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Welcome

Improving Care of People with Diabetes Through Team-Based Care

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TEAM-BASED DIABETES CARE

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OBJECTIVES

Summarize

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Explain

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Demonstrate

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RIPCPC/INTEGRA CTC QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT GOALS

1

Implement a workflow to prevent unnecessary utilization of ED/IP services for diabetes-related acute complications

2

Establish consistent messaging by all of the care team members and use standardized, updated patient education materials

3

Reduce unnecessary utilization of ED/IP diabetes-related problems

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The most prevalent cause of preventable ED/IP use was related to medication choice/dose in our population

22 preventable ED/IP hypoglycemia utilizations were identified:

- 14 were related to oral sulfonylurea use in older adults with A1c <7%
- 8 were attributed to insulin dose or type

RISK STRATIFICATION

Patients were identified who were overdue for in-person primary care visit and/or overdue for labs

Patients identified who have A1c above goal are stratified to NCM or pharmacist team

Developed a report with analytics/EMR team to proactively identify vulnerable patients (Defined this as patient >64 years old who have a sulfonylurea on current medication list)

IMPLEMENTATION

Created new position: Clinical Program Development and Operations Manager

Developing evidence-based clinical pathways in collaboration with Medical Management, Pharmacy and Quality Committee as well as the Medical, Nursing and Pharmacy Directors

Established more clearly defined roles for the care team (nursing, pharmacy, behavioral health)

Care management redesign

Developing disease state management competencies

Establishing library of patient education materials to establish consistent messaging with validated information

Performing routine chart audits

ADDRESSING THE OLDER ADULT WITH PATIENT SPECIFIC GOALS

Target Blood Sugar Levels in Older Adults Over 65			
Health Status	A1C	Fasting Blood Sugar	Bedtime Blood Sugar
No or few chronic conditions, cognitively functional	7.5% or less	90-130 mg/dL	90-150 mg/dL
Multiple chronic conditions, mild to moderate cognitive impairment	8% or less	90-150 mg/dL	100-180 mg/dL
Living in a long-term care facility, end-stage chronic illness, moderate to severe cognitive impairment	8% to 9%	100-180 mg/dL	110-200 mg/dL



Self-Check Plan for Diabetes Management

Patient Name: _____

✓ Excellent- Keep up the Good Work!

- Fasting blood sugar (when you wake up prior to eating/drinking): _____
- Bedtime blood sugar: _____
- Check blood sugars: _____

Great! Continue: Medication as directed Healthy Food Choices Regular Activity Follow-up Visits

⚠ Pay Attention- Use Caution!

- Fasting blood sugars are _____ or bedtime blood sugars are _____ for 3 out of 7 days of the week, please contact the office or your provider since medication changes may need to be made.

KEEP TRACK OF:

- What time of day did these blood sugars occur?
- Were they fasting blood sugar or bedtime blood sugar readings?
- Did you happen to miss a dose of medication or meal?

CHECK IN! Medication changes Reduce Carbohydrates! Increase Activity Contact Office or Provider

⚠ Medical Alert- Warning!

- Any blood sugars less than _____ → Take **15g** of quick sugar to treat
- Any blood sugars greater than _____ → Call contact below
- If blood sugars stay less than _____ after treating with 15g x 2 of quick sugar → Call contact
- If unable to reach contact or if patient unconscious → Dial 911 immediately
- If having trouble obtaining and/or affording diabetes medication or testing supplies → Call contact

WARNING! You need to be evaluated right away Contact Office or Provider Call 911 for emergencies!

Pharmacist Name: _____
Pharmacist Number: _____

Nurses Name: _____
Nurses Number: _____



CASE STUDY:
RPH/NCM
COLLABORATION
DAWN LANDRY,
BSN, NCM

- Background: KV is a 76-year-old cis-female with PMH of type 2 DM with hyperglycemia, hypothyroidism, benign essential HTN, mixed hyperlipidemia, malignant neoplasm of left breast, Arias-Stella phenomenon, urge incontinence, and colon polyps
- 7/20/22: pharmacist appointment for medication management of diabetes. Dose of semaglutide (Ozempic) adjusted and personal Freestyle Libre CGM system reviewed with sensor placement; patient able to return demonstration
- 7/21/22: patient contacts pharmacist with problems with sensor at home. RPh not able to meet with patient, confirms NCM will be in practice and co-ordinates with patient and NCM for in-person meeting
- NCM meets with patient; addresses sensor issue; continues CGM teaching and completes a care plan



CASE STUDY: RPH/NCM COLLABORATION CONT.

8/3/22: NCM appointment: patient able to change sensor with only minimal verbal cues from NCM; nutritional education provided

Ongoing: RPh and NCM working collaboratively for CGM data review. NCM focus on lifestyle management of diabetes (nutrition/ activity) with referral back to RPh to review need for medication changes

CASE STUDY (NCM/BH TEAM/RPH COLLABORATION)
LARRY LUCENA, MS BH CLINICIAN
NICOLE NADICH, BSW BH TEAM SUPERVISOR

- Background; JJ is a 60-year-old cis-male patient. PMH includes Type 2 DM, OSA, acute ischemic stroke, essential hypertension, Peronei disease, mood disorder, testosterone deficiency, and hyperlipidemia.
- NCM and Pharmacist involved in ongoing care of patient managing his medical issues
- 3/29/22: patient not taking any of his medications and has been generally non-adherent for the last several years. Current A1c elevated at 11.1%
- 4/14/22: Pharmacist note states patient has SDOH needs and would benefit from engagement with behavioral health clinician, social work and nurse care manager.

Patient stated to pharmacist that he “would like a socially acceptable way to die” . Pharmacist verified that he did not have a plan in place to harm himself but did make sure BH clinician was aware.

CASE STUDY: BH/NCM.RPH COLLABORATION CONT.

- 4/15/22: BH team becomes very involved with patient care
- BSW helping patient with guidance for where he can get legal help and other SDOH needs
- BH Clinician immediately begins to establish relationship with patient
- 7/28/22: Patient's progress compounded by PCP, Dr. P, retirement and BH clinician assisted with transfer to new PCP, Dr. G
- BH Clinician continues to meet with patient weekly
- NCM from Dr. P's office coordinated ongoing NCM care with NCM at Dr. G's office
- Patient was able to establish care with neurologist at NeuroHealth in Warwick
- BH team currently in process of referring pt to more intensive outpatient mental health program to further address psychiatric and SDOH needs



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H E A L T H C E N T E R

THUNDERMIST DIABETES TEAM-BASED CARE

Nurse

- A1c < 9%
- Diabetes education

Nurse Care Manager

- A1c > 9%
- Diabetes education

Clinical Pharmacist

- No A1c cut-off
- Medication management and diabetes education
- Referred by provider, RN, or NCM. If RN/NCM referred, provider authorizes referral

THUNDERMIST CTC QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: PLAN AND OUTCOME

Problem

- Per 2019 APCD data, Thundermist had a 7.5% rate for ED visits and 2.4% rate for hospitalizations compared to RI APCD of 3.6% and 1.4%, respectively
- 69% (699/1013) of patients had an A1c < 9% as of 4/2021

Aim

- **Primary Aim:** Decrease ED visits and hospitalizations due to short-term and long-term diabetes complications by 25% using team-based care by 4/2022
- **Secondary Aim:** Achieve A1c < 9% for 73% of patients using team-based care by 7/2022

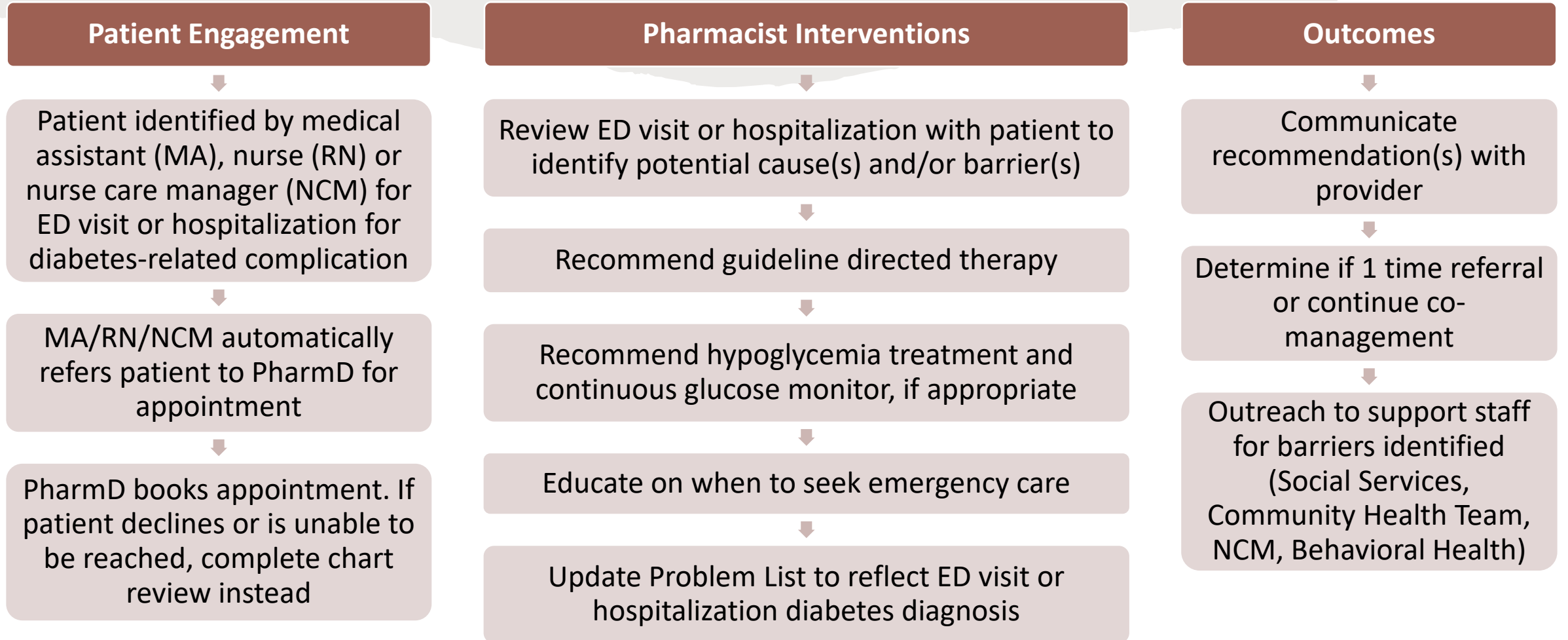
Goal

- To optimize pharmacy services and team-based care for patients with diabetes and a history of ED visits or hospitalizations for short-term and long-term complications

Outcome

- 3/2019 to 9/2021: 102 ED visits/hospitalizations (63 unique patients)
- 9/2021 to 4/2022: 54 ED visits/hospitalizations (37 unique patients)
- As of 4/30/2022, 75% (840/1,119) of patients had an A1c < 9%

THUNDERMIST CTC QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: METHOD



T H U N D E R M I S T
C T C Q U A L I T Y I M P R O V E M E N T P R O J E C T :
R I S K S T R A T I F I C A T I O N

Risk Group	Plan	Outcome
Housing Insecurity	<p>Screening questions added to housing support specialists' appointments to identify patients with barriers to medication storage and/or access. Patients that screen positive will be referred to PharmD for review.</p> <p>Identify homeless shelters that have medication storage</p>	<p>2 PharmD referrals with resolution of medication storage concerns</p> <p>Results pending reply from shelters</p>
Group/sober home, rehab facility and day program participants	<p>Discuss hyper/hypoglycemia policies with program staff. If program agrees, PCP will provide an order to amend the program's policy. Amendment will instruct the program to contact TCHC for triage prior to sending patient to ED.</p>	<p>1 standing order for a Group Home 1 standing order for a Rehab Facility 3 individual orders at Day Programs</p> <p>ED visits since implementation of orders: 0</p>
Co-existing substance use (SUD) or behavioral health (BH) disorders	<p>If SUD/BH is the predominant problem/priority for patient, try to engage patient with behavioral health and/or discuss treatment, if appropriate</p>	<p>17 patients: increased awareness to primary care and behavioral health providers</p>

CASES #1

GROUP HOME
POLICY
AMENDMENT

- 53 yo male with DM2, HTN and schizophrenia residing at a group home
 - 3 ED visits in 2 weeks due to group home policy to send patient to the ED if BG > 350
 - Baseline A1c 8.1%
- Auto-PharmD referral identified ED utilization cause. Case discussed with RN at group home who agreed to a PCP order to amend their hyperglycemia policy
- Outcomes:
 - Zero ED visit since order implemented
 - RN at group home called when BG was > 350 and sent BG logs when appropriate which allowed for more frequent medication adjustment
 - A1c now controlled at 5.6%

CASES #2

HOUSING SUPPORT SPECIALIST MEDICATION ACCESS/STORAGE SCREENING

- 43 yo male with DM2, GAD, MDD, and HTN. Pt is homeless, living in a car
 - Hospitalized for DKA as a result of undiagnosed DM, was not actively engaged in primary care
 - Baseline A1c 12.2%, discharged on metformin and Lantus
- Auto-PharmD referral for DM post-hospital and referral from housing support specialist
- Outcomes:
 - Pt was unable to afford gas to get to the pharmacy resulting in medication non-adherence. Switched to medpacking delivery pharmacy to a family member's home. Remains adherent to treatment.
 - Pt unable to properly store insulin. Transitioned to oral medications only. A1c now controlled at 5.2%
 - Telemedicine improved engagement in care
 - Continues to work with HSS

THUNDERMIST CTC QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: IMPLEMENTATION

Implement automatic PharmD referrals after ED visit/hospitalization for diabetes into workflow

Added to MA, RN, NCM workflow

NCMs and PharmD to continue updating Problem Lists to reflect diabetes diagnosis from hospitalization

Providers to proactively amend group home policies for hyper/hypoglycemia to avoid initial ED utilization

Providers to prescribe hypoglycemia treatment and continuous glucose monitors when appropriate

RNs trained for continuous glucose monitor visits

Extend referrals for medication access/storage barriers to all sites regardless of diabetes status

Added to housing support specialist workflow

THUNDERMIST ENHANCED CARE MEETING

- Weekly meeting
- Team: nurse care managers, social services, community health team, housing support specialists, community based behavioral health clinicians, behavioral health case managers, home-based nurse practitioner, clinical pharmacist
- Discuss high risk, complex patient cases
 - Socioeconomic
 - Housing, transportation
 - High utilizers of ED
 - Adherence concerns

THUNDERMIST'S NEW INITIATIVE: STANDARDIZED NURSE TRAINING

Clinical Education Department

- Clinical Nurse Educator: Maryland Tarara, BSN, RN, CDOE

Goal

- Initial and ongoing diabetes training for all nurses
- Teaching material
 - Educational material for nurses
 - Standardized educational material for patients



QUESTIONS/OPEN DISCUSSION

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