

How to Map the Value Stream?

First, we must identify & define the 'Customer'

- Define the customers of:
 - o The healthcare delivery system as a whole
 - o Each process being targeted for improvement
- Identify each customer as:
 - Internal Customers
 - External Customers

6 Steps of Value Stream Mapping:

- 1. Document the Customer and the customer's needs
- 2. Identify the main steps of the process
- 3. Select the standardized metrics to measure each step
 - a) Time (process, lead, changeover)
 - b) Completion Percentage
 - c) Accuracy
- 4. Perform a "Gemba Walk" (walk through to assess current state)
- 5. Establish how steps are prioritized
- 6. Calculate the summary metrics

^{*} Remember...it is essential to incorporate the Voice of the Customer (VOC) into every process!