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## **CLINICAL PRACTICE EVALUATION II: CLINICAL SYSTEMS REVIEW**

### **A. INFORMATION MANAGEMENT**

1. Does your practice currently use an electronic medical record system?  Yes  No

2. If "Yes," how long has the electronic medical record system been in use?  
\_\_\_\_\_ weeks      months      years

### **3. Patient medical records contain: (select: Yes, +/-, No )**

- A problem list that is regularly reviewed and updated
- An allergy list that is updated when indicated
- A medication list that is reviewed and updated at every visit
- A display of key lab results that shows trends, goals, and variation over time
- A display of key clinical findings that shows trends, goals, and variation over time
- An integrated treatment plan that documents and guides treatment decisions of the team
- A treatment plan that includes the patient's self-care (or family care) program
- An integrated prevention plan that documents and guides patient-specific health risk assessment, screening, and lifestyle counseling
- A prevention plan that includes the patient's (or family's) preferences and goals for preventive self-care and early detection of illness

### **4. Medical record templates or reminders prompt members of the practice team to periodically update history and physical examination findings to identify risks for or early diagnosis of: (select: Yes, +/-, No, N/A)**

- Sexually transmitted infections  
Occupational (or school-based) injuries or illnesses
- Household injuries
- Automobile injuries or crashes
- Cancer
- Osteoporotic fractures
- Depression or other psychological issues

- Vision impairment
- Hazardous alcohol or drug use

**5. Medical record templates or reminders prompt members of the practice team to document:**

- Immunization status
- Current smoking status
- Nutrition history, goals, and progress
- Physical activity history, goals, and progress
- Symptoms and functional status
- Problems with medications and treatments

**6. The medical record system provides:**

- Reminders to order screening laboratory tests or procedures at appropriate intervals
- Patient care protocols for modifying therapy of chronic illness (such as hypertension or diabetes) when treatment goals have not been reached
- Reminders to consider aspirin, ACE inhibitors, ARBs, beta blockers, and statins for all post-MI patients
- Reminders to consider aspirin for all patients at increased risk for CHD, including patients with diabetes who are over age 30
- Reminders to order lipid testing at appropriate intervals
- Reminders to consider appropriate immunizations for all patients

**7. The medical record system:**

- Sends patients (or parents) reminders to schedule visits for planned preventive services
- Automatically follows up to reschedule canceled and no-show visits
- Provides members of the team with relevant and up-to-date patient data
- Provides members of the team with key decision support
- Provides information to clinicians covering nights and weekends
- Provides information from ambulatory records needed by hospital staff when patients are admitted to the hospital
- Provides a hospital discharge summary and other relevant information prior to follow-up contacts

- Can readily identify patients with specific risk factors (e.g., increased risk for CVD or STDs)
- Can be queried to answer quality improvement questions
- Displays laboratory data for groups of patients (e.g., LDL level for patients with diabetes)
- Displays clinical data for groups of patients (e.g., BP for patients with diabetes)
- Displays medications prescribed for groups of patients

## **B. PATIENT ACTIVATION**

### **1. Written information provided to patients (or parents):**

- Includes information about recommended clinical preventive services
- Includes the patient's recommendations about early diagnosis of curable disease and prevention of illness and injury
- Includes a patient self-care program with self-management goals for maximizing health
- Meets the language, literacy, and cultural needs of patients in the practice

### **2. Behavior change practices include:**

- Documenting a patient's stage of change when addressing health habits such as smoking, nutrition, or physical activity
- Assessing maintenance of behavior changes during follow-up contacts
- Reviewing logs of lifestyle changes
- A systematic approach to managing relapse

### **3. Tobacco cessation counseling services available in the practice or health care system include:**

- Counseling by physicians
- Counseling by designated staff
- A formal tobacco cessation program
- Referral to a community-based or online tobacco cessation program

### **4. Nutrition counseling services available in the practice or the health care system include:**

- Counseling by physicians
- Counseling by designated staff

- Counseling by a registered dietician or health educator
- Referral to a community-based program(e.g., Weight Watchers®)

**5. Physical activity counseling services available in the practice or health care system include:**

- Counseling by physicians
- Counseling by designated staff
- Counseling by a physical or occupational therapist
- Referral to a community-based program such as a YMCA or mall-walking program

**6. The practice teaches patients (or parents) self-care skills by:**

- Providing written instructions on correct use and common side effects of medications, including over-the-counter medications
- Providing assistance with medication adherence
- Giving instructions and observing technique in home monitoring
- Involving the patient's home support system

**7. When needed, a designated team member provides:**

- Assistance in obtaining medications for patients who cannot afford them
- Assessment, counseling, and referral for community social services
- Assessment, counseling, and referral for drug or alcohol abuse treatment
- Referral to practice-based or community support groups for patients and/or family members
- Financial counseling/assistance with insurance issues
- Assistance with transportation to appointments

**C. ACCESS AND COMMUNICATION WITH PATIENTS AND FAMILIES**

**1. The practice system for scheduling appointments:**

- Tracks the number and percentage of patients who cannot be accommodated within the timeframe desired by the patient/family
- Tracks the number and percentage of patients who cannot be accommodated for visits with the provider they request
- Coordinates visits to multiple providers and/or for diagnostic tests during one trip

- Provides same-day appointments according to seasonal needs
- Ensures that patients with acute problems are seen within 24 hours

**2. The practice supports communication between patients and providers by:**

- Encouraging patients (or parents) to contact the practice with questions and concerns between visits
- Providing patients (or parents) with an effective means of reporting on self-care and home monitoring
- Enabling secure email communications
- Enabling secure internet health records

**D. SAFETY AND EFFICIENCY**

**1. The practice reduces the risk of medication errors by:**

- Automatically cross-checking new prescriptions for adverse interactions with other medications
- Identifying patients who have not refilled prescriptions for essential medications
- Documenting communications with patients (or parents) about medications (e.g., refills, changes in dosage, side effects)

**2. The practice reduces the risk of diagnostic errors by:**

- Cross-checking to locate results from diagnostic tests and consultations ordered by the practice
- Communicating results of testing to patients (or parents) in a timely manner, with instructions on what to do next
- Documenting communications with patients (or parents) about test results

**3. The practice reduces the risk of delay in receiving care by:**

- Instructing patients (or parents) on when to call 911 or go to an emergency care center rather than contact the practice
- Instructing patients (or parents) on how to obtain assistance with an urgent medical problem
- Reminding patients (as appropriate) to get a yearly influenza vaccination, even if they don't have a scheduled appointment
- Using a standard order for administration of influenza vaccination to high-risk patients

**4. The practice increases its efficiency by ensuring that:**

- All providers begin their appointments on time
- All necessary data are available to providers before a patient visit or other contact (e.g., test results)
- Exam rooms are equipped with all materials needed for a patient visit

**E. CONSULTATION AND REFERRAL**

**1. Which best describes your practice?**

**2. You provide mainly:**

**3. The consultants to whom you regularly refer patients:**  N/A

- Are readily accessible to your patients
- Are readily accessible to your practice team
- Teach your practice team what you need to know about advances in the field
- Have relevant clinical information about your patients in advance of scheduled appointments

**4. If you provide consultative care, you and/or your staff:**  N/A

- Are readily accessible to patients of practices that regularly refer to you
- Are readily accessible to practice teams that regularly refer to you
- Provide education about advances in your specialty to the practices that regularly refer patients to you
- Provide a report of your findings and recommendations in advance of the patient's follow-up contact with the referring physician

**F. THE PRACTICE TEAM**

**1. The practice team has:**

- A designated leader to guide the team in meeting patient care goals
- A designated leader to assure that financial resources, materials, and personnel are effectively managed
- Clearly defined role and responsibilities for each member
- Roles and responsibilities that match training and expertise

**G. IMPROVEMENT PROCESS**

**1. The practice incorporates the improvement process into its work by:**

- Having team members bring new information and skills learned through participation in continuing education/training
- Surveying patients about the care they receive
- Meeting regularly to analyze data from the practice
- Developing, implementing, and studying the impact of ideas for practice improvement

**END OF DATA COLLECTION FOR CLINICAL SYSTEMS REVIEW**

**SAMPLE ONLY**