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DESCRIPTION

AU Health has established a Population Health/Business in Medicine Elective in which medical students will rotate with the AU Health population health department in order to gain an understanding of the new models of health care. This will be an interdisciplinary/ inter-professional four-week elective during the fourth year of medical school. Medical students will work with the population health team, pharmacy students, Nursing/DNP students, Physician Assistant (PA) students and other members of the healthcare team. The goal of the four-week elective would be for the students to identify and solve real problems facing hospitals and clinics today. Students will understand why the payment structure for healthcare is shifting from fee for service to pay for performance or Value Based Care. Students will understand and be able to explain key terms such as Population Health, Per Member Per Month (PMPM), Shared Savings, Hospital Value-Based Purchasing Program (VBP), Pay for Performance (P4P), and the Medicare Access Chip Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) or the Quality Payment Program (QPP).

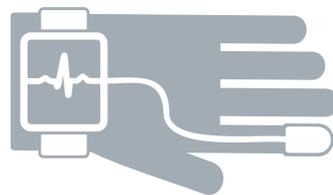


PROJECT AIM

The students will gain a deeper understanding of the transformation of healthcare to meet the Quadruple Aim of the Institute of Healthcare Improvement (IHI), which is improving the patients experience of care, improving the heal of populations, reducing the per capita cost of healthcare, and improving healthcare wellness.

PROJECT ACTIONS TAKEN

Education and training of medical students, development of a program guide that all students can use to guide their conversations and support for the patient, monitoring of compliance through care gap reports on payor portals, and outreach to patients who are shown to be non-compliant.



Studies have shown that patients who are more actively engaged in their healthcare have lower costs long-term than patients who are not engaged in their healthcare.

IN CONCLUSION

The collaboration between the health system and medical school has provided more outreach coverage for our patient population, and therefore improved transparency to our patients. This outreach has shown stable STARS ratings for our HEDIS measures and should continue to improve as more outreach and education is done with our beneficiaries.

