

# Keeping Older Adult Drivers Safe: An Initiative to Increase Safety Screening in Primary Care

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## PURPOSE

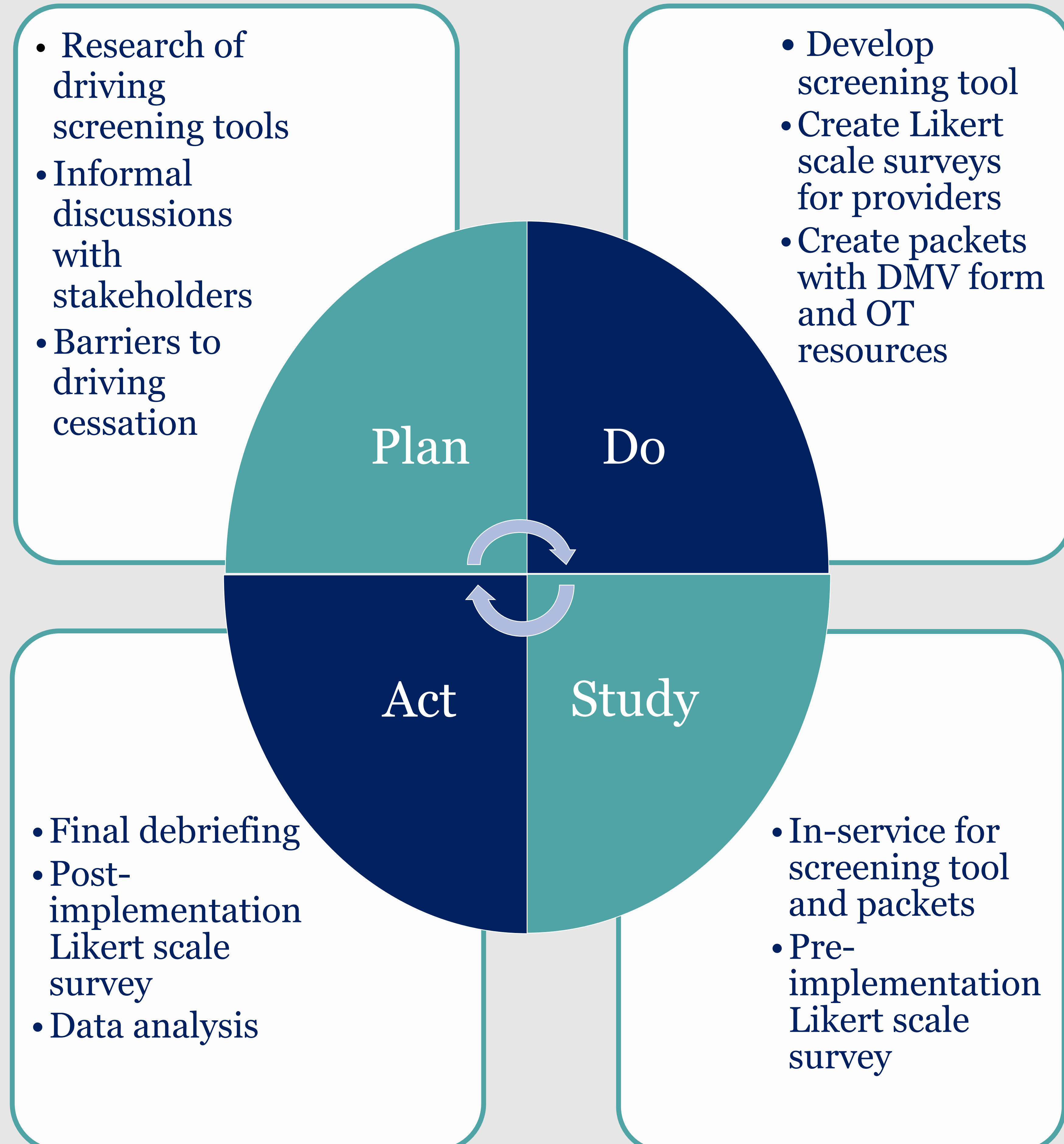
To increase safety screening of older adult drivers by primary care providers in the outpatient setting.

## BACKGROUND & SIGNIFICANCE

- As 2019, 17% of the US population is over the age of 65<sup>1</sup>
- Individuals aged 65 and older make up 20% of the driving population<sup>2</sup>
- In 2019, senior drivers were involved in 20% of the 6+ million motor vehicle accidents<sup>3</sup>
- >\$380 million in medical expenses from motor vehicle accidents<sup>4</sup>



## METHODS



## RESULTS

- 35 out of 418 older adult patients completed the screening tool supplied by 3 out of 4 providers
- 3 out of 4 providers supplied the screening to patients
- There was a slight increase in discussions about driving during project implementation
- Providers average rating of the screening tool was 4.05 based on a Likert-scale survey

## CONCLUSION

- A driving safety screening tool can increase the early identification of safety concerns in the primary care setting
- An effective early driving screening process opens communication to prepare older adults for driving retirement
- Recommendations include continued use of the screening tool in a larger practice to determine efficacy.

## REFERENCES

