The Patient-Centered Medical Home Neighbor: A Critical Concept for a Redesigned Healthcare Delivery System

The Quadruple Aim: Working Together, Achieving Success

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Strategy versus Tactics

*Strategy* without tactics is the slowest route to victory. *Tactics* without strategy is the noise before defeat.

Sun Tzu – Chinese Military General, 500 BCE
Strategy

Berwick’s Triple Aim

- Reduce Per Capita Costs
- Improve Health of Populations
- Improve the Experience of Care

Berwick, Nolan & Whittington; Health Affairs 2008
What is the Patient-Centered Medical Home?

- ...a vision of health care as it should be
- ...a framework for organizing systems of care at both the micro (practice) and macro (society) level
- ...a model to test, improve, and validate
Joint Principles of the PCMH

- Personal physician
- Physician directed medical practice
- Whole person orientation
- Care is coordinated and/or integrated
- Quality and safety
- Enhanced access to care
- Payment to support the PCMH

Team-based care:
- NP/PA
- RN/LPN
- Medical Assistant
- Office Staff
- Care Coordinator
- Nutritionist/Educator
- Pharmacist
- Behavioral Health
- Case Manager
- Social Worker
- Community resources
- DM companies
- Others…
“Effective care coordination...requires not only full access to all the necessary clinical information...but also a willingness by all the physicians [and their teams] involved...to participate in collaborative decision making.”

- Elliott Fisher, NEJM 2008
- Typical primary care physician relates to 229 other physicians in 117 practices for Medicare FFS beneficiaries

Teams

- **Wikipedia definition**: A team comprises a group of people linked in a common purpose. Teams are especially appropriate for conducting tasks that are high in complexity and have many interdependent subtasks.

- **Interdependent team**:
  - no significant task can be accomplished without the help of any of the members;
  - within that team members typically specialize in different tasks, and
  - the success of every individual is inextricably bound to the success of the whole team. No football player, no matter how talented, has ever won a game by playing alone.

Adapted from: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Team](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Team)
Teams?
Gaps in Care Coordination

- **Primary care and specialists:**
  - No information sent to Peds specialist 49% of time; no feedback to primary care 55% of time

- **Emergency Department**
  - 30% of adults indicated regular physician not informed about visit

- **Hospital**
  - 33% of adults with chronic condition did not have follow-up plans post hospital discharge
  - 3% of primary care physicians discussed discharge plans with hospital physicians
  - 66% of time primary care follow-up post discharge was done without a hospital discharge summary

Bodenheimer, T: Coordinating Care – A Perilous Journey through the Health Care System. NEJM 2008;358:10
Hospital Admission Rates for Chronic Respiratory Ambulatory Care–Sensitive Conditions, 1994–2003

Hospital Admission Rates for Cardiovascular Ambulatory Care–Sensitive Conditions per 100,000 Adults, 1994–2003

Congestive heart failure

Angina (chest pain) without procedure

Hypertension

Data: Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project, Nationwide Inpatient Sample (Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality 2006). Rates were age- and sex-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. standard population. Adults mean the U.S. population ages 18 and older.

Hospital Admission Rates for Diabetes-Related Ambulatory Care-Sensitive Conditions per 100,000 Adults, 1994–2003

- Diabetes with long-term complications
- Diabetes with short-term complications
- Lower extremity amputations among patients with diabetes
- Uncontrolled diabetes without complication

Data: Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project, Nationwide Inpatient Sample (Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality 2006). Rates were age- and sex-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. standard population. Adults mean the U.S. population ages 18 and older.

Hospital Admission Rates for Acute Ambulatory Care-Sensitive Conditions, 1994–2003

- **Bacterial pneumonia** (per 100,000 population)
- **Urinary tract infections** (per 100,000 population)
- **Pediatric gastroenteritis** (per 100,000 children and adolescents)


Evolution of PCMH…

Neighbor

The Patient-Centered Medical Home
ACP convened a work group of the ACP Council of Subspecialty Societies in 2007
- Workgroup represented 16 distinct specialties/subspecialties & 22 different organizations
- Work proceeded over 3 years
- Position Paper released October 2010

http://www.acponline.org/advocacy/where_we_stand/policy/pcmh_neighbors.pdf
THE PATIENT-CENTERED MEDICAL HOME NEIGHBOR: THE INTERFACE OF THE PATIENT-CENTERED MEDICAL HOME WITH SPECIALTY/SUBSPECIALTY PRACTICES

A Position Paper of the American College of Physicians

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Typology of Clinical Roles

- Cognitive consultation
  - Provide diagnostic or therapeutic advice
- Procedural consultation
  - Perform a technical procedure to aid diagnosis, cure a condition, identify/prevent new conditions, palliate
- Co-manager with shared care
  - Long-term management with primary care physician
- Co-manager with principal care
  - Assume total responsibility for long-term management
- Primary care physician
  - Provides a medical home for a group of patients

Forrest, Christopher: Arch Int Med 2009
Summary Points of Paper

- Provide effective bidirectional communication with a focus on care coordination and information sharing with the PCMH
- Engage in timely and appropriate referrals/consultations
- Support patient-centered care co-management
- Establish care coordination agreements that:
  - Define roles/responsibilities/expectations
  - Provide specific parameters for secondary referrals, admissions, emergencies
- Align incentives
- Explore a PCMH-N recognition process
“…consist of providers who are jointly held accountable for achieving measured quality improvements and reductions in the rate of spending growth.” ¹

MEDPAC Explanation: “…a group of physicians teamed with a hospital would have joint responsibility for the quality and cost of care provided to a large Medicare patient population…Potential ACOs include: integrated delivery systems, physician–hospital organizations, a hospital plus multispecialty groups, and a hospital teamed with independent practices.” ²

¹McClellan et al: Health Affairs, May 2010
²MEDPAC June 2009 report
From a Patient’s Perspective…

Face-to-face visit

- Planned/prepared
- Coordinated activities/co-management
- Team-based effort with staff & colleagues
- Use of customized educational materials
- Information prescription
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