Humanizing the Patient Experience in the Age of Al







Part 3: Start Incorporating EPI's into your KPI's

Empathy Performance Indicator (EPI) Questionnaire

This questionnaire is designed to help dental offices identify which empathy-related behaviors they are already tracking and which areas may benefit from additional focus. Use this tool to guide development of your own EPI metrics.

| 1. Patient Interaction & Communication |
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| Do we track patient satisfaction related to how well they feel listened to? Do we measure clarity and kindness in treatment explanations? Do we gather feedback about how comfortable patients feel emotionally during visits? |
| 2. Comfort & Emotional Support During Procedures |
| Do we document when patients express anxiety or fear? Do we record whether staff check on emotional comfort mid-procedure? Do we offer accommodations (music, breaks, gentle techniques) for anxious patients? |
| 3. Personalization & Respect |
| Do we personalize patient interactions by recalling personal preferences or history? Do we track how often we accommodate cultural or communication preferences? Is there a system to document specific patient needs and concerns? |
| 4. Post-Visit Follow-Through |
| Do we follow up with patients after complex or emotionally difficult visits? Do we track if clear home care instructions were given empathetically? Do we monitor the tone and approach of follow-up communications? |
| 5. Team Dynamics & Culture |
| ☐ Do we have a system for peer-to-peer feedback on empathy and support? ☐ Do team leaders model emotional intelligence and vulnerability? |

Do we recognize and reward empathetic behavior within our team?

| 6. Data & Review Systems |
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| Do we analyze patient reviews for empathy-related keywords? Do we use surveys that include empathy-based questions? Are there audit tools in place for direct observation of empathy behaviors? |
| For the next 90 days, our team is going to work on and measure success in these 3 things: |
| 1. |
| 2. |
| 3. |
| Impact Owner of #1: |
| Impact Owner of #2: |
| Impact Owner of #3: |
| We commit to letting our team know how we are doing at least once per week in our morning huddle and setting goals for where we want to be. |