Can Child Mental Health Cross the Quality Chasm?

Children’s Behavioral Health, Healthcare Reform and the “Quality Measurement Industrial Complex”

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A Reality Check

- How do YOU choose a doctor for yourself, your children, your parents?
- How do YOU choose a mental health provider for your children or suggest one for a friend or a family member?
- How do YOU determine whether your children are receiving high quality medical care?
- High quality mental health care?
- What DATA do you examine to answer these questions? What data do you WISH you had?
Affordable Care Act

• Expanded Insurance Access/Provider Revenue Reductions
  - Mandates/Medicaid expansion/Insurance exchanges
  - MH/SUD parity

• System/Payment Redesign
  - Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs)
  - Patient-Centered Medical Homes/Health Homes
  - Bundling
  - Health Information Technology

• Quality Measurement/Accountability
  - “Triple Aim”- Quality/Affordability/Population Health
  - National Quality Strategy

• New research/demonstration opportunities-PCORI/CMMI
Examples of Quality Reporting/Payment Programs in ACA

- National Quality Strategy
- Core Hospital Safety Measures
- Meaningful Use
- Physicians Quality Reporting System
- Value-Based Purchasing Modifier
- Value Based Inpatient Psychiatry Quality Reporting Program
- PhysicianCompare.Gov
- HospitalCompare.Gov
- NursingHomeCompare.Gov
Care of mentally ill faulted in report

US survey reviews patient follow-up; state well below national average

Medicare data on hospitalcompare.gov highlights poor performance of individual hospitals
To Err Is Human: Building A Safer Health System

First Report

Committee on Quality of Health Care in America

To order: www.nap.edu
“Quality problems occur typically not because of failure of goodwill, knowledge, effort or resources devoted to health care, but because of fundamental shortcomings in the ways care is organized.”

The American health care delivery system is in need of fundamental change. The current care systems cannot do the job. *Trying harder* will not work: Changing systems of care will!
Six Aims/Quality Domains of Quality Health Care

1. **Safe** – avoids injuries of care

2. **Effective** – provides care based on scientific knowledge and avoids services not likely to help

3. **Patient-centered** – respects and responds to patient preferences, needs, and values

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Six Aims of Quality Health Care (continued)

4. **Timely** – reduces waits and sometimes harmful delays for those receiving and giving care

5. **Efficient** – avoids waste, including waste of equipment, supplies, ideas and energy

6. **Equitable** – care does not vary in quality due to personal characteristics (gender, ethnicity, geographic location, or socio-economic status)
“Crossing the Quality Chasm”

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Six Problems in the Quality of M/SU Health Care

- Problem 1: Obstacles to patient-centered care
- Problem 2: Weak measurement and improvement infrastructure
- Problem 3: Poor linkages across MH/SU/GH
- Problem 4: Lack of involvement in National Health Information Infrastructure (NHII)
- Problem 5: Insufficient workforce capacity for QI
- Problem 6: Differently structured marketplace
Problem 2: Weak Measurement and Improvement Infrastructure

- Clinical assessment and treatment practices not standardized and classified for use in administrative datasets
- Outcomes measurement not widely applied despite reliable and valid instruments ("measurement-based care")
- Insufficient attention to development or implementation of performance measures
- QI methods not yet permeating day-to-day operations
- Work force not trained in quality measures and improvement
- Policies do not incentivize quality/efficiency
## Quality of Publicly Funded Child SMH Care in California (ADHD, CD, MD) (Zima, et al, JAACAP, 2005)

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National Quality Strategy promotes better health, healthcare, and lower cost

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish a national strategy that will improve:

- The delivery of health care services
- Patient health outcomes
- Population health
CMS Quality Programs

Hospital Quality Reporting
- Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Program
- PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospitals
- Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities
- Inpatient Quality Reporting
- Outpatient Quality Reporting
- Ambulatory Surgical Centers

Physician Quality Reporting
- Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Program
- PQRS
- eRx quality reporting

PAC and Other Setting Quality Reporting
- Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility
- Nursing Home Compare Measures
- LTCH Quality Reporting
- ESRD QIP
- Hospice Quality Reporting
- Home Health Quality Reporting

Payment Model Reporting
- Medicare Shared Savings Program
- Hospital Value-based Purchasing
- Physician Feedback/Value-based Modifier*

“Population” Quality Reporting
- Medicaid Adult Quality Reporting
- CHIPRA Quality Reporting
- Health Insurance Exchange Quality Reporting
- Medicare Part C
- Medicare Part D

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Preparing for the Future

**Consumer Participation**

- Standardize Practice Elements
  - Clinical assessment
  - Interventions
  - IT infrastructure
- Develop Guidelines
  - Mental health
  - Substance use
  - General health
- Measure Performance
  - Can’t improve without measuring
  - Across silos and levels
- Improve Performance
  - Learn
  - Reward
  - Shared Accountability
- Strengthen Evidence Base
  - Evaluate effective strategies
  - Translate from bench to bedside to community

**Leadership (PCP/MH/SUD) Support**

**Clinical (PCP/MH/SUD) Perspectives**

**Integrative Processes**

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Measure Performance

- “You can’t improve what you don’t measure”
  - Deming
- Develop quality metrics (indicators)
- Across IOM domains
  - Safety, Effectiveness, Equity, Efficiency, Patient-Centeredness, Timeliness
- Improvement v Accountability Measures
- Across silos of MH/SU/GH
- At each “P” level
- “Not everything that counts can be counted, and not everything that can be counted counts”
  - Einstein
“6 P” Conceptual Framework

- **Patient/Consumer**
  - Enhance self-management/participation
    - Link with community resources
  - Evaluate preferences and change behaviors
    - Improve knowledge/skills
    - Provide decision support
  - Link to specialty expertise and change behaviors
    - Establish chronic care model and reorganize practice
      - Link with improved information systems
      - Adapt to varying organizational contexts
    - Enhance monitoring capacity for quality/outliers
      - Develop provider/system incentives
      - Link with improved information systems
  - Use quality/value measures in purchasing decisions
  - Enhance monitoring capacity for quality/outliers
  - Develop plan incentives/monitoring capacity
  - Educate regarding importance/impact of BH
  - Develop community capacities
  - Increase demand for quality care enhance policy advocacy

- **Providers**
  - Enhance self-management/participation
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- **Practice/Delivery Systems**
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- **Purchasers (Public/Private)**
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  - Link with community resources
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  - Improve knowledge/skills
  - Provide decision support
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- **Populations and Policies**
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  - Link with community resources
  - Evaluate preferences and change behaviors
  - Improve knowledge/skills
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Types of Measures

• Structure
  – Are adequate personnel, training, facilities, security, QI infrastructure, IT resources, policies, etc. available for providing care?

• Process
  – Are evidence-based processes of care accessible? Are they delivered with fidelity?

• Outcome
  – Does care improve clinical outcomes?

• Patient Experience
  – What do users and other stakeholders think about the system’s structure, the care they have received, and their outcomes?

• Resource Use
  – What resources are expended for the structure, processes of care and outcomes?
Developing Indicators

• Establishing an evidence base
• Translating evidence to guidelines
• Translating guidelines to measure concepts
• Operationalizing concepts to measure specifications (numerator/ denominator)
• Testing for reliability, validity, feasibility
• Aligning measures across multiple programs
• Stewardship/Updating measures over time
Components of Quality Measures

• Numerator
• Denominator
• Exclusion criteria
• Standardization
• Risk adjustment
Gathering Data for Indicators

• Data sources
  – Administrative (e.g., insurance claims)
  – Chart reviews
  – EHRs
  – Registries
  – Patient surveys

• Data collection/ submission

• Auditing for accuracy

• Analysis and display/ benchmarks

• Allocating resources/costs
“Players” in the Measurement Process

- Evidence Developers
  - Researchers, NIH, PCORI
- Guideline Developers
  - Professional Associations, Organizations
- Measure Developers/Stewards
  - NCQA, TJC, CMS, Contractors, Researchers, AMA?
- Measure Endorsers
  - NQF
- Measure Selectors/Advisers
  - NQF/MAP/CMS
- Measure Users
  - CMS, Plans, Organizations, Media, Public
Choosing Measures

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| Conditions to be met prior to measure consideration | Measure is in the public domain or measure steward agreement is signed  
• Measure is updated on a schedule commensurate with the rate of clinical innovation  
• Measure includes both accountability applications and performance improvement to achieve high-quality, efficient healthcare  
• Measure is fully specified and tested for reliability and validity  
• Measure has been harmonized with competing measures |

Measures are evaluated for their suitability based on four sets of standardized criteria [listed in order of importance]

- **Importance of measure**: Extent to which the specific measure focus is evidence-based, important to making significant gains in healthcare quality, and improving health outcomes for a specific high-priority (high impact) aspect of healthcare where there is variation in or overall less-than-optimal performance
- **Scientific acceptability of measure properties**: Extent to which the measure, as specified, produces consistent (reliable) and credible (valid) results about the quality of care when implemented
- **Usability**: Extent to which potential audiences are using or could use performance results for both accountability and performance improvement to achieve the goal of high-quality, efficient healthcare for individuals or populations
- **Feasibility**: Extent to which the required data are readily available or could be captured without undue burden and can be implemented for performance evaluation

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Using Indicators to Improve Quality

• Use at Clinical Level (Standardization)
  – Measurement based, patient-centered care

• Use at Organizational Level (Improvement)
  – Audit/ profiling/ feed back
  – PDSA/ checklists/ six sigma
  – Reducing unwanted/inappropriate variation

• Use at Policy Level (Accountability)
  – Public reporting
  – Value-based purchasing / P4P
Issues in Developing/Using Behavioral Health Measures

- Adequacy/Specificity of evidence base!
- Agreement/development/HIT integration of clinical measure for “Measurement-Based Care”
- Codifying psychosocial interventions in administrative data (psychotherapy/“90806” v. CBT v. CBT with fidelity)
- Adequacy of data sources--Documentation or Reality
- Determining benchmarks/Risk adjustment
- Linking S-P-O (e.g. ACCORD)
- Who is stewarding/funding measure development?
- Far behind in implementation of HIT/(exclusion from HITECH)
- Heterogeneity of providers/training/certification
- Who is accountable for performance? Shared accountability?
Measurement-Based Care (MBC)

- Systematically Apply Appropriate Clinical Measures
  - e.g. HA1c, PHQ-9, Vanderbilt Assessment Scales
  - Create a measurement tool kit
- Assure Consistent, Longitudinal Assessment
  - “Ruthless” Follow-Up/Care Management
- Maintain Action-Oriented Menus of Evidence-Based Options
  - Treatment intensification/“Stepped Care”
- Establish Practice-Based Infrastructure
  - Build IT/Registry Capacity
- Enhance Connectivity among Systems
  - MH/PC/SUD/Social Services/Education
- Incentivize Structures that Produce Outcomes
IOM Committee on Developing Evidence-Based Standards for Psychosocial Interventions for Mental Disorders

Sponsors

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HHS / Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation
American Psychological Association
American Psychiatric Association
American Psychiatric Foundation
National Association of Social Workers
Association for Behavioral Health and Wellness
Charge to the Committee

The IOM committee will develop a framework from which to establish efficacy standards for psychosocial interventions used to treat individuals with mental disorders (inclusive of addictive disorders). The committee will explore strategies that different stakeholders might take to help establish these standards for psychosocial treatments.

Specifically, the committee will:

• Characterize the types of scientific evidence and processes needed to establish the effectiveness of psychosocial interventions.

• Identify the elements of psychosocial treatments that are most likely to improve a patient’s mental health and can be tracked using performance measures. In addition, identify features of health care delivery systems involving psychosocial therapies that are most indicative of high quality care that can be practically tracked.

• Report to be released in Spring 2015