



The Role & Challenges of Hospital Care Coordination in a “POP HEALTH WORLD”

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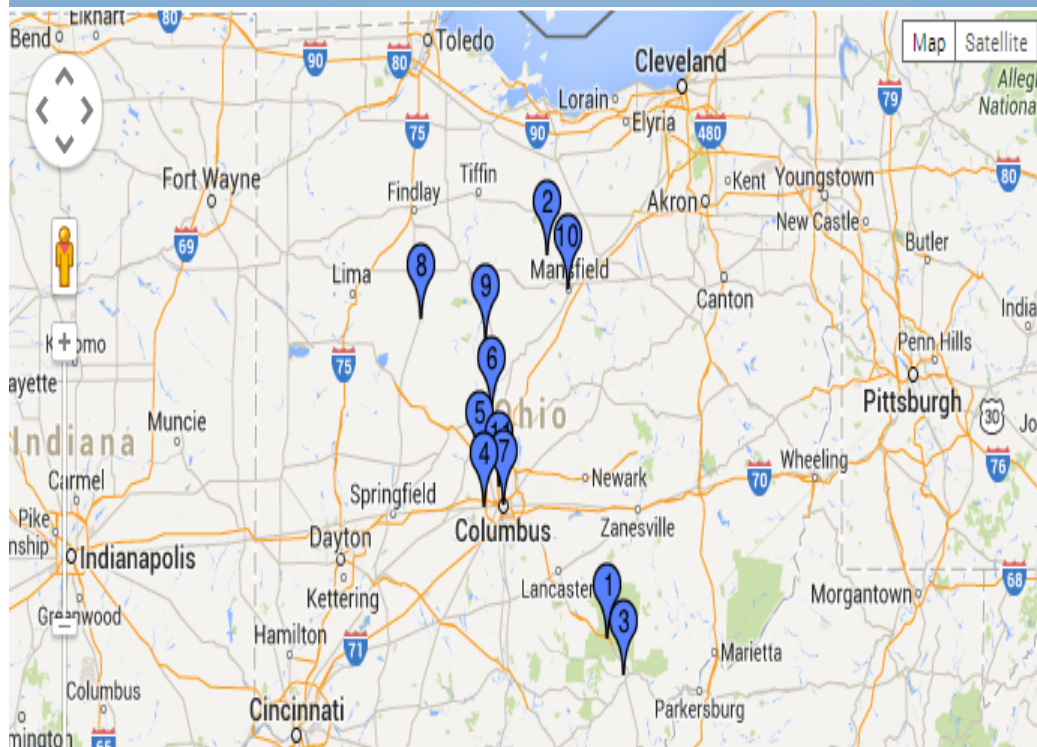
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*To improve
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Fast Facts

Fact

- 21,000 associates
- 3,600 physicians
- 3,500 volunteers
- 17 hospitals (10 member, 1 managed and 6 affiliated)
- 50+ ambulatory sites
- 152,000 inpatient admissions + observation stays
- 493,000 Total ED visits
- 94,000 hospital surgeries
- +2.7 million outpatient visits
- Over \$2.4 billion in net patient revenue

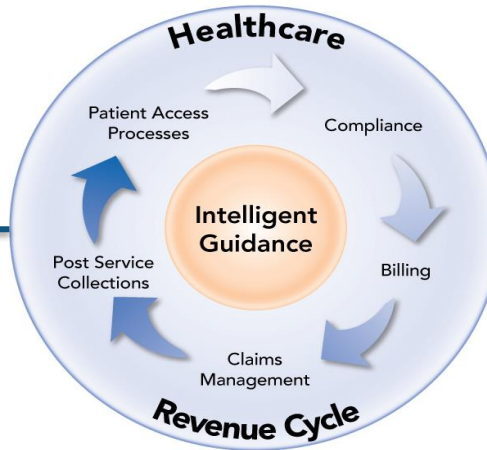


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So who am I?



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Care coordination means different things to different people; no consensus definition has fully evolved. A recent systematic review identified over 40 definitions of the term "care coordination."

"Care coordination is the deliberate organization of patient care activities between two or more participants (including the patient) involved in a patient's care to facilitate the appropriate delivery of health care services. Organizing care involves the marshalling of personnel and other resources needed to carry out all required patient care activities and is often managed by the exchange of information among participants responsible for different aspects of care."



Population health

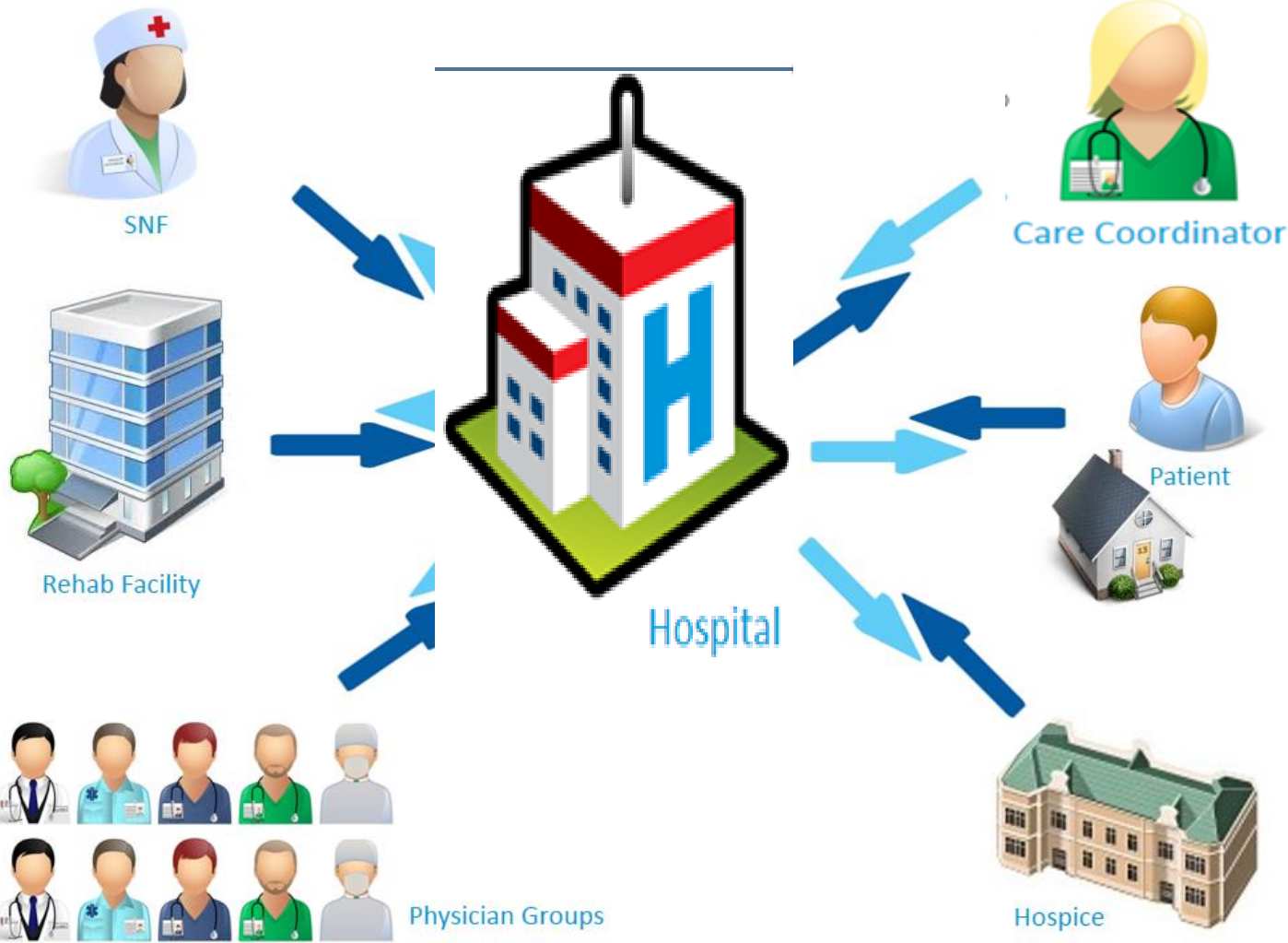
Plethora of definitions....

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

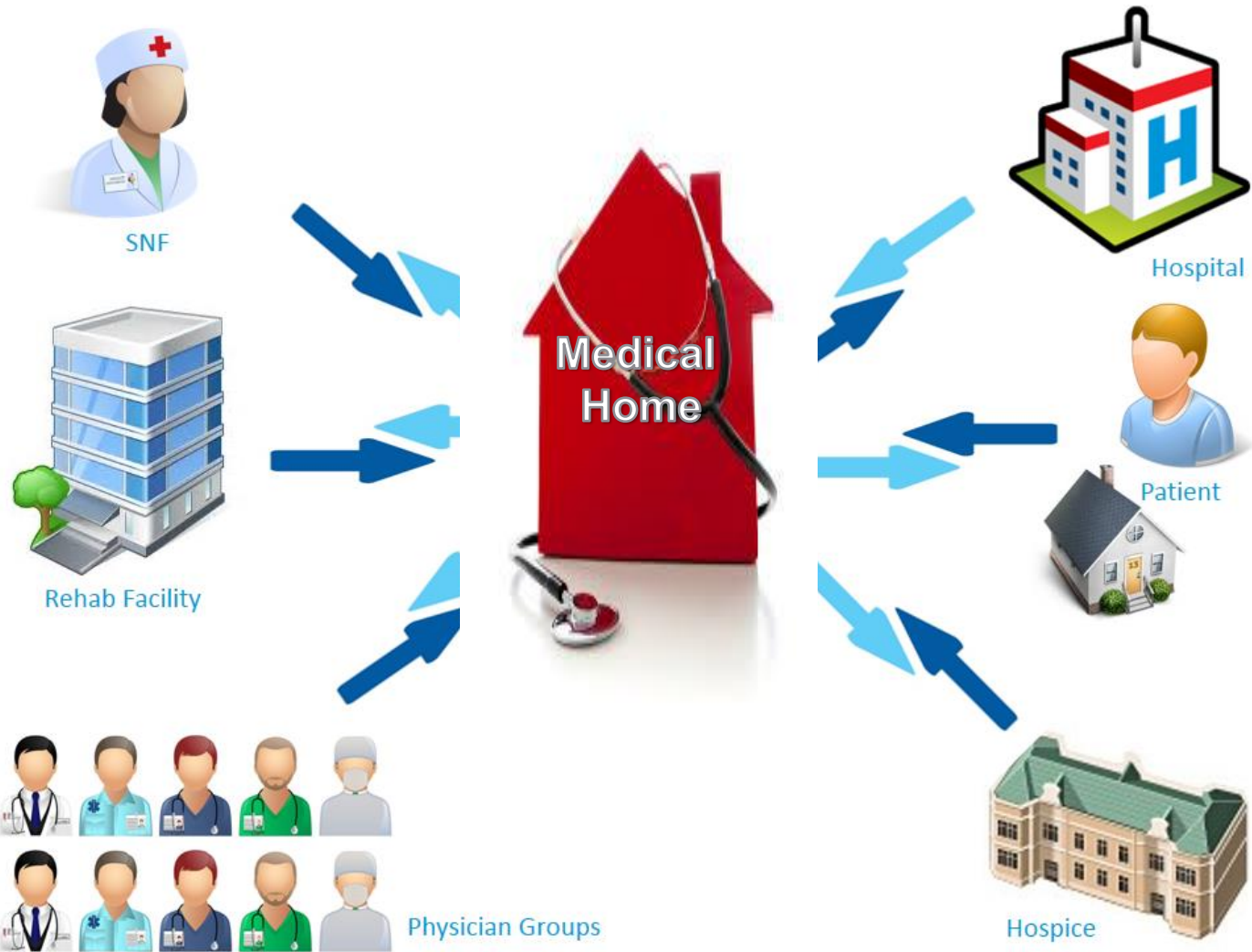
Population health has been defined as "the health outcomes of a group of individuals, including the distribution of such outcomes within the group".^[1] It is an approach to health that aims to improve the health of an entire human population. *This concept does not refer to animal or plant populations.* A priority considered important in achieving this aim is to reduce health inequities or disparities among different population groups due to, among other factors, the social determinants of health, SDOH. The SDOH include all the factors: social, environmental, cultural and physical the different populations are born into, grow up and function with throughout their lifetimes which potentially have a measurable impact on the health of human populations.^[2] The Population Health concept represents a change in the focus from the individual-level, characteristic of most mainstream medicine. It also seeks to complement the classic efforts of public health agencies by addressing a broader range of factors shown to impact the health of different populations. The World Health Organization's Commission on Social Determinants of Health, reported in 2008, that the SDOH factors were responsible for the bulk of diseases and injuries and these were the major causes of health inequities in all countries.^[3] In the US, SDOH were estimated to account for 70% of avoidable mortality.^[4] From a population health perspective, health has been defined not simply as a state free from disease but as "the capacity of people to adapt to, respond to, or control life's challenges and changes".^[5] The World Health Organization (WHO) defined health in its broader sense in 1946 as "a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity."^{[6][7]}



Moving on: Hospital Care Coordination



“Medical Home” now the key player!



The Care Coordination Puzzle



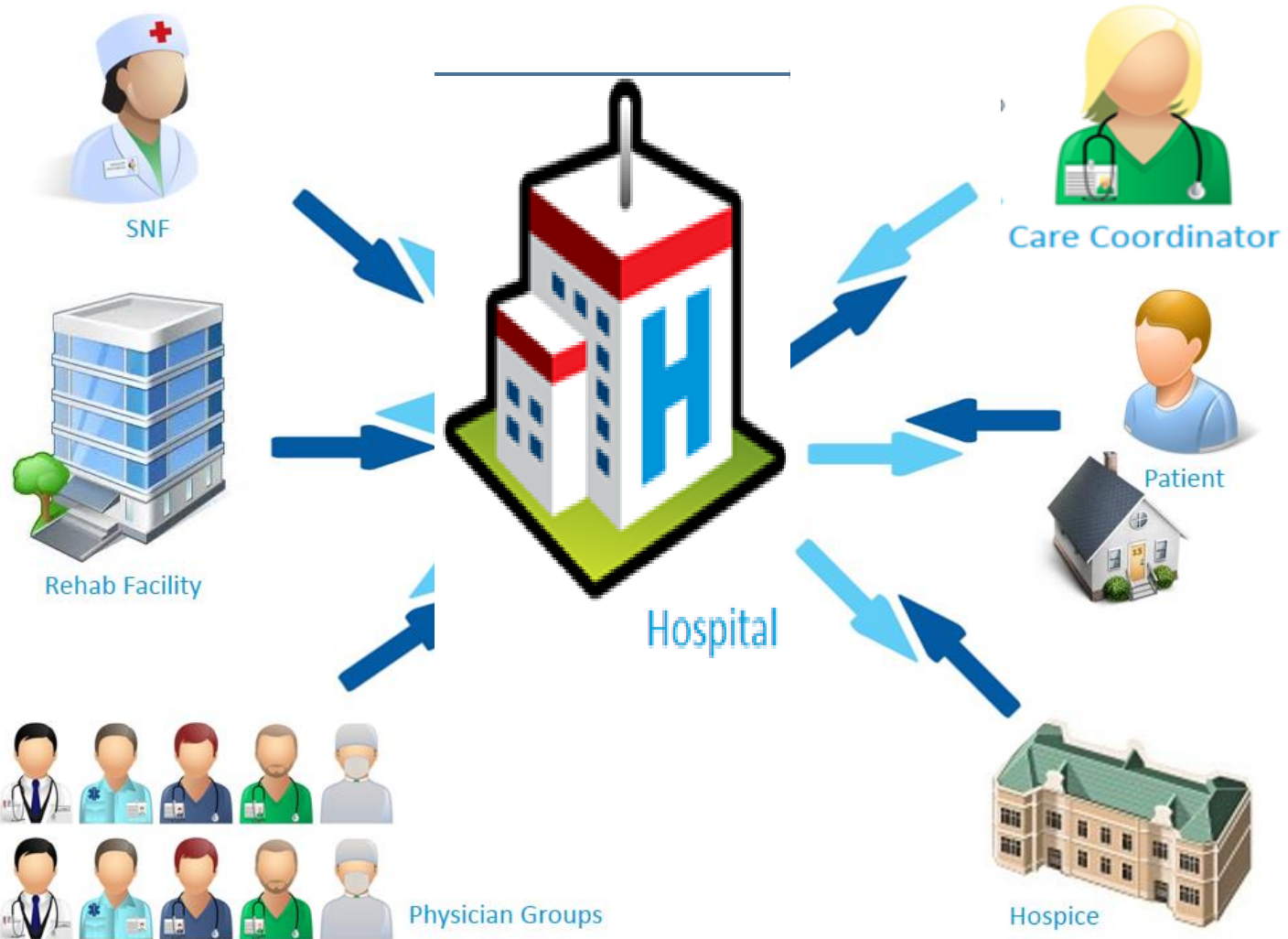
*“As healthcare reform leads to a change from the fee-for-service payment model to value-based, quality-focused care, **hospitals** around the country must solve the care coordination puzzle.*

*From admission to discharge and beyond, **hospitals** now take a more active role in **improving patient engagement, patient navigation, physician engagement**, medical monitoring technology and working with pharmacists and other specialists to **align all the pieces** to create more affordable, quality healthcare.*

*One of the most important aspects of care coordination is a **team-based approach between hospitals and post-acute care facilities to reduce readmissions and improve patient satisfaction, while emphasizing preventive healthcare,**”*

Janet Comrey, R.N., a senior consultant for population health at Geisinger Healthcare in Danville, Pennsylvania in interview with Fierce HealthCare.

Hospital Care Coordination



5 PIECES OF THE CARE COORDINATION PUZZLE



Physician Engagement

Patient Engagement

Pharmacy & Specialist Consults

Remote Monitoring

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Challenge #1: How do we know if the 5 puzzle pieces are applied?

You can have all the systems in the world....

but if you can't EXECUTE a strategy... you're



Where /how do I know if the patient navigator has the patient on their list? How does a patient get on their list?

How do I know if the pharmacist has been consulted? And if they have ...how do I know if they've seen the patient ..and what they have done?

Remote monitoring ... who does that?... How do I know if its been done?

Patient Engagement??? - Teachback?? How do I know if this has been done? And even more if patient was 'engaged?'

And do I have the resources to do this for everyone???

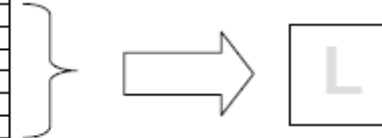
Note that there are other risk assessments in the environment and this is just one example.

Ottawa Hospital Research Institute LACE Index Scoring Tool for Risk Assessment of Death and Readmission

Step 1. Length of Stay

Length of stay (including day of admission and discharge): _____ days

Length of stay (days)	Score (circle as appropriate)
1	1
2	2
3	3
4-6	4
7-13	5
14 or more	7



Step 2. Acuity of Admission

Was the patient admitted to hospital via the emergency department?
If yes, enter "3" in Box A, otherwise enter "0" in Box A



Step 3. Comorbidities

Condition (definitions and notes on reverse)	Score (circle as appropriate)	If the TOTAL score is between 0 and 3 enter the score into Box C. If the score is 4 or higher, enter 5 into Box C
Previous myocardial infarction	+1	
Cerebrovascular disease	+1	
Peripheral vascular disease	+1	
Diabetes without complications	+1	
Congestive heart failure	+2	
Diabetes with end organ damage	+2	
Chronic pulmonary disease	+2	
Mild liver disease	+2	
Any tumor (including lymphoma or leukemia)	+2	
Dementia	+3	
Connective tissue disease	+3	
AIDS	+4	
Moderate or severe liver disease	+4	
Metastatic solid tumor	+6	
TOTAL		



Step 4. Emergency department visits

How many times has the patient visited an emergency department in the six months prior to admission (not including the emergency department visit immediately preceding the current admission)? _____
Enter this number or 4 (whichever is smaller) in Box E



Add numbers in Box L, Box A, Box C, Box E to generate LACE score and enter into box below. If the patient has a LACE score that is greater than or equal to 10, the patient can be referred to the virtual ward. (Note: A *virtual ward* uses the systems and staffing of hospital care, but without the physical building: staff provide preventative care for patients in their own homes. If your hospital does not support a virtual ward, proceed to treat patient as a high risk individual.)



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LACE Index Intervention Algorithm

	Risk Score	Interventions
Low Risk	0-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multidisciplinary Discharge Planning Rounds (3 times/wk) • PCP referral and/or Urgent Care Center Referral; Investigate "ZONE" instructions and 'call back' number.
Mild Risk	5-9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multidisciplinary Discharge Planning Rounds (3 times/wk) • Social work referral – psychosocial assessment
Moderate Risk	10-13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multidisciplinary Discharge Planning Rounds (3 times/wk) • Social work referral – psychosocial assessment • Referral to Pharmacy for medication review, recommendation, patient education • Home Health referral • Follow up appointment • Follow-up phone call within 48 hours post discharge
High Risk	14 or Higher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multidisciplinary Discharge Planning Rounds (3 times/wk) • Social work referral – psychosocial assessment • Referral to Pharmacy for medication review, recommendation, patient education • Home Health referral • Follow up appointment • Follow-up phone call within 48 hours post discharge • Interdisciplinary care conference with physician, nurses, social worker, case manager, patient, and family

- Concurrent Review Entr
- User Report Processing
- Focus Entry - Encounte
- Compile Indicator Profil
- Certification Entry
- Scheduled Reports
- Standard Reports
- Access Worklists
- DataVision SmartRepor
- Concurrent Review Hist

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FS-READMISSION CM CASES MANUALLY ADDED w/ EST RISK SCORE

Encounter... Discharge Date Between "6/1/2014" and "6/10/2014" AND LACE CATEGORY... Name Is Entered

Focus ID No	D/C Date	Account No	Patient Name	Reviewer Name	CM Est Risk Category	Reason for Addition to Worklist
14-1328728	06/05/2014		1234 Patient X	MATHIAS,CONNIE	HIGH	CHF
14-1485768	06/09/2014		1235 patient Y	ARENSTEIN,DIANN	HIGH	ICU admit for CHF
14-1519438	06/10/2014		2134 Patient Z	ARENSTEIN,DIANN	HIGH	new dx CHF
14-1255767	06/03/2014		1234 Patient A	SHROFF,KARA	MODERATE	drug abuse, renal CA.
14-1447360	06/03/2014		1235 patient B	HOLCOMB,ELIZAB	MODERATE	
14-1510638	06/06/2014		2134 Patient C	THOMAS,MARY E.	MODERATE	Both CM, HFNN and physician felt higher risk than §

Hospital Process Metrics

- Follow up phone call
- Teachback
- Pharmacy Consult (Mod/High Risk only)
- Home Health Referral (coaching or visit)
- Follow up phone call.

READMISSIONS TELEPHONE SCRIPT



READMISSIONS CM FOCUS

NAME OF REVIEWER: MATHIAS, CONNIE B. ...

THIS ENCOUNTER IS A READMISSION WITHIN 30 DAYS--CHECK IF "YES":

DIAGNOSIS: CHF

DISPOSITION: HOME

HOME HEALTH/HEALTH COACH REFERRAL? Yes NoFOLLOW-UP APPT SCHEDULED? Yes NoTRANSITIONAL CARE IN LIEU OF FOLLOW-UP APPT SCHEDULED: DATE FOLLOW-UP APPOINTMENT SCHEDULED: 6/9/2014 FOLLOW-UP PHONE CALL ATTEMPTED? Yes NoTRANSITIONAL CARE IN LIEU OF FOLLOWUP PHONE CALL: DATE OF PHONE CALL - 1st ATTEMPT: 6/11/2014 

DID YOU TALK TO PATIENT? YES

COMMENTS:

5/20/14 lace 4.ab
5/21/14 lace 5.ab
5/22/14 lace 6.ab
5/23/14 lace 7.ab
5/27/14 lace 8.ab
6/2/14 lace 10.ab
6/5/14 Follow up on 6/9/14 @ 1:00.cwl

ADDED TO FOCUS/WORKLIST MANUALLY:

ENTER A BRIEF REASON THAT THE PT HAD TO MANUALLY BE ADDED TO THE FOCUS/WORKLIST: CHF

CM ESTIMATED RISK CATEGORY: HIGH

Save

Save & Print

Documents

Files

Qualifying
Criteria

Close

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B26 =SUM(D26:O26)

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
1	Dublin Methodist Hospital: COPD Scorecard															
2	FY2014		FY14 TD	Target	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
3	Funnel of Work	67		10	10	6	5	8	3	6	5	7	7	0	0	
4	30 Day All-Cause Readmission (same facility)															
5	# Readmissions-numerator (hospital all cause) DV	9		3	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	
6	# Discharges -denominator (primary dx) DV	58	17.7%	9	10	2	1	8	7	3	7	5	6	0	0	
7	% Readmissions (hospital)	15.52%		33.33%	10.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	14.29%	33.33%	14.29%	0.00%	0.00%			
8	Identification of Patient															
9	Cases with Complete Focus Study	42		9	9	1	1	4	3	1	5	4	5	0	0	
10	# Population Discharges -denominator (primary dx)	58	95.0%	9	10	2	1	8	7	3	7	5	6	0	0	
11	% Identified			0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	33.33%	71.43%	100.00%	83.33%			
12	Follow up Appointment with condition specific time from discharge															
13	# Qualifying cases identified with follow up appointment within condition specific time	6		6	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	
14	Denom: cases (exclude d/c to snf,LTCH,hospice)	54		9	8			5	3	3	5	6	0	0	0	
15	% Qualifying cases with follow up appointment	40.74%		66.67%	50.00%	50.00%	100.00%	12.50%	16.67%	33.33%	16.67%	60.00%	50.00%			
16	Home Health Referral															
17	# Qualifying Admissions with Home Health referral	30		5	5	1	1	3	2	1	4	4	4	0	0	
18	Denom: cases (exclude d/c to snf,LTCH,hospice)	54	50.0%	9	8	2	1	8	6	3	6	5	6	0	0	
19	% Qualifying cases with Home Health referral	55.56%		55.56%	62.50%	50.00%	100.00%	37.50%	33.33%	33.33%	66.67%	80.00%	66.67%			
20	Follow up Phone Calls															
21	# Qualifying cases with Follow up calls completed within condition specific time from discharge	25		5	4	0	0	2	1	1	4	3	5	0	0	
22	Denom: cases (exclude d/c to snf,LTCH,hospice)	54	90.0%	9	8	2	1	8	6	3	6	5	6	0	0	
23	% Qualifying Cases with F/U Phone Calls within condition specific time from Discharge	46.30%		55.56%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	16.67%	33.33%	66.67%	60.00%	83.33%			
24	Readmission Case Interview															
25	# Qualifying Readmissions with Interview Completed	4		3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
26	# Readmissions-numerator (hospital all cause) DV	9	90.0%	3	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	
27	% Readmissions with Completed Interview	44.44%		100.00%	0.00%			0.00%	0.00%	####	0.00%					
28																
29	*Gray cells are preliminary.															

DATA SAMPLE ONLY

**Sometimes ..its the little things that can
throw a screw in the works**



EXAMPLE: Post Acute Referral important..but who do I make it to?



Who's your primary physician Mr. Smith?

Its Dr. Stan Bush



Well I see at your last admission it was Dr. Dave Lubdub?

Oh no, He's my cardiologist.

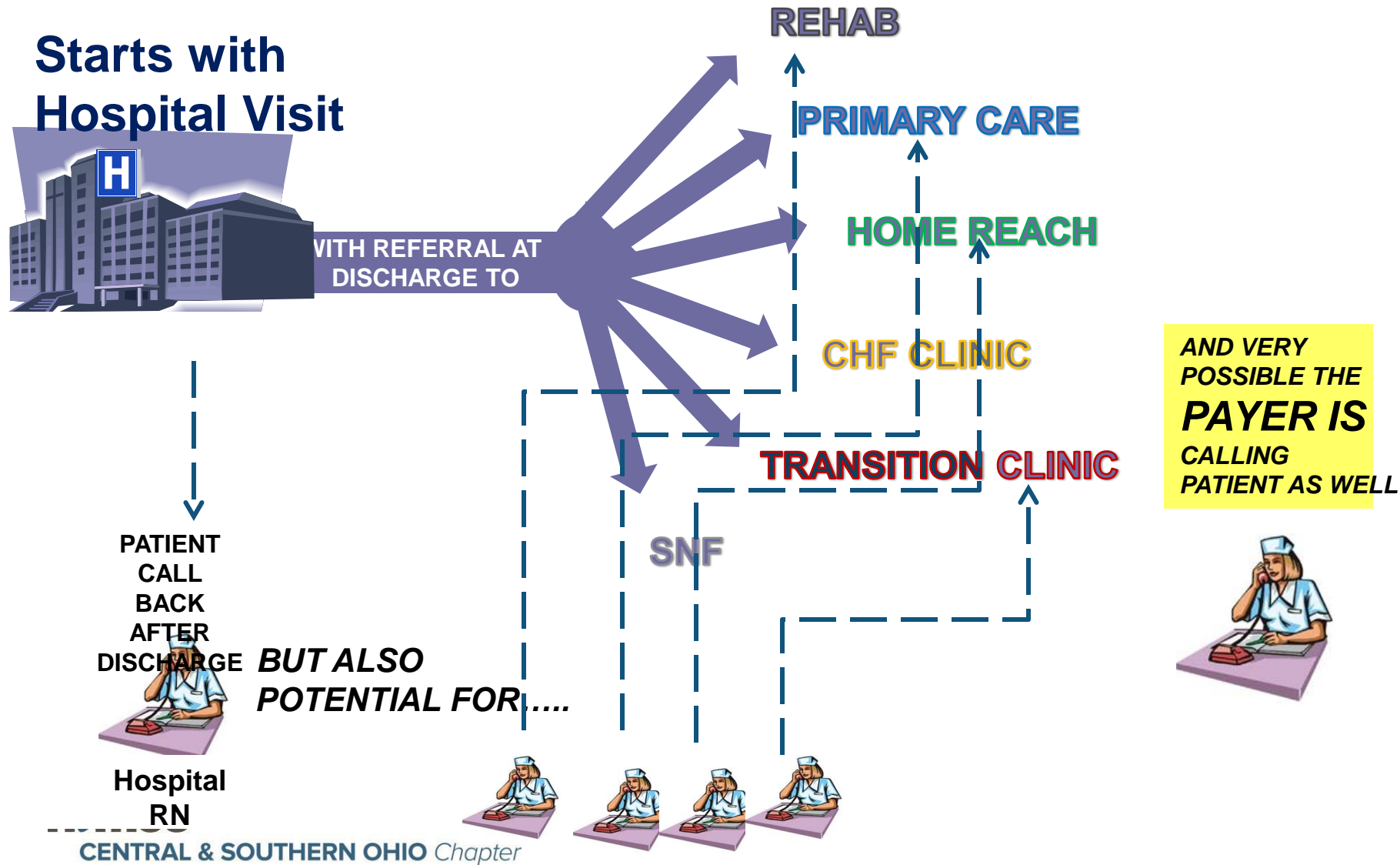


So Dr. Stan Bush is your primary care physician and that's who you see on a regular basis?

Oh no.. I usually see my pulmonologist for my COPD ..that's Dr. Wheezer.

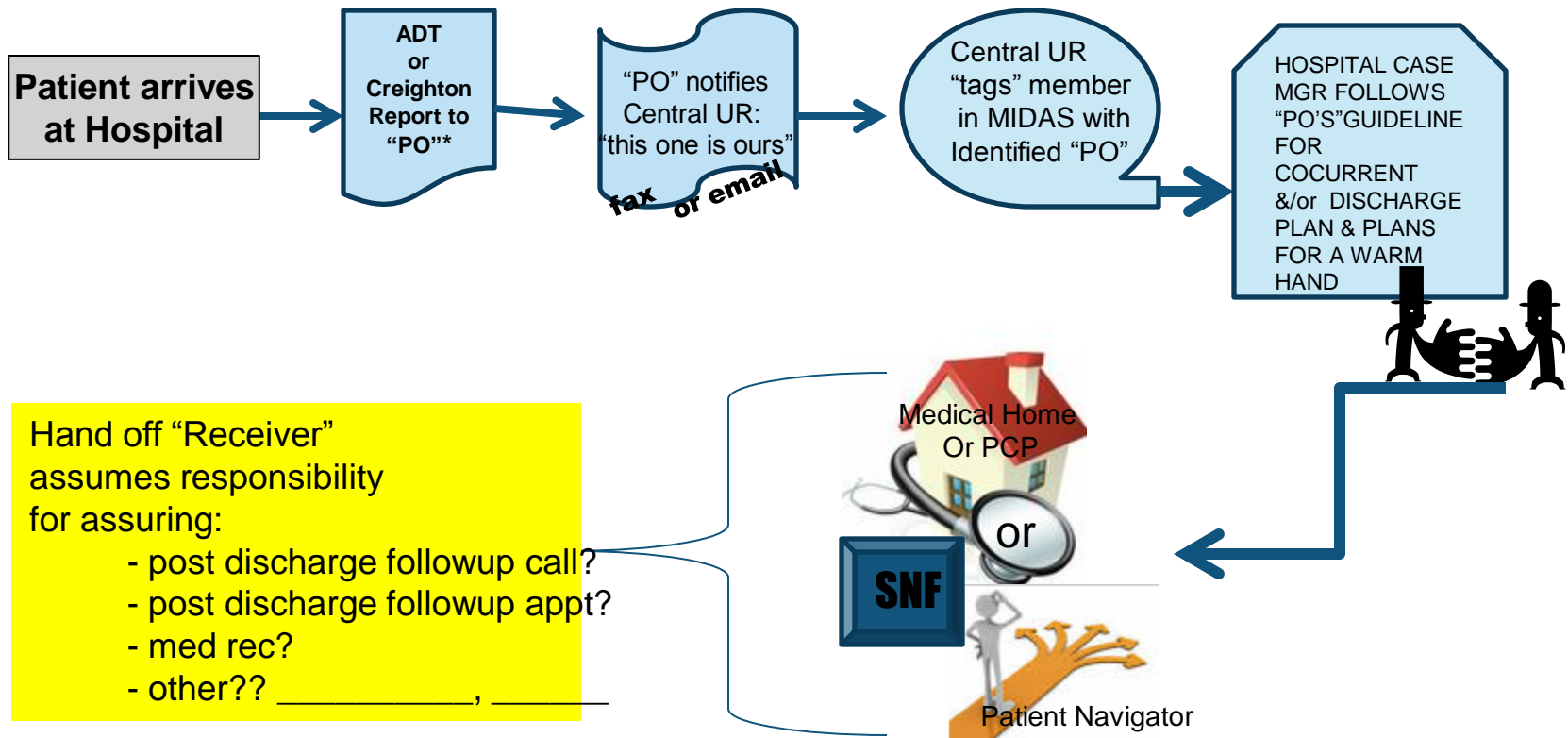


So again...who owns the patient?



POTENTIAL SOLUTION?

ATTRIBUTION WORKFLOW



*PO = "patient owner" – the entity that has this member 'tagged' in their system as an 'attributed member' to follow either while in hospital or post discharge.

Challenge #2: Lack of standardized “handoff”

Industry Standards:

Meaningful Use – Stage II Care Coordination



Interact



Interim Electronic:

Discharge instructions

Discharge summary

Others: “Warm Handoff”



2014 Edition EHR Certification Criteria: Categories & Criteria

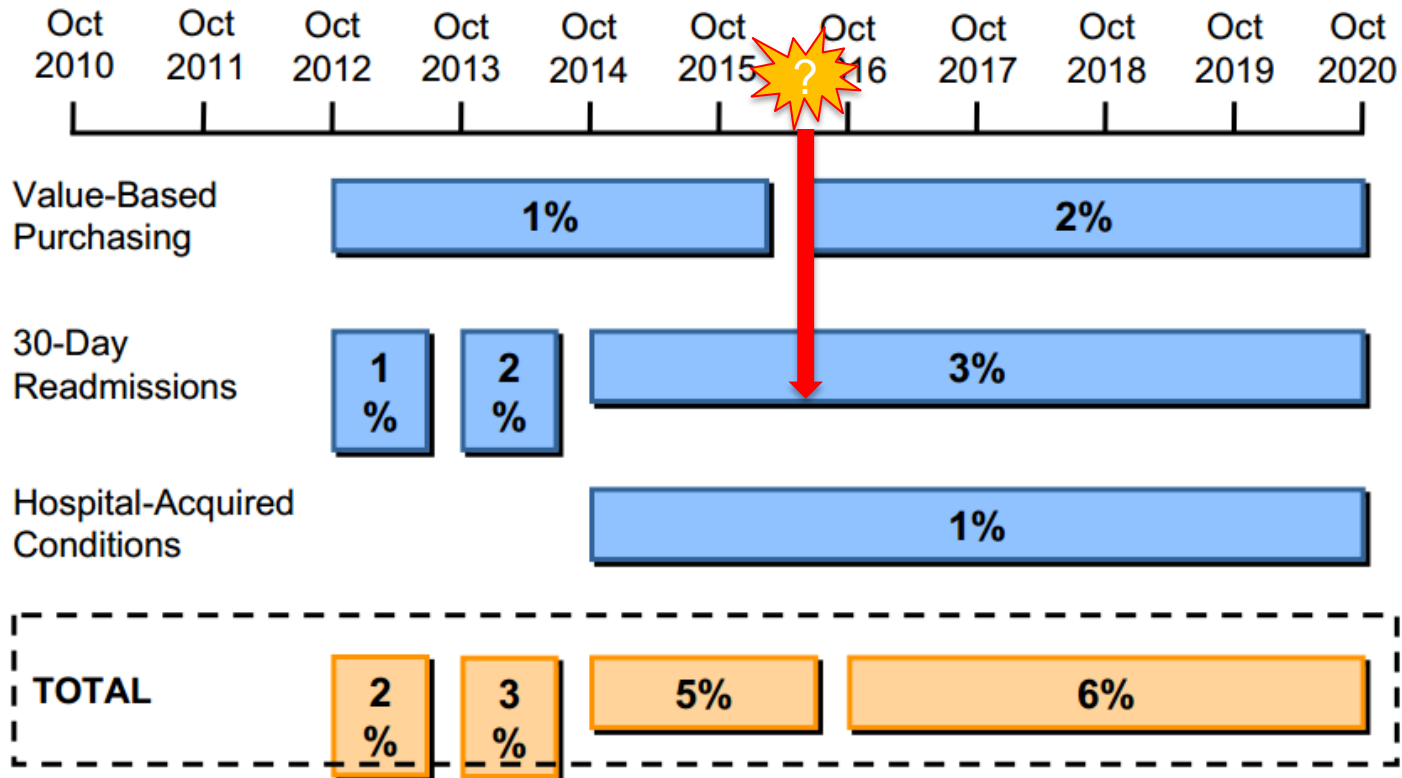
Cert. Category	Criterion	Description	Req. Summary Type
Care Coordination 170.314(b)	Transition of Care 170.314(b)(1)&(2)	when transitioning a patient to another care setting, the EHR should provide a summary care record	Transition of Care/Referral Summary
	Data Portability 170.314(b)(7)	when patient transitions from provider or setting to another, a medication reconciliation should be preformed	Export Summary
Patient Engagement 170.314(e)	View/Download/Transmit 170.314(e)(1)	patients must be able to view & download their own medical info & also be able to transmit that info to a 3 rd party	Ambulatory or Inpatient Summary
	Clinical Summary 170.314(e)(2)	provide clinical summaries for patients for each office visit	Clinical Summary

DELATED

Prospective Payment System

HOSPITAL REIMBURSEMENT RISK HERE NOW – NOT WHEN STAGE 2 MEANINGFUL USE FINALLY ARRIVES

Hospital Medicare Payment at Risk, Year by Year



Source: Sg2 Analysis, 2011.

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What is INTERACT?

INTERACT is an acronym for **"Interventions to Reduce Acute Care Transfers"**. The interventions is a quality improvement program designed to improve the identification, evaluation, and communication about changes in resident status.

INTERACT was first designed in a project supported by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The current quality improvement project is supported by a grant from the Commonwealth Fund, and will involve a total of 30 nursing homes in the states of Florida, New York and Massachusetts. Many nursing homes across the country are using INTERACT.



What is the purpose of the INTERACT quality improvement...

The overall goal of the INTERACT program is to reduce the frequency of transfers to acute care hospitals, which are physically difficult for residents, and result in numerous complications of hospitalization.

In the plans for health care reform, Medicare may financially reward facilities with low rates of acute care transfers. However, identification, evaluation, and communication about changes in resident status, some, but not all acute care transfers can be avoided.

What are the INTERACT tools and who should use them?

There are three basic types of tools: 1) Communication tools; 2) Care Paths or Clinical tools; and 3) Advance Care Planning tools.

The specific tools are designed for use by selected members of the care team. However, in order for the INTERACT II project to be successful, all members of the care team should be aware of all of the tools and their uses.

How are the INTERACT tools used in every day work in your facility?

The INTERACT project champion will assist facility staff in using the tools on a daily basis. The tools have been designed to help staff improve care, but not increase unnecessary paperwork.

...But no one interacts with the Interact

Acute Care

Language: English Other _____
 Race/Ethnicity: White Black Hispanic Other _____

B. Family/Caregiver/Proxy Contact
 Family/Caregiver Name _____
 Tel (_____) _____
 Healthcare Proxy/Guardian Name (if different) _____
 Tel (_____) _____

C. Advance Directives/Goals of Care
 Full Code DNR DNI (Do Not Intubate)
 DNH (Do Not Hospitalize) No Artificial Feeding Comfort Care
 Hospice Care
 Other (specify) _____
 Were goals of care discussed during this hospitalization? No Yes (specify) _____
 Patient decision making capacity? Capable of making decisions
 Requires proxy

D. Transferring Hospital Information
 Hospital _____
 Unit _____
 Discharging RN _____
 Tel (_____) _____
 Discharging MD _____
 Tel/Page (_____) _____
 Date of Admission to Hospital ____/____/____

E. Post-Acute Care Information
 Transferred to _____ Tel (_____) _____
 Nurse to Nurse verbal report? No Yes (specify to whom) _____

F. Hospital Physician Care Team Information
 Primary Care Physician (or Hospitalist) _____ Tel (_____) _____
 Specialist _____ Specialty _____ Tel (_____) _____
 Specialist _____ Specialty _____ Tel (_____) _____

G. Key Clinical Information
Vital Signs Time Taken _____ Pain Rating _____ N/A Pain Site _____
 Temp _____ BP _____ HR _____ RR _____ O2 Sat _____ Weight _____
 Mental Status Alert Disoriented, follows commands Disoriented, cannot follow commands Not Alert
Diagnoses Primary Discharge Diagnosis _____
 Other Medical Diagnoses _____
 Mental Health Diagnoses _____

H. High Risk Conditions/Treatment Information (check all that apply)
 Fall Risk Precautions: _____
 Heart Failure: New diagnosis? Exacerbation this admission? Date of last echo ____/____/____ EF _____ % Dry Weight (if known) _____
 Anticoagulated: Reason: _____ Afib DVT/PE Mech. Valve Post-OP Low EF Other _____
 Duration _____ Goal INR: 1.5-2.5 2-3 Other _____
 On PRN _____ Indications: _____ In hospital procedure and can be held _____ Specific Dr _____

Electronic DI vs. Discharge Summary

Discharge Instructions (the “DI”)

Pros: physician must sign prior to discharge

Cons: limited info – Diagnosis, Procedures, Appointment, Meds

Discharge Summary

Pros: contains the ‘story’ – course of hospital visit/what happened.

Cons: Physicians may have up to 30 days to dictate/sign.

Patient Name/DOB:	
Hospital :	
Admission date/discharge date - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LOS • Prior hospitalizations 	
Principle Diagnosis:	
Co-morbidities/other dx:	
Patient self care potential/ <u>physical limitations</u>	
Caregiver/relationship/contact info	
Discharge to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home • ECF • Home health/palliative • Hospice • Episode of Care 	
Specialists consulted in hospital course	



SAMPLE

Referrals to specialists, ambulatory services or community services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • scheduled • need to schedule 	
Outpatient Tests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • scheduled • need to schedule 	
Health Literacy	
Medication Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Polypharmacy</u> • High risk medications 	
Psychosocial issues/behavioral health issues	
Handoff to:	
Phone number	Date By

Challenge #3: No "PING" back.

Multiple providers cite they will or are following the patient after discharge

- scheduling appointments
- providing transportation
- making call backs, etc..

Hospital doesn't know & since we own the penalty, we don't *let go*.

Challenge #4: Complying with Compliance

REIMBURSEMENT IS THERE FOR POP HEALTH...WE ***JUST NEED TO COMPLY*** WITH PAYER REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN IT

A few of the rules....

The 3 Day SNF Rule

Currently, when Medicare beneficiaries are discharged to a skilled care facility for rehabilitation, Medicare's coverage only kicks in if beneficiaries have been coded as an in-patient at a hospital for at least three days, known as the three-day stay rule.

"But I don't want to be in Observation Status...my doctor said I could be admitted and then go to a nursing home"...



Home Health, PT/OT Face-to-Face

Suggested Electronic Clinical Template Elements of a Progress Note Documenting a Face-to-Face Examination for Home Health Services *DRAFT v3.1 (02/07/14)*

MRADL: Mobility Related Activities of Daily Living¹

Page 1 of 6

A. Chief Complaint

- A1. Indicate that this visit is a face-to-face examination for the purpose of evaluating the patient for a home health services.
- A2. Describe, in patient's own words, the symptoms/problems/conditions that limit /impair his/her ability to perform Mobility Related Activities of Daily Living (MRADLs) and/or functional abilities.

B. History of Present Illness

- B1. History of Present Illness -- Why does the patient now require skilled home health services?
 - B1a. Describe the patient's functional impairments /limitations that require home health services.
 - B1b. Indicate which type of home health services that the patient now requires: Skilled Nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy and/or Occupational Health Therapy or continues to need Occupational Health.
 - B1c. Describe MRADLs which are currently limited by the patient's functional impairments /limitations.
 - B1d. Indicate
 - B1e. Describe areas of the home that impair the patient's functional abilities/limitations and/or contribute to their homebound status.
 - B1f. Describe the mobility aides (cane, walker, rollator) that are currently being used or have been tried to assist the patient's functional impairments /limitations.
 - B1g. Describe the reason mobility aides are being used or are no longer required.
 - B1h. Describe the medical condition(s) that contribute to the patient's impairment:
 - B1hi. Primary diagnosis
 - B1hii. Secondary diagnoses
 - B1i. Indicate whether this is a longstanding condition. If it is, describe factors that aggravate the patient's medical condition(s) over time and provide supporting documentation (test results, X-ray reports, etc.) of one or more quantitative characteristics that is associated with the patient's decline.
 - B1j. Describe prior treatments/services attempted to improve the patient's medical condition(s) (medications, therapies, etc).

C. Past Medical History

- C1. Past Medical History -- What are the medical history factors that contribute to the patient's home bound status?
 - C1a. List the patient's co-morbid medical conditions and current medication

Add a field to capture: cross-reference to order

Detailed Written Order (DWO)

Beneficiary's name

Date of the face - to - face examination.

Diagnosis

Orders for Discipline and treatments

Goals/Rehabilitation Potential/Discharge Plans

Physician's signature

Date of physician signature

DME REQUIREMENTS

F2F documentation will be required for the following frequently used items . (Actual list several pages long)

- 1.Wheelchairs
- 2.Hospital Beds and accessories
- 3.Portable Oxygen
- 4.Nebulizer
- 5.Cpap
- 6.Bipap
- 7.Ventilators

What is documentation is needed prior to each delivery:

A F2F encounter must be documented as part of the medical record **before the equipment is delivered** to the patient. The encounter must have occurred no greater than 6 months prior to the order and delivery date. A written dispensing order is required **prior to** the delivery of equipment items that fall under the F2F requirement (see above items). The written order must not be signed until after the encounter.

Written Order Requirements Prior to Delivery

ACO Model requires a "safe transition" to care... How safe is it if I can't supply the SUPPLY needed for discharge?

1. The date of the order and the start date, if start date is different from the date of the order
 2. The signature of the ordering Practitioner
 3. Date order signed by Practitioner, must be located by signature
 4. Ordering Practitioner's printed name (this is not in the regulation, but is always needed if the signature is not legible)
- The written dispensing order does not need to be signed by the same practitioner that completed the F2F encounter. The written dispensing order can be signed by a physician, CNP, CNS, PA, or Resident and does not need to be cosigned by physician.

The FINE PRINT: Therapy notes can support the medical necessity, but can not be used in place of the F2F encounter. If the F2F encounter was completed by physician, CNP, CNS, PA, or Resident, a physician must document the occurrence of the F2F encounter by signing or cosigning the encounter that is documented in medical record.

The requirement of the face-to-face is to document the need for the item that is being ordered. A practitioner can order equipment as long as there is a documented encounter within the last 6 months of the order date that supports the need. If there is no encounter within the last 6 months prior to the written order, a new face-to-face encounter will be required for coverage.

•A face-to-face encounter for Oxygen can only be completed 30 days prior to the order. This is different than other F2F equipment, which is 6 months.

•A new face-to-face encounter is required when any of the participating equipment items need replaced.

Transition of Care Billing Codes

99495: Transitional Care Management Services with the following required elements

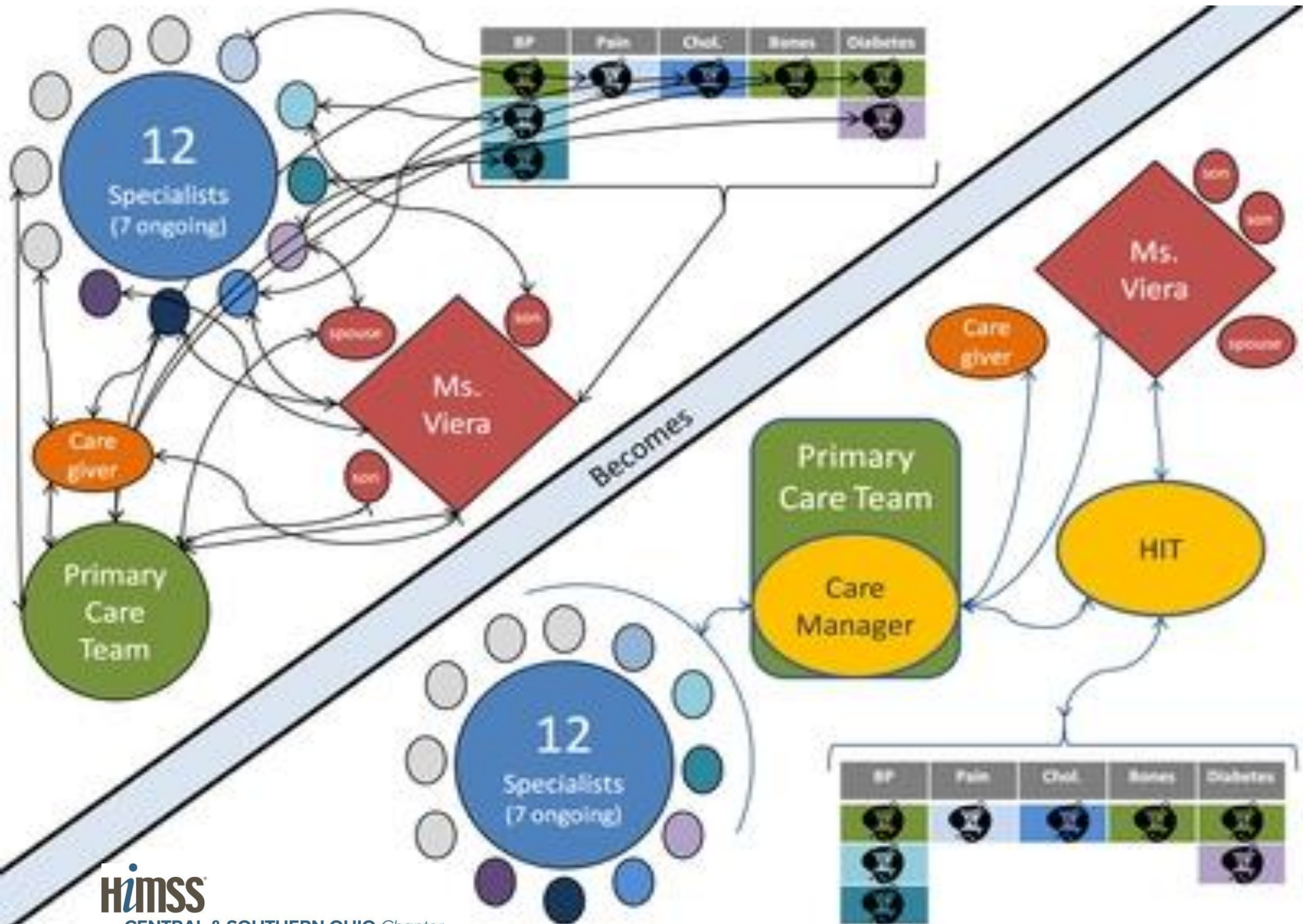
- Communication (direct contact, telephone, electronic) with the patient and/or caregiver ***within 2 business days*** of discharge
- Medical decision making of at least ***moderate**** complexity during the service period *Face-to-face visit*, within ***14 calendar days*** of discharge.
- Payment ≈ \$135 to \$163**.

99465: Transitional Care Management Services with the following required elements:

- Communication (direct contact, telephone, electronic) with the patient and/or caregiver ***within 2 business days*** of discharge.
- Medical decision making of at least ***high**** complexity during the service period *Face-to-face visit*, within ***7 calendar days*** of discharge.
- Payment ≈ \$197 to \$230**.

**Where
do I
start?**





Don't allow the environment to overwhelm...

Have a thorough understanding of your organizational culture

- From an IT perspective

- From an ACO Model

- From a who's who in your organization...who are the leaders? The folks who can get things done?

While advancing with strategic steps, there are hundreds of PROCESS steps that can be implemented, that will assure some work is getting done.

But work as a team..have the right people at the table..

