Bonnie Coxe, Lead Therapist of Pulmonary Rehabilitation at the Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene, Texas and her team have been subscribed to the AACVPR Outpatient Pulmonary Rehabilitation Registry since 2013. The Registry allows them to set benchmarks for goals based on comparison to other hospitals.

Their Pulmonary Rehabilitation team is currently reporting average distance and average dyspnea change pre and post-pulmonary rehabilitation. They have consistently seen an improvement in both of these domains. They set their initial goal to be above or equal to 82 feet improvement in distance walked, and their initial goal for dyspnea was to see 100 percent of patients report improved dyspnea or the same amount of dyspnea post pulmonary rehabilitation.

“After becoming an AACVPR Pulmonary Rehabilitation Registry subscriber they are able to compare their program to others.

“The Registry has helped us tremendously; it saves many hours of gathering and calculating data. Before the registry we were collecting data in all four domains for Program Certification, customer service, and specific departmental goals. The registry puts all this in one place, it is great.”

“We are changing our goal to 98 feet improvement in distance walked, and reporting not only average distance overall improvement, but the percentage of patients that meet or exceed the MCID (meaningful change in distance) with our initial goal being 75 percent,” said Coxe.