Improving Patient Adherence: Engagement and Critical Resources

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• "Providing care that is respectful of and responsive to individual patient preferences, needs, and values, and ensuring that patient values guide all clinical decisions"

• Research on patient-centered care:
  • --Improves patient satisfaction, adherence to meds, etc.
  • --Decreases resource utilization, cost, risk of litigation

• "Crossing the Quality Chasm: A New Health System for the 21st Century,” IOM 2001
• -Irwin et al, Chest 2006
Patient Centered Design

Plan
Define user requirement & analyze competition

Design
Design wireframes, interaction sequences & navigation

Proto type
Develop & test dynamic prototypes for usability

Review
Review wireframe designs with customer
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<td>12 months (completed 2013)</td>
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<td>ONC: Delivery of ICD RM Data to Patients via a PHR</td>
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<td>Access to implanted device data through MyChart</td>
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Lessons Learned
Informatics Research at Parkview

• Older patients will use PHRs
  – Older patients, with lower self-perceived capability, used technology login and use PHR functionality more often

• Patients not overwhelmed with complex health information
  – Patients understood and were comforted by presentation of complex health information from remote monitoring data from Cardiac Implanted Electronic Devices (ICDs)
Lessons from Informatics Research

• Calls to clinic actually reduced
  – Patients receiving reports in their PHR with complicated remote monitoring data from ICDs had a reduction in calls to clinic

• Focused PHR training impacts use
  – We found that providing training to participants mid-way through our year long trial boosted PHR logins and use
Lessons from Informatics

• Need to go beyond simple results release to fully engage patients
  – Improvement in health outcomes were not sustained in our study, need patient-centered design approach to interaction through PHR
• We currently have 3 funded projects where we are working directly with patient to deliver tailored messaging to patients, based on personal health information
Med Adherence: Pilot study

Use of Electronic Personal Health Records to Improve Medication Adherence among Non-Valvular Atrial Fibrillation Patients
Study Overview

• Two-arm randomized, prospective 6-month study
• 90 AF patients taking NOAC medication, dabigatran
• PHR MyChart
  – Intervention: PHR training, medication educational newsletters
• Survey (baseline and end of study)
  – Questions pertaining to technology acceptance, medication knowledge, medication adherence, and patient activation measure (PAM)
• Medication possession ratio (MPR)
Results

Intervention Group

- Knowledge of dabigatran and MPRs increased significantly (3.77 → 4.23)
  p-value: 0.007

- Self-reported medication adherence increased by 10%

Using 8-item self-report Morisky Med Adherence Scale

Control Group

- Knowledge of dabigatran and MPRs did not increase significantly (3.7 → 3.95)
  p-value: 0.124

- Self-reported medication adherence increased by 4%
Focus Group

• Many patients asymptomatic at time of diagnosis

• Felt providers offered too little information about severity of disease state

• Patients unclear on mechanism of action of Dabigatran

- I have never seen a real difference in my condition. I have been taking it because I have faith in the medical professionals who prescribe it.

- It scares you because you don’t know what’s wrong.

- I know it is working because I bruise more easily.
- I know it’s not working as well because I bruise more easily.
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<td>Anticoagulant medication choice</td>
<td>What is the difference between Coumadin (warfarin) and new Novel agents? When will I get to talk about my medication choices with the doctor because my office visit is too short? How can I make an educated decision about switching from Coumadin to a Novel agent when I don’t know about lab testing, reversal agents, or how much it will cost me? If I don’t go in to the “Coumadin clinic” for testing anymore because I switch to a Novel agent, when will I see my healthcare team to ask questions between office visits? Why does ATU clinic only test Coumadin patients, can’t they provide education on Novel agents in addition?</td>
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<td>AF disease process</td>
<td>How does AF affect my other body systems in the long run? What changes can I make in my lifestyle to lessen AF burden on my body, mind and spirit?</td>
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<td>Communication with healthcare provider</td>
<td>How can I get more time to talk with my providers about AF? How can I get quick answers to my questions?</td>
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<td>Information and data feedback</td>
<td>How do I know my medicine is working? How can I track changes in my heart rhythm? Will I get too much information about how I am doing with my AF and will it make me more stressed?</td>
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Med Adherence: Keep it Simple

Improving Anti-Coagulation Medication Adherence for Patients with Non-Valvular Atrial Fibrillation
Keep it SIMPLE

- **S**implify the regimen
- **I**mpart knowledge
- **M**odify patient beliefs and human behavior
- **P**rovide communication and trust
- **L**eave the bias
- **E**valuate adherence

- **Hypothesis**: Tailored messaging delivered via a personal health record will enhance patient engagement and health literacy related to atrial fibrillation and anti-coagulant therapy, which in turn will improve medication adherence and health outcomes
Study Aims

• Determine AF patient preference for content, timing, and delivery mode of tailored educational information about AF and anticoagulant therapy

• Determine impact of tailored messaging via personal health record on adherence to anti-thrombotic therapy and health outcomes in people living with AF

• Determine feasibility of measuring medication adherence with queries to Surescripts electronic prescribing software and use of AdhereTech ‘smart’ pill bottles
Study Data

Quantitative

- **EMR**
  - Demographics
  - Risk for bleeding
  - Risk of stroke
  - Health outcomes
  - Patient engagement

- **Survey**
  - Med adherence
  - Patient engagement
  - Technology acceptance
  - Health literacy

- **Surescripts & ‘Smart’ Pill Bottles**
  - Med adherence

Qualitative

- **Focus Groups & Design Session**
  - Define needs for intervention and cover gaps in survey data
  - Wireframe testing of PHR functionality
  - Develop educational content for tailored health messages

- **Technology Trial**
  - Interview patients at baseline and six months
Study Overview – Focus Groups

- **Sample Size:** 3 Focus Groups with patients (N=10) and their caregivers/partners as applicable (N=7)
  - Patients newly diagnosed with AF in last 6 months
  - Patients switching OAC medication in last 6 months

- **Duration:** 2-3 hours for each focus group

- **Objective:** Determine patient preference for the **content**, **timing**, and **delivery mechanism** of tailored health education aimed at improving medication adherence
Study Overview – Design Survey

• **Sample Size:** 50 patients

• **Duration:** <1 hour per individual

• **Objective:** Further refine patient preference for the content of tailored health education
Study Overview – Design Session

- **Sample Size:** 20 patients

- **Duration:** 1-2 hours per individual

- **Objective:** Test high fidelity prototypes of interventional messaging to be used in the technology trial and receive patient feedback to develop final model
Study Overview – Technology Trial

- **Sample Size**: 160 patients receiving oral anticoagulation (VKA or NOAC)

- **Duration**: 6 months

- **Intervention**: MyChart messaging

- **Study Type**: Two-arm comparative effectiveness study
  - **Control**: Patient portal and training
  - **Experimental**: Patient portal and training plus tailored health education messaging

- **Objective**: Examine impact on **patient engagement, health literacy, medication adherence**, and **health outcomes**
Focus Group Themes
*Analysis in progress*

- Majority of patients felt they did not receive enough education about AF or their medication during their office visit or time of diagnosis
- Several patients liked the idea of receiving information at home that they can review on their own time (and that this information should come from a trusted source, such as their healthcare team)
- Majority of patients emphasized importance of being told the seriousness of their condition and why they are taking the medication
- Many patients felt it was their responsibility to take their medication, but that follow up should be made in regards to education and whether or not they are taking their medication as prescribed
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Never underestimate the power of stupid people in large groups.
Informatics Team

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