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- Save time by using sample documents
- Consider feedback from other practitioners about lessons learned for more effective use of specific techniques
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- How to's/user experiences
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- Resource links
- Glossary of terms

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