

Evidence Practice Gap Decision Matrix

Use this tool to build your own evidence practice gap matrix.

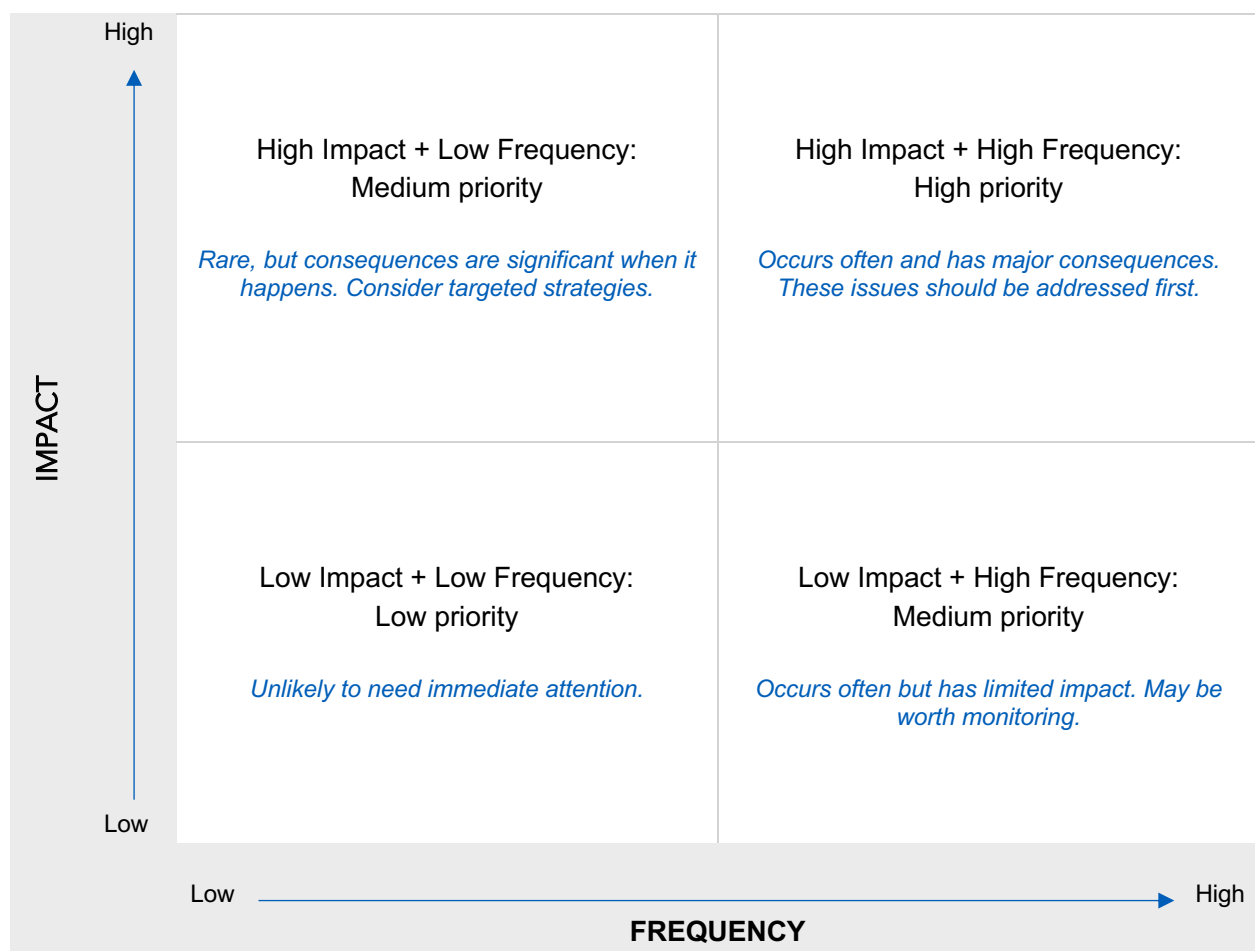
It is common to find more than one evidence-practice gap when reflecting on your practice.

A decision matrix helps define the most important issues by considering both the **frequency** (how often the issue occurs) and the **impact** (how significant the consequences are) of the problem.

Two key questions to guide your thinking:

1. What problems do you encounter most often in practice (frequency)?
2. Which problems cause the greatest challenges (impact)?

Ideally, the priority should be a clinical issue that is both **high frequency** and **high impact**.



Create your own evidence practice gap decision matrix

1. Write all the evidence-practice gaps you have identified on sticky notes.
2. For each gap, assess:
 - **Frequency** – how often do you see this issue in practice?
 - **Impact** – how serious are the consequences for patients, carers, or providers?
3. Place each gap into the appropriate quadrant of the matrix.
4. Issues that fall into the **high impact + high frequency** category are a high priority – focus on these!

