The PDSA Cycle

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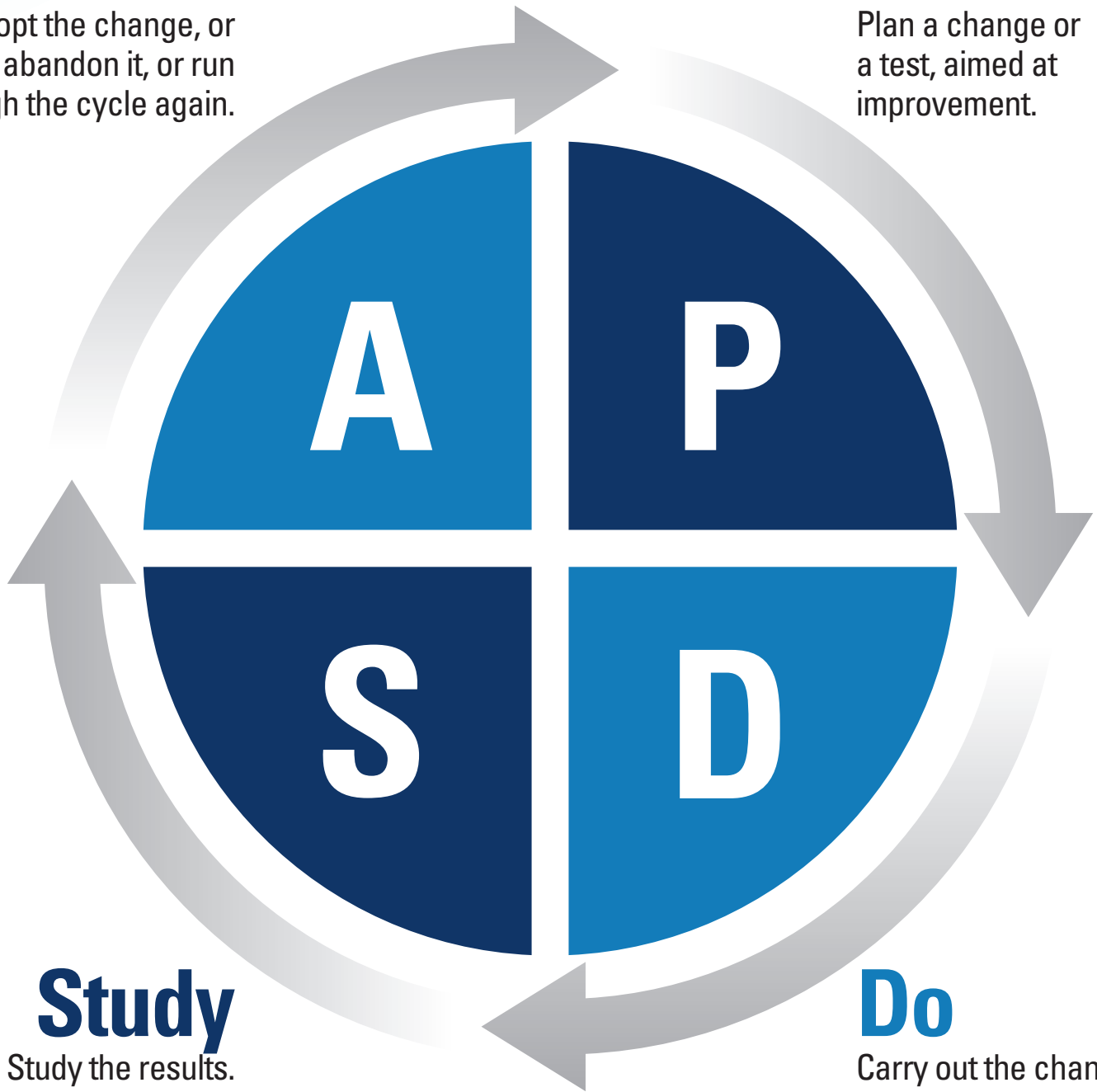
Act
Adopt the change, or abandon it, or run through the cycle again.

Plan
Plan a change or a test, aimed at improvement.

Study
Study the results. What did we learn? What went wrong?

Do
Carry out the change or the test (preferably on a small scale).

A flow diagram for learning and for improvement of a product or a process.