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Activity Information

Activity Description

This Grand Rounds event identified the principles and barriers to implementing learning health systems and gave examples of the goals and approaches of multiple learning health systems.

Target Audience

This activity is designed for physicians and other health care professionals.

Learning Objective

By the end of this presentation, participants should be able to:

- Identify the principles and barriers to implementing learning health systems
- Outline the goals and approaches of three learning health systems given as examples in the presentation

Participation

Register for the webinar, participate in the webinar, and access and complete the assessment and evaluation.

Speaker Bios & Disclosures

No one in a position to control the content of this activity has anything to disclose. The planners/developers of this activity have signed a disclosure statement indicating any relevant financial interests. This activity was developed without commercial support.

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the Diffusion of Excellence Initiative, the major initiative meeting for the Under Secretary of Health, David Shulkin, to address the office's priority for establishing consistency in clinical and administrative best practices.

Dr. Elnahal has authored many publications on health care quality, operations management, and patient safety. He co-developed a published methodology that doubled clinic efficiency in the Johns Hopkins Pancreatic Multidisciplinary Clinic by cutting patient wait times in half. As an operations consultant for Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and Pittsburgh VA hospitals, Dr. Elnahal expanded on this work to improve care access for veterans and active duty service members. He also served as a Fellow in the Armstrong Institute for Patient Safety and Quality, and served as Chair of the House Staff Patient Safety and Quality Council at Johns Hopkins. Dr. Elnahal served on advisory boards for two firms focused on patient education and clinical operations. He also co-founded the Baltimore Chapter of The Triple Helix, a 501(c)(3) non-profit that publishes an internationally-circulated journal on science in society. Dr. Elnahal's civic contributions earned him the 2015 National Quality Scholar Award from the American College of Medical Quality.

Dr. Elnahal earned Doctor of Medicine and Master of Business Administration degrees, with Distinction, at Harvard University. He also earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biophysics, summa cum laude, at Johns Hopkins University.

Matthew Press, MD, presenter, is a practicing General Internist and the Director of the Learning and Diffusion Group at the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (the Innovation Center). Dr. Press was previously the Senior Advisor to the Director of the Innovation Center. He is an expert in payment reform, clinical innovation, and quality improvement and is also a frequent public speaker on these topics. Prior to joining the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), he was a Clinician Investigator at Weill Cornell Medical College, where his research focused on health care quality. Dr. Press' articles have been published in peer-reviewed journals, such as the New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM), The Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA), and Health Affairs.

Dr. Press earned his Doctor of Medicine degree at Brown University. He completed his Internal Medicine residency and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars Program at the University of Pennsylvania.

William E. Smoyer, MD, presenter, serves as Vice President and Director for Clinical and Translational Research at the Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital (NCH) in Columbus, Ohio. He also serves as a Professor of Pediatrics at Ohio State University (OSU) and the Co-Project Lead for the OSU Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences (CCTS), representing the Child Health component of the CCTS. For the past 22 years, Dr. Smoyer has focused his career on basic, clinical, and translational research to improve our understanding of the molecular regulation of podocyte injury during nephrotic syndrome. His work also focuses on the development of more targeted, effective, and novel treatments for childhood nephrotic syndrome. As a result, Dr. Smoyer's work has led to publications in the Journal of Clinical Investigation, the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB), the Journal of the American Society of Nephrology, and several subspecialty journals.

Dr. Smoyer also has a long-standing interest in the development of learning health systems. In his role as Vice President for Clinical and Translational Research at NCH, he has overseen the creation, implementation, and evaluation of a pilot program containing key elements of

a learning health system. Implementation of this pilot program, entitled “Learn From Every Patient (LFEP)” resulted in notable reductions in health care utilization and health care costs, as well as the generation of research-quality data to enable peer-reviewed publications and drive systematic improvements in clinical care.

Dr. Smoyer earned his Doctor of Medicine degree at the University of Florida.

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