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I have written to you before about the research that strongly connects improved patient outcomes with a patient’s ongoing relationship with their primary care provider. I’ve also talked about the importance of “starting where you are, with what you have” and these two topics are connected in the release of a new Clinical Practice Guideline.

We know relational continuity is a key driver for Patient’s Medical Home success and that while all patients benefit from continuity, those with complex needs or multiple chronic conditions benefit more. Yet the road to achieving the benefits of high continuity is a challenging one.

The release this month of the Relational Continuity Clinical Practice Guideline for physicians and the teams we work with, summarizes the evidence and practical changes that we can make to improve care. The CPG also describes that taking even small steps towards improving relational continuity can have significant benefit for your patients and practice.

Optimally, improvement facilitators can assist you in making the necessary changes to your practice that support this work, but it’s important to know you can get started where you are right now by requesting your Health Quality Council of Alberta report, undertaking panel identification and maintenance and tracking your progress. If you’re already doing this, connect with your PCN about Community Information Integration/Central Patient Attachment Registry as the next step toward PMH.

Consider this CPG an important additional tool in the PHM toolbox and talk with your PCN about where you want to go from here.

Dr. Brad Bahler
Chair, Primary Care Alliance
BCM Pilot Project Update

The Blended Capitation Model is gaining traction. Have you considered making the change?

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Save the Date for the Practical Evidence for Informed Practice Conference

The PEER Team (who brings you Tools for Practice and Simplified Guidelines) and the ACFP are pleased to announce the 8th Annual Practical Evidence for Informed Practice (PEIP) Conference – October 25-26, 2019 in Edmonton.

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Relational Continuity Clinical Practice Guideline released

A Relational Continuity Clinical Practice Guideline is now available for primary care physicians and the teams they work with. Relational continuity is a key driver of a successful Patient’s Medical Home.

Numbers climbing for CII CPAR

Participation is growing in the Community Information Integration/Central Patient Attachment Registry initiative.
IN OTHER NEWS

HQCA reports now digital

More than 1,300 family physicians and 41 Primary Care Networks in Alberta have received their panel report. These reports are now available digitally! The interactive format allows physicians and others at their clinic to drill down into the data to make practice change more manageable and actionable. For example, users can first identify patients not screened for diabetes, then those at high risk for diabetes not screened. Understanding the value of the report is best seen by viewing a sample report [here](#). Physicians can request their personalized panel report [here](#).

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

With the release this month of a Relational Continuity Clinical Practice Guideline, we’re interested in its value to you…

- *Do you think the Relational Continuity Clinical Practice Guideline will influence your practice decisions? Why or why not?*

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