Illinois Free and Charitable Clinics

Quality Improvement Project

July 2018

The IAFCC quality improvement project is designed to begin the process of collecting and reporting outcome measurements for a few selected conditions for the purpose of: 1) elevating quality improvement in all member clinics; 2) aggregating data so that we can talk about the impact of free and charitable clinics in Illinois and 3) assisting member clinics in collecting data that they can use individually in writing grants, reports, press releases, etc.

What We are Tracking

Patient Outcomes

1. Diabetics – A1C <8, A1C >9.0 (or no test within the last 12 months)

***Any patient with a diagnosis of diabetes, regardless of co-occurring diagnoses***

1. Hypertensives – BP <140/90

***Any patient with a diagnosis of hypertension, regardless of co-occurring diagnoses***

We are tracking these measures because they are relatively easy to track, many clinics are doing it anyway, and there are national benchmarks that can be used as a comparison.

Procedure

Patient Outcomes: Diabetics and Hypertensive

If you can easily pull up data from using all of your patients, great. You should have at least 30 patients.

RANDOM Sampling Procedure (if you need to use this rather than your whole database)

Do a 10% sample of patients that have the above diagnosis. For example, if you have 320 patients with diabetes, you will need 32 results. If you can pull the data up on ALL your patients, that’s fine.

**Eligible clients are those with:**

Diabetes

Age 18-75

Have had at least 2 medical visits within the last 12 months **or**

prescribed medications for diabetes

Hypertension

Age 18-85

Have a diagnosis of HTN for at least 6 months

Had at least one medical visit within the last 12 months

Timeline

Twice a year, each clinic will collect data and send the results to the IAFCC by the 31 st of the following month.

The 2018 Timeframe:

January 1,2018 -June 30th, 2018- Data due July 31st, 2018

July 1, 2018- December 31st- Data due by January 31st, 2018

For thedue date, look only at patients who have had a visit in the previous six months, ie, January 1st, 2018 – June 30th 2018.

Results

These will be sent to the IAFCC using an excel template that we will create for you. That way, data can be uploaded easily without retyping. The template is will look like this and is attached

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| **Clinic** | **A1C <8** | **A1C>9 (or no A1C within the past 12 months)** | **# charts reviewed** | **BP<140/90** | **# charts reviewed** | **Is this a total number**  **( yes or no)** |
| Clinic ABC |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Please send the completed form to [info@illinoisfreeclinics.org](mailto:executivedirector@illinoisfreeclinics.org)

The IAFCC will send out a summary dashboard after all clinics have sent in their measures. This data can be used as Clinics see fit. Individual clinics will not be identified in the summary report.