

Using Run Charts to Track Your Data

What is a Run Chart?

A run chart is a data analysis tool within which you track data over time. Run charts are graphs of data that can help you visualize trends or patterns in a given process, such as the implementation or improvement of CMM. Using a run chart throughout your implementation or improvement effort can help you identify what effects, if any, an applied change in your process has generated.

Run Chart Tools

Purpose	Organization	Tool name	When to use	Where to find
Run Chart Overview	Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI)	Run Chart Overview	Easy tool to visually display your data over time; Helps identify non-random patterns (shifts, trends, too many or few runs, and astronomical data points)	Create free account on Institute of Healthcare Improvement and access at http://www.ihi.org/resources/Pages/Tools/RunChart.aspx
		Run Charts		Two quick videos to get you started. Part 1: http://www.ihi.org/education/IHIOpenSchool/resources/Pages/AudioandVideo/Whiteboard7.aspx Part 2: http://www.ihi.org/education/IHIOpenSchool/resources/Pages/AudioandVideo/Whiteboard8.aspx
Run Chart Templates	IHI	Run Chart Excel Template	Straight forward template that plots data based on input.	Create free account on Institute of Healthcare Improvement and access template at http://www.ihi.org/resources/Pages/Tools/RunChart.aspx
	Alliance for Integrated Medication Management (AIMM)	AIMM Team Run Chart Excel Template	Need to adapt to fit improvement needs. Plots data based on input.	Template on AI Hub (sign in with organization specific username and password)