

## Characteristics of Research and Quality Improvement

	Research	Quality Improvement
<b>Definition</b>	Systematic, hypothesis driven investigation designed to contribute to generalizable knowledge using disciplined scientific methods (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2009).	Systematic data guided activities designed to bring about <del>specific</del> <del>changes</del> <del>in</del> <del>services</del> , <del>practices</del> <del>and</del> <del>processes</del>
<b>Intent</b>	Discovery of new, generalizable knowledge; hypothesis driven	Identifies a gap in performance; applies proven/evidence based practices to a specific problem