A Call to Action to Benefit You and Your Patients

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Objectives

• Audience will be able to describe at least three steps in the process of implementation of the Electronic Medical Record (EHR) and Meaningful Use in the Vascular Clinic.

• Audience will be able to understand the Impetus for Meaningful Use by defining application of at least two directives of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act in Vascular practice.

• Audience will define 3 patient safety goals that are an advantage of the EHR for the Advanced Practice RN.

• Audience will identify at least 2 aspects of EHR care coordination and Meaningful Use that promote safe discharge of a patient.
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009

- Provided incentives to hospitals to convert from paper to electronic medical record
- Centers for Medicare/Medicaid funding to eligible professionals who adopt/implement and demonstrate meaningful use of EHR technology

Stage I
1. Use EHR in meaningful manner.
2. Use EHR technology for electronic exchange of information to improve quality of care
3. Use EHR technology to submit quality measures
Implementation in the Vascular Clinic

• What information did we need to collect during a visit?
• Who would abstract the data from our paper charts?
• What key elements of the assessment and treatment plan were needed?
• How would we manage our time?

First, we needed to learn what the program could do!!
Fine tuning the Vascular Visit

• Scheduling the “one stop shop”
• Developing our order lists
• Designing an assessment tool with Vascular specific elements
• Creating associated ‘smart phrases’
• Associate key patient educational tools
Step 5: Achieve Meaningful Use
Stage 1

• Clinical Summaries
• Objective:
  • Provide clinical summaries for patients for each office visit.
• Measure:
  • Clinical summaries provided to patients for more than 50 percent of all office visits within 3 business days.
• Clinical Importance
  • The Clinical Summary—which includes basic clinical information regarding the care provided, such as medications, upcoming appointments, or other instructions—affords better communication around pertinent health information. The clinical summary is shared with both patients and family members to increase awareness of what occurred during office visits and can be used to assist in care coordination.


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Positive Impact

Accessibility of patient records:

• Reduces errors related to lack of information, allows clarity of history
• Prevents redundancy of testing
• Allows expediency of care, as well as, collaboration between care providers
Care Coordination

Patient

Primary provider

Specialist provider

Facility

Ancillary Services
Provider Solutions

• Alert to medication interactions, allergies, duplication of medications
• Remote access to quickly review results, respond efficiently, initiate care plan, discharge planning
• Respond to patient concerns via in-basket messages
• Document in timely manner
Patient Education and Technology

- Emmi programs - Vascular specific, developed with our providers input

- Care notes - added to patient AVS

- Provider customized education notes

- Google Translator
Presentation References:

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Comments or Questions?