

Baldrige Health Care Glossary **HD**: Cycle Time

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The term “*cycle time*” refers to the time required to fulfill commitments or to complete tasks. Time **measurements** play a major role in the **Criteria** because of the great importance of time **performance** to improving overall **performance**. “**Cycle time**” refers to all aspects of time **performance**. **Cycle time** improvement might include test **results** reporting time, time to introduce new health care technology, order fulfillment time, length of hospital stays, call-line response time, billing time, and other **key measures** of time.

Note: **Blue** words above are hyperlinks to other **GLOSSARY HD** terms and their definitions.

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