaborate, driven by need for consultation and coordinated plans for difficult patients, and
- have regular face-to-face interactions about some patients.