Improving Diabetes Care A Roadmap to Better Chronic Care

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TODAY

- Diabetes as a Target Disease
- Patient Centered Medical Home
 - Positive deviance approach
- Medical Neighborhood
- The Role of Center of Excellence

Incidence and Prevalence of Diabetes (US)

- 29 million Americans have diabetes
 - 8% of the US population
- ½ Trillion dollars in health care costs
- 1 in 3 babies born in 2000 will develop DM
- Globally 415 million people live with diabetes
- Global Cost DM \$825 BILLION

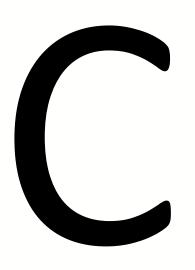
DM = diabetes mellitus.

ADA Fast Facts. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. National Diabetes Statistics Report: Estimates of Diabetes and Its Burden in the United States, 2014. Atlanta, GA: US Department of Health and Human Services; 2014.

Diabetes as the Vanguard Disease in Health Care Delivery Changes

- Diabetes (and Joslin) has long been the vanguard condition where key health system changes were developed and spread
 - Self-Management Education
 - Team Based Care
 - Chronic Care Model
 - Registries and Population Management
 - Patient Centered Medical Home and Neighborhood

Why Diabetes?



Costly

Common

Complex

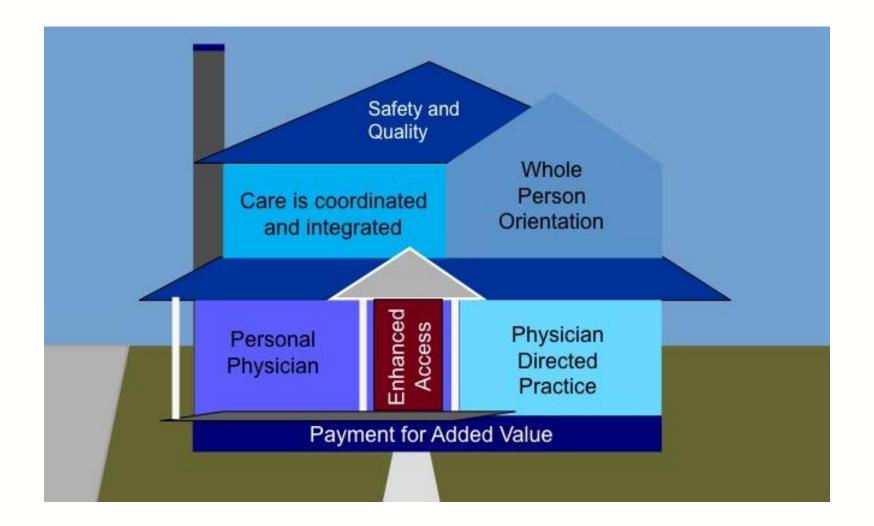
Calculable/ Measureable

Complications preventable

The Role of Primary Care in Diabetes

- Essential!
- In the US (where there is preponderance of specialists in general) – only 5000 endocrinologist for 29 million patients
- Improving diabetes care <u>requires</u> a focus on primary care

The Patient-Centered Medical Home



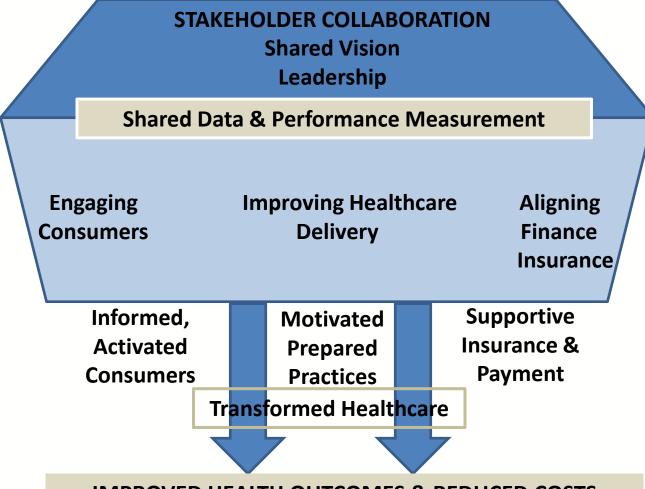
The Patient-Centered Medical Home and Diabetes

- PCMH is a journey, not a destination
- Pilot typically includes:
- Payment reform and Data
- Technical assistance = can't do on their own
- Key attribute- population health approach, team based care, high risk ID and care management

Bojadzievski T, Gabbay R. The Patient-Centered Medical Home and Diabetes. Diabetes Care 2011 (34):1047-1053

Can We Transform Primary Care Across an Entire State?

PROMOTING REGIONAL CHANGE



IMPROVED HEALTH OUTCOMES & REDUCED COSTS

Framework for a Regional Healthcare System

Government-Payer-Provider Partnerships



Example:

The Chronic Care Initiative Pennsylvania, United States



117,000 sq km

12.7 M people

16% of population > 65 years old



Implementing the Medical Home in Pennsylvania

- Largest multi-payer initiative in the nation
 - 17 payers
- Involved:
 - 152 primary care practices
 - Over 1,000 providers
 - Approximately 96,000 patients with diabetes
 - Over 1.1 million patients



Intervention

- Quarterly regional learning collaboratives where practices shared best practices
- 2. The Model for Improvement PDSA cycles
- Practice coaches to help practices plan, test, and implement changes
- 4. Monthly quality outcome data reporting
- 5. Practice embedded care management
- Supplemental payments by participating insurers that varied by region

Operationalizing the Plan

- Staggered Regional rollout strategy
- Multi-stakeholder-based regional steering committees negotiated:
- Learning laboratory- Lessons learned applied as regions rolled out

INITIAL FOCUS ON DIABETES

Was the Pennsylvania Chronic Care Initiative Effective?

Year One Outcomes

Improved Diabetes Care (n~80,000)

Process Measures	Absolute % Improvement
Foot Exam	+41%
Eye Exam	+31%
Diabetic Nephropathy	+31%
Self-Management Goal Setting	+37%

Over 1 year All p< 0.01

Improved Diabetes Care	

Clinical Measures	Absolute % Improvement
BP <130/80	+7.0%
BP <140/90	+16%
LDL <100	+12%
LDL <130	+19%
HbA1C >9%	-14%
HbA1C <7%	+13%



Results from NE PACCI Last Region

- Lower all-cause hospitalization, ED visits, and ambulatory specialist visits
- Higher rate of ambulatory primary care visits
- Relative improvements in the majority of quality measures examined, at rates better than other regions

Friedberg, M et al. Association Between Participation in a Multipayer Medical Home Intervention and Changes in Quality, Utilization, and Costs of Care. JAMA (2014).

What's the "Secret Sauce"?

- Heterogeneity of responses to any intervention
- What are the secrets to success
- Positive Deviance untangles those key factors

Positive Deviance Approach

- 25 practices in SE PA
- 5 improvement quintiles based on key diabetes quality measures (A1C<7, BP<130/80, LDL<100)
- Looked at what distinguished the 5 most-improved practices from the 5 least-improved
- Surveys
 - Structural characteristics in all practices pre- and post-(use of EMR, communication systems, staffing)- RAND
 - Survey of all providers, staff on adaptive reserve and burnout
- Qualitative Interviews



Data Collection

- Three standardized interview guides were developed by a multidisciplinary team consisting of representatives from primary care, diabetes care, and health communication.
- The semi-structured guides asked participants to comment on:
 - Personal history and role
 - Key features and sustainability of the model
 - PCMH-related practice change (leadership,

"Secret Sauce?"

- Structural capabilities
- Shifting Mental Models
- Care Management
- Buy-In

Survey Findings Structural Capabilities

- Most-improved practices appeared to have more:
 - Advanced systems to communicate with patients
 - Advanced EHRs
 - Non-physician staff to support chronic care patients



Most-improved practices:

- Did a better job managing competing demands
 - EHR implementation
 - Financial management
- Had facilitative leadership and shared vision of the PCMH
 - Important for achieving buy-in for changes
 - Deliberate planning and testing of changes

Gabbay, Friedberg, Miller-Day, Cronholm, Adelman, Schneider. Ann Fam Med 2013



Mental Model Shift

- When participants were asked to reflect on practice changes that were most closely linked with improved clinical care, four key constructs emerged:
 - 1) Shifting practice perspectives towards proactive, population-oriented care.
 - 2) Creating a culture of self-examination.
 - 3) Developing new roles within the practice through distribution of responsibilities and team-based care.
 - 4) A renewed focus on practice-patient partnerships in the development and implementation of care plans

Cronholm, Shea, Werner, Miller-Day, Tufano, Crabtree, Gabbay JGIM 2013

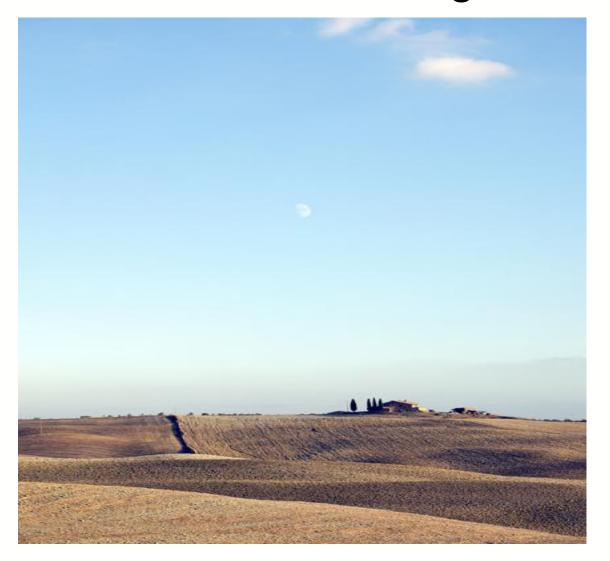


Best Practices in Care Management

- Care Manager Duties
- EMR Use
- Integration & Information Sharing

Taliani, Bricker, Adelman, Cronholm, Gabbay. Implementing Effective Care Management in the Patient-Centered Medical Home. AJMC. 2013

PCMH Without a Neighborhood



The Patient-Centered Medical Neighborhood

- Need for coordinated care around medically complex disease
- Appropriate and timely consultations and referrals
- Efficient, appropriate and effective flow of necessary care information

Spatz C, Bricker P, Gabbay R. Diabetes and the Patient-Centered Medical Neighborhood: Diabetes Spectrum 2014.

THE NEW ROLE OF THE SPECIALIST

- Leveraging our expertise across the population
- Guiding primary care
- Can frame this as using Diabetes as an Initial Model Disease
- Increasingly using technology and working as a partner to manage a population

Stratifying High Risk Patients

<u>Who</u>

Type 2 with CVD, nephropathy, hypo, unawareness

Type 1 & Complicated Type 2

What

CENTER of EXCELLENCE

e.g. insulin start

Specific Identified Need

3 COE visits with care plan

to PCP

General Type 2

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PCMH- NEIGHBORHOOD

Pre-diabetes

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DIGITAL COACHING

WHAT IS THE FUTURE ROLE FOR THE DIABETES EXPERTS?

- Itinerant Embedded Specialists
- eConsults
- Project Echo- knowledge multiplier
- Virtual Visits
- Tele-screen (i.e. Retinal Camera)
- Leading Learning Collaborative
- Population management
- Teleconsult and Virtual Visits

Centers of Excellence Concept

- Organize into integrated practice units (IPUs) or Centers Excellence
- Measure outcomes and costs for every patient
- Move to bundled payments for care cycles
- Integrate care delivery across separate facilitates
- Expand excellent services across geography

The Strategy That Will Fix Healthcare, Michael Porter, Thomas Lee – Harvard Business Review 2013

Joslin: A Leader in Innovation



VISION: A world free of diabetes and its complications.

MISSION: To prevent, treat, and cure diabetes.





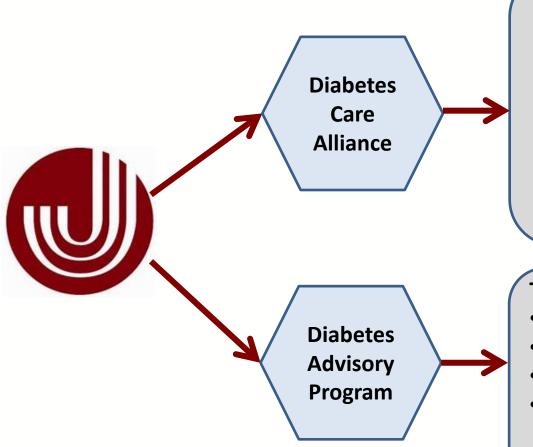
Joslin's Reach Across the U.S. and Around the World



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Leveraging Diabetes Center of Excellence Joslin Diabetes Center



Branded, joint care of diabetes

- Establish leadership position in diabetes care with partners in local region
- Design, analysis of all operations
- Create standardization of workflows & care practices
- Integrate PCP, out/inpatient care
- Drive patient volume and revenue growth
- Extension to research
- Create a lasting impact on quality and outcomes
- 5-year, renewable engagement
- Essentially co-manage the DM population

Tailored deployment of care

- Assessment of care operations
- Clinics, hospitals, other healthcare
- Focus on specific areas (PCP/IP/OP)
- Expert tele-support, visit(s), access to on-line tools and resources
- 3-year, renewable as needed

Conclusion

- Diabetes as a Target Disease because of the Cs
- Patient Centered Medical Home
 - Structural capabilities, Mental Model, Buy-In Care Management
- Medical Neighborhood
 - Communication, leveraging specialist expertise
- The Role of Center of Excellence
 - Complex patients, Guiding PCP care

QUESTIONS?

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