HHSC DSRIP Statewide Learning Collaborative 2019

HIT and Population Health

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THE TRANSFORMATION CONTINUES...
SESSION TALKING POINTS

• Data Journey from 1115 Waiver Initiatives (DSRIP) to Population Health Strategy
  • Projects to System-Wide Transformation

• Importance of Health Information Technology (HIT) to Sustainable Population Health Management
  • Identifying Needs
  • Planning for Implementation
  • Overcoming Challenges and Recognizing Opportunities
  • Measuring Outcomes and Showcasing Key Results
ORGANIZATIONAL CASE STUDIES

• Parkland Health & Hospital System
• The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
• The University of Texas Medical Branch AT Galveston (UTMB Health)
UTMB’S HEALTH INFORMATION STRATEGY

• Identify System Needs and Facilitate Organizational Collaboration

• Engage Community Partners (Local HIE, LHDs, FQHCs, etc.)

• Develop a Standalone Analytical Tool (UTMB Discover)
  • Refreshes daily
  • Utilizes multiple attribution models in order to filter all the way to the patient level
  • Freezes data at the end of the year for an auditable “snapshot”

• Educate and Refine
  • DSRIP build is relied on by other areas of the hospital
  • Population Health at UTMB will now follow this model going forward
UTMB’S DISCOVER APPLICATION
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**Note:** The table above shows a sample of patients with their respective details such as gender, language, phone number, and their status and the number of opportunities list, last follow-up, and recurring appointments.
Improving Waiver Outcomes: Real Time with a Registry

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Version 1:
- PDF reports emailed out to leaders who then emailed downstream to their directors, then to managers, etc…
- Reports contained EVERY patient in the waiver for EVERY clinic for EVERY metric
- Managers and their staff would then cull through the reports to find patients from their clinics with needs relevant to their clinic operations
- Managers would then either:
  - Have nurses reach out to the patients via telephone encounter to address the need
  - Alert clinic care teams when the patients came in for care the next visit for “just in time” addressing of the care gaps

Issues:
- Time consuming
- Disorganized
- Difficult to operationalize
- Not integrated within the EHR
Solutions:

- **Version 2:**
  - Excel Reports generated and sent out to leaders and directors which were easily filterable to the clinic and metric to better allow them to address the needs in manners that fit their operations
  - Take ~24 hours to run all 40 metrics
  - Cannot run concurrently as many utilize the same tables, etc…

- **Issues:**
  - Not integrated within the EHR
  - Still time consuming to generate the reports
  - Time consuming to effect actions on the filtered reports
Arthur Benjamin
- In his 2009 TED Talk, mathematician Arthur Benjamin advocated it’s time for mathematics curriculum to shift from analog to digital, and for statistics and probability to replace calculus at the top of the mathematics pyramid.

How well are all of us and our clinical and operational teams prepared to use statistics and data analysis to drive the “waiver needle”?

If we lead the clinical care teams to data, do they have the training to:
- appropriately utilize the tools?
- correctly interpret the data?
- implement the right actions based on them?
Current Proposed Solution:

- **Registry**
  - Definition: An information system for registering metadata (*Wikipedia*)
  - Theory: If we produce and collect the data in the EHR, why not aggregate it within a registry to allow for more easy and rapid access and allow for more robust conduits within the rest of the EHR?
  - Uses:
    - Dashboards
    - Discrete flags for deficits
    - Decision support
    - At-elbow reporting for care teams and clinics
  - Benefits:
    - More real-time data
    - Integrated within the EHR
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Waiver Bundle and/or Metric Owners:

- Who are the patients deficient in my metric? What clinics/areas?
- I want to bulk message them. I want to bulk enter orders to address this deficit.

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Use Case: Clinic Manager

- What patients are coming in today or this week who have waiver deficits?
Tools to Operationalize:

- System or Clinic Level:
  - Major reports at the system level for each waiver metric
  - Local reports to identify needs of patients coming in that day or the next day
  - Local reports to identify specific “buckets” of gaps in their specific clinic population that can be approached in a pop health manner through:
    - Bulk messaging and bulk ordering
    - Pop Health team outreach (care managers, navigators, nurses, etc…)
  - Multi-provider Schedule: Add Icon/flag to identify patients w/care gaps
  - SlicerDicer tool
Other Tools to Operationalize:

- **Patient Level:**
  - Alerts to care team:
    - **Passive:**
      - Flag in Header/Storyboard or passive best practice alert in the navigator
      - Close chart validation points to flag if trying to close a chart and the care gap remains
      - Print groups to display current waiver-related deficits for the patient
    - **Active:**
      - Pop-up alert upon opening chart
      - Order entry alert—notify providers of gaps when they are ready to enter orders
      - Smartforms—single standard location for addressing waiver-related needs
      - Smartlinks in templated notes
Struggles/Issues:

- Clear, consistent expectations and definitions from stakeholders as to HOW they want the data to be presented to them
  - Global
  - Patient-centric
  - Metric-centric
  - Clinic-centric

- Synchronizing the reports—clarity, vs. datalink vs. specific tables being accessed by each

- Getting IT and CI teams to work together and even IT teams within themselves (Reporting vs. Ambulatory vs. Nursing Informatics, etc…)

- Make plain language naming logic:
  - “A1-112 Numerator not met” vs. “Patients Missing Diabetic Foot Exam Documentation”
Struggles/Issues:

- Current state expects clinic staff to run individual reports for each metric
- Creates convoluted and redundant workflow
- Lack of “just in time” accurate information led to poor decisions on our part regarding CDS
Next Steps:

- Complete operationalizing all the reports associated with the metrics, but coming out of the registry, which will allow for more timely, abbreviated, and rapid reports.
- Work to incorporate flags to identify patients with waiver-related needs—either individually or as a single flag—to more readily be able to visually cue off the chart and take correct actions in the right context for the right patient at the right time.
- Standardize the process for the “efferent” arm of the waiver
  - Similar look and feel to each alert
  - Similar place
  - Similar action options or opt out options
  - One place
  - Consistent
  - Less intrusive
Future Direction:

- SDoH—Social Determinants of Health
- Have begun discretely capturing SDoH as of August
- Studying co-occurrence of SDoH deficiencies with Waiver needs
  - Are there higher correlations between any particular items?
  - Are there significant impacts by addressing any particular SDoH items related to waiver needs? Vice versa?
Capturing Data from Outside Parkland:

- Begin looking discretely at results from OUTSIDE the organization and have them incorporated such that decision support can be satisfied by these tests
  - Pilot of 5 labs and expanding from the pilot after working out bugs

- Began by looking at pulling in results from sister organizations and capture them discretely to display in the EHR and satisfy care gaps or trigger needs as appropriate
  - Struggles in that LOINC is too vague and have to manually map each.
  - Struggles in that each organization has their own naming/numbering system
Future Direction:

- Improve efficiency such that we can run reports nightly and eventually hourly
- Create “omnibus” report or aggregator—ideally create discrete flag for each metric
- Standardize decision support within the EHR that looks at ALL the metrics and flags if ANY are deficient
- Finalize implementation: If one clicks on the flag, it would then display a print group that would display all the care gaps that the patient is deficient in
- Create standardized procedure for addressing care gaps (80/20)
  - E.g. smart form in the encounter navigator
  - Go there ANYTIME a patient has a care gap need and fill out the appropriate area
UT HEALTH SAN ANTONIO’S STRATEGY

• Ambulatory only organization – utilized local regional health information exchange (HIE) called HASA for hospitalization data

• Defined workflows – clinics developed with IT and socialized

• Created a DSRIP registry and subregistries within our EHR (Epic)

• Dashboards at provider, clinic and organization level
  • Drill down reports for gaps at each level
    • Access patient’s chart and perform outreach directly from report
  • Pre and Post Visit reports for in-reach gap closure and monitoring

• Used this framework for Value Based Care contracts and entire population
ORGANIZATION LEVEL DASHBOARD – DRILL DOWN

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PROVIDER LEVEL DASHBOARD
ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATION TOOLS