



**IRCP 2017**

# **LAUNCH OF A COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC PROGRAM WITHIN A HEALTH CARE SYSTEM**

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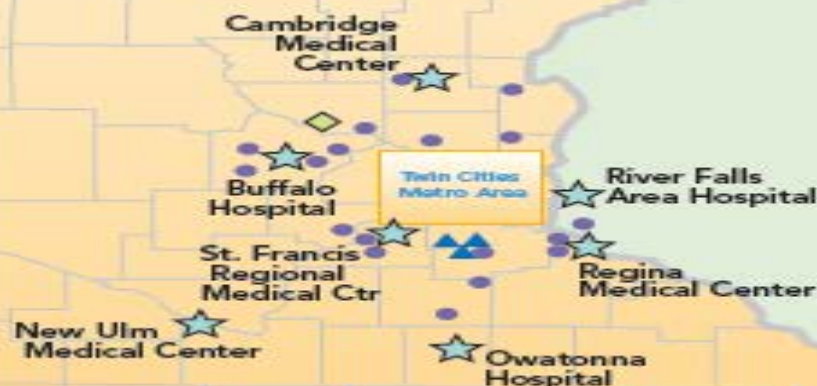


# OBJECTIVES

- SHARE ALLINA HEALTH'S DEVELOPMENT OF CP PROGRAM
- LESSONS LEARNED
- PROGRAM RESULTS
- RECOMMENDATIONS



- ★ Allina Health Hospital
- ◇ Allina Health Ambulatory Care Center
- Allina Medical Clinic
- Allina Health clinics (formerly known as Aspen Medical Group)
- ▲ Quello Clinic



### Allina Health hospitals

Abbott Northwestern Hospital, Minneapolis  
 Buffalo Hospital  
 Cambridge Medical Center  
 Mercy Hospital, Coon Rapids  
 New Ulm Medical Center  
 Owatonna Hospital  
 Phillips Eye Institute, Minneapolis  
 Regina Medical Center  
 River Falls Area Hospital, Wisconsin  
 St. Francis Regional Medical Center, Shakopee (jointly owned with Essentia Health Critical Access Group and HealthPartners)  
 United Hospital, St. Paul  
 Unity Hospital, Fridley

### Allina Health Ambulatory Care Centers

Abbott Northwestern's Center for Outpatient Care, Edina  
 Abbott Northwestern — WestHealth, Plymouth  
 Elk Ridge Health, Elk River

### Allina Health clinics (formerly known as Aspen Medical Group)

Allina Health Bandana Square Clinic  
 Allina Health Bandana Square Sleep Center  
 Allina Health Bloomington Clinic  
 Allina Health East Lake Street Clinic  
 Allina Health Highland Park Clinic  
 Allina Health Hopkins Clinic  
 Allina Health Inver Grove Heights Clinic  
 Allina Health Maplewood Clinic  
 Allina Health University Avenue Clinic  
 Allina Health Vadnais Heights Clinic

### Quello Clinic Sites

Burnsville  
 Champlin  
 Edina  
 Lakewood  
 Savage

### Allina Medical Clinic Sites

Annedale  
 Blaine  
 Brooklyn Park  
 Buffalo  
 Cambridge  
 Champlin  
 Coleraine  
 Coon Rapids  
 Coon Rapids: Midwest Surgery  
 Coon Rapids: Women's Health  
 Cottage Grove  
 Eagan  
 Eagan: Parkview OB/GYN  
 Edina  
 Elk River  
 Faribault  
 Farmington  
 Forest Lake  
 Fridley: Bariatric Surgical Specialists  
 Fridley: OB/GYN Specialists  
 Hastings: First Street  
 Hastings: Wininger Road  
 Maple Grove  
 Minneapolis: Isles  
 Minneapolis: Nicollet Mall  
 Minneapolis: The Doctors Uptown  
 North Branch  
 Northfield  
 Plymouth: WestHealth Campus  
 Prescott  
 Prior Lake: Crossroads  
 Ramsey  
 Richfield: Woodlake  
 St. Michael  
 St. Paul: United Medical Specialists St. Paul  
 Shakopee  
 Shakopee: Crossroads — Deon Lakes  
 Shoreview  
 West St. Paul  
 Woodbury



# **ABOUT ALLINA HEALTH**

## **PATIENT CARE FACILITIES:**

- 65 ALLINA HEALTH CLINICS
  - 49 REHABILITATION LOCATIONS
  - 23 HOSPITAL-BASED CLINICS
  - 12 HOSPITALS
  - 15 RETAIL PHARMACIES
  - 2 AMBULATORY CARE CENTERS
  - HOME CARE, HOSPICE, PALLIATIVE CARE OFFERINGS
  - HOME MEDICAL EQUIPMENT
  - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
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# KEY FIGURES FROM 2016

- 27,536 EMPLOYEES
- 1,775 STAFFED BEDS
- 109,091 INPATIENT HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS
- 1.5 MILLION HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT VISITS
- 31,780 INPATIENT SURGICAL PROCEDURES
- 60,077 OUTPATIENT SURGICAL PROCEDURES
- 343,083 EMERGENCY CARE VISITS
- 15,364 BIRTHS
- 4.5 MILLION CLINIC VISITS
- 231,656 HOME HEALTH VISITS
- 146,724 HOSPICE VISITS
- 937,619 RETAIL PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS FILLED
- 195,666 OXYGEN/MEDICAL EQUIPMENT ORDERS
- 107,810 AMBULANCE RESPONSES

# ALLINA HEALTH EMS

## POSITIVES:

- PART OF A LARGE INTEGRATED HEALTH SYSTEM
- LARGE, EMS AGENCY WITH LARGE NUMBER OF SENIOR PARAMEDICS
- ACTIVE MEDICAL DIRECTORS
- MINNESOTA JOBS SKILL PARTNER GRANT FOR COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC TRAINING

## CHALLENGES:

- PART OF LARGE INTEGRATED HEALTH SYSTEM
- COMPETITION WITH OTHER PROJECTS
- NO ESTABLISHED CONNECTION WITH PRIMARY CARE AND IN-HOSPITAL PROVIDERS

# **ALLINA HEALTH-EMS**

- **LARGE GEOGRAPHIC AREA (URBAN, SUBURBAN, & RURAL)**
- **POPULATION OF 1,000,000 IN PSA**
- **270 RESPONSES EACH DAY –  
100K/YEAR**

# MINNESOTA PARTICULARS


- 2011 - LAW PASSED RECOGNIZING COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC CREDENTIAL
  - EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS
  - EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS
  - AMBULANCE MEDICAL DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION
- 2012- RECEIVED ABILITY TO BILL MEDICAID
- 2012 – MINNESOTA JOBS SKILLS GRANT
  - GOAL TO TRAIN 100 CPS



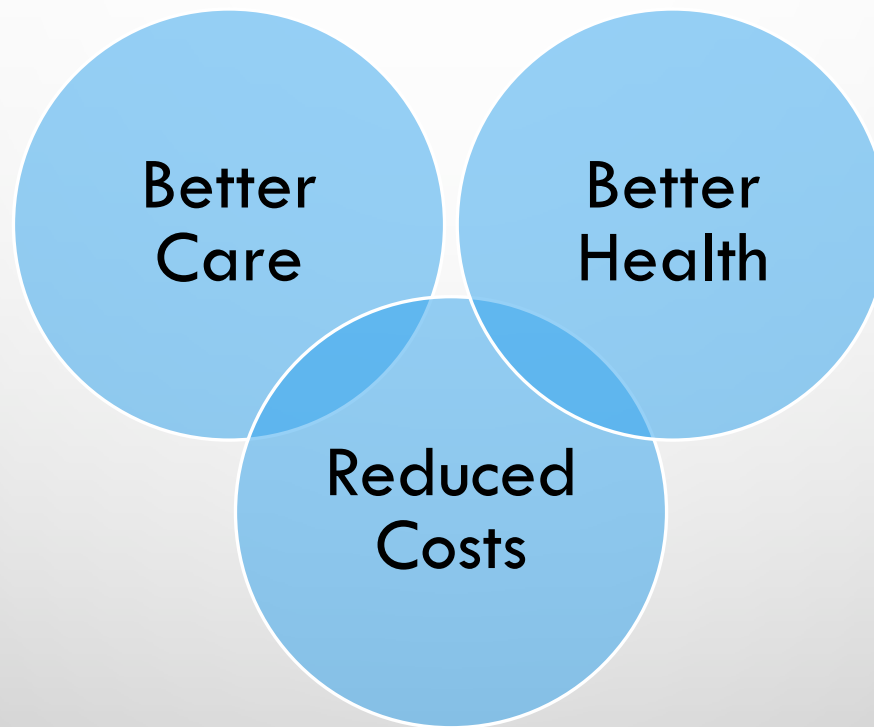


# ALLINA HEALTH MISSION

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PREVENT ILLNESS, RESTORE HEALTH AND PROVIDE COMFORT TO ALL  
WHO ENTRUST US WITH THEIR CARE.*



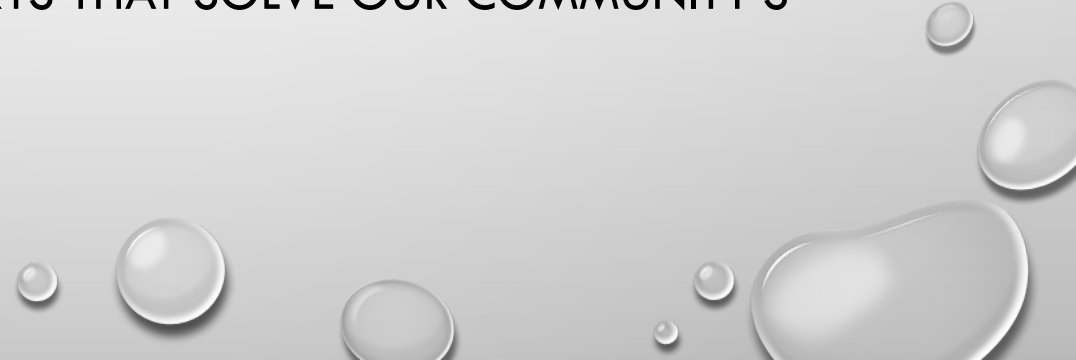
# BUILDING OUR CASE - TRIPLE AIM 2010





# VISION

WE WILL:

- PUT THE PATIENT FIRST
  - MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN PEOPLE'S LIVES BY PROVIDING EXCEPTIONAL CARE AND SERVICE
  - CREATE A HEALING ENVIRONMENT WHERE PASSIONATE PEOPLE THRIVE AND EXCEL
  - LEAD COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS THAT SOLVE OUR COMMUNITY'S HEALTH CARE CHALLENGES
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# GAP ANALYSIS

Measures of Caring – Allina Strategy Scorecard										
February 2011										
Click on measure name for definition information & monthly data.										
	Reporting Period	Allina Baseline	Year End Goal	Mnth/Qtr Goal	Allina Overall	ANW	UTD	MCY	UTY	Reg'l
<b>Care</b>										
<b>Patient Care Integration</b>										
AMI Readmissions Within 30 Days %	11, 12, 1	10.84%	10.60%	10.78%	9.20	9.30	8.42	5.15	40.00	33.3
PN Readmissions Within 30 Days %	11, 12, 1	15.80%	15.00%	15.60%	16.12	14.15	22.97	15.19	15.96	14.6
HF Readmissions Within 30 Days %	11, 12, 1	22.16%	17.00%	20.90%	19.01	16.84	17.09	25.00	21.82	18.2
<b>Prevention and Wellness</b>										
Breast Cancer Screening %	1	74.9%	78.6%	75.8%	75.0					
Colon Cancer Screening %	1	45.3%	48.1%	46.0%	49.9					
<b>Living with Illness</b>										
Diabetes Optimal Care %	2	47.0%	47.6%	47.2%	46.4					
Vascular Disease Optimal Care %	2	46.9%	47.1%	47.0%	46.3					
Hypertension %	2	82.2%	82.1%	82.1%	82.2					
Depression (outcomes)	2	15.3%	20.0%	16.5%	16.1					
<b>Acute Care</b>										
Core Measures Optimal Care	10, 11, 12	94.8%	95.0%	94.9%	94.7	94.7	95.2	93.6	96.4	93.6
Stroke Optimal Care	10, 11, 12	69.6%	85.0%	73.5%	80.6	85.7	81.0	81.0	89.7	55.6
<b>End of Life</b>										
# of Hospital Days Last 6 Months of Life	2	6.00	5.70	5.95	5.80					

## Ambulatory Census Dashboard

Identified DCs/Referrals: 277

Selected DCs/Referrals: 277

### Selected Filters

#### Program

Advanced Care Team  
Cardiology Care Coordination  
Mental Health Care Coordination  
Oncology Care Coordination

#### Role

Care Guide  
Pharmacist  
RN Care Coordinator  
RN/Pharmacist  
RN/Social Worker  
Social Worker

The ACO Case-Finding sheet includes hospital discharges for ACO patients assigned risk for readmission. It also includes ambulatory referrals to care.

#### Days Since DC or Referral

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

#### Team

North Region  
East Region  
West Region  
No Assigned Region

#### Highest Readmit Risk

High  
Moderate-High  
Moderate  
Low  
Not Assigned

#### Additional Filters


Currently Enrolled ☐  
LOS Days ☐

### Discharges/Referrals of ACO Patients in Last 7 Days

Highest Readmit Risk	Discharge Date	MRN	Currently Enrolled?	Hospital	Patient Type	Hosp. Primary Problem	DC Status	LOS Days	Last ACT Start Date	# ED Visits in 6 Months w/ Same Problem	>= 2 ED Visits in 6 Months	Living Situation
High			N	United	Inpatient	NSTEMI (non-ST eleva...	Home Self Care	6.4	-	0	N	Home/Indepen...
High			Y	Abbott	Inpatient	Closed left hip fracture	Skilled Nursing Fa...	14.5	8/12/2014	0	N	Home/Indepen...
High			Y	Abbott	Emerge...	Chest pain	Home Self Care	0.1	8/11/2014	6	Y	-
High			Y	Abbott	Inpatient	Effects of radiation, u...	Home Health	29.4	-	0	Y	Home/Indepen...
High			Y	United	Inpatient	Acute kidney failure, u...	Home Self Care	1.9	7/22/2014	1	Y	Home/Indepen...
High			Y	Mercy	Inpatient	Colitis	Skilled Nursing Fa...	4.9	-	0	Y	Home/Indepen...
High			N	United	Inpatient	Acute on chronic systol...	Home Self Care	2.1	5/20/2014	1	Y	Home/Indepen...
High			Y	Abbott	Inpatient	Unspecified epilepsy w...	Skilled Nursing Fa...	27.1	8/20/2014	0	Y	Nursing Home
High			Y	Mercy	Inpatient	Acute pancreatitis	Home Health	16.0	6/4/2014	0	Y	Home/Indepen...
High			Y	Abbott	Inpatient	Intervertebral cervical...	Skilled Nursing Fa...	7.4	8/19/2014	0	N	Home/Indepen...
High			Y	United	Inpatient	Acute gouty arthropathy	Home Self Care	3.8	5/19/2014	0	Y	Home/Indepen...
High			Y	Mercy	Inpatient	Sepsis	Home Self Care	3.9	-	0	Y	Home/Indepen...
High			Y	Abbott	Inpatient	Pneumonia, organism ...	Home Self Care	5.3	8/19/2014	0	N	Home/Indepen...
High			Y	United	Inpatient	Acute kidney failure wi...	Home Self Care	5.0	7/22/2014	0	Y	Home/Indepen...
High			Y	United	Inpatient	Hemorrhage of gastro...	Home Self Care	6.3	8/11/2014	0	N	Home/Indepen...
High			Y	Abbott	Observa...	Olecranon bursitis	Skilled Nursing Fa...	0.8	8/18/2014	0	Y	Nursing Home
High			Y	River Falls	Inpatient	-	Home Self Care	0.9	5/27/2014	0	Y	Home/Indepen...
High	-		Y	Abbott	Inpatient	Confusion	* Still Admitted *	0.7	8/19/2014	0	Y	Home/Indepen...
High	-		N	Abbott	Inpatient	Hyperkalemia	* Still Admitted *	0.9	5/21/2014	0	Y	Home/Indepen...

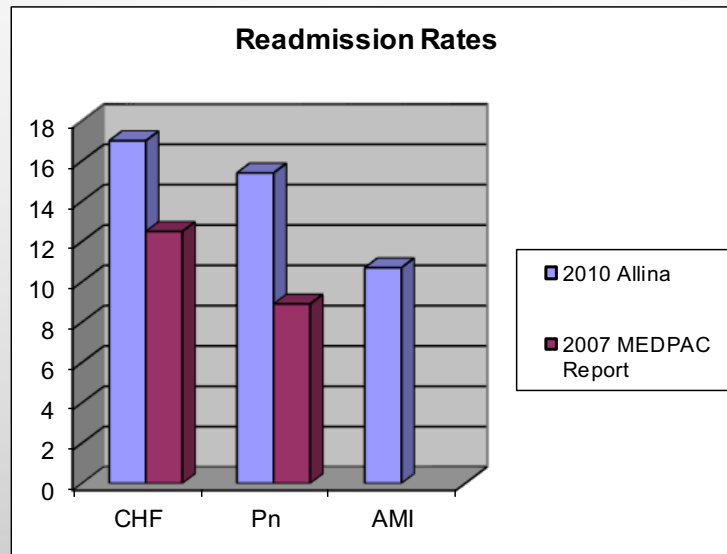


# HOW CAN WE. . . .

- CONTRIBUTE MORE TO THE ORGANIZATION?
  - FULFILL OUR MISSION?
  - PROVIDE BETTER CARE FOR OUR PATIENTS?
  - DEVELOP A CAREER TRACK FOR PARAMEDICS?
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# COST OF READMISSIONS

OVER \$7,000 PER READMISSION IN ADDITION TO THE STRESS IT PLACES ON PATIENTS AND FAMILIES.



# SMALL TEST OF CHANGE . . . .

- PARTNERED WITH RURAL HOSPITAL WITH HIGH READMISSIONS AND NO STAFF FOR FOLLOW UP
- PRIOR TO CERTIFICATION FOR CPS
- TEACHING CARE MANAGEMENT STAFF ABOUT OUR CAPABILITIES
- COMPETENCIES






# STARTING POINT

- READMISSIONS
  - TRANSITION CARE MANAGEMENT
    - GEOGRAPHIC CHALLENGES
    - STAFFING CHALLENGES
- EMS TO THE RESCUE
  - PARAMEDIC OUTREACH PROJECT
    - ON-DUTY STAFF POSITIONED TO ASSIST
    - SMALL POPULATION





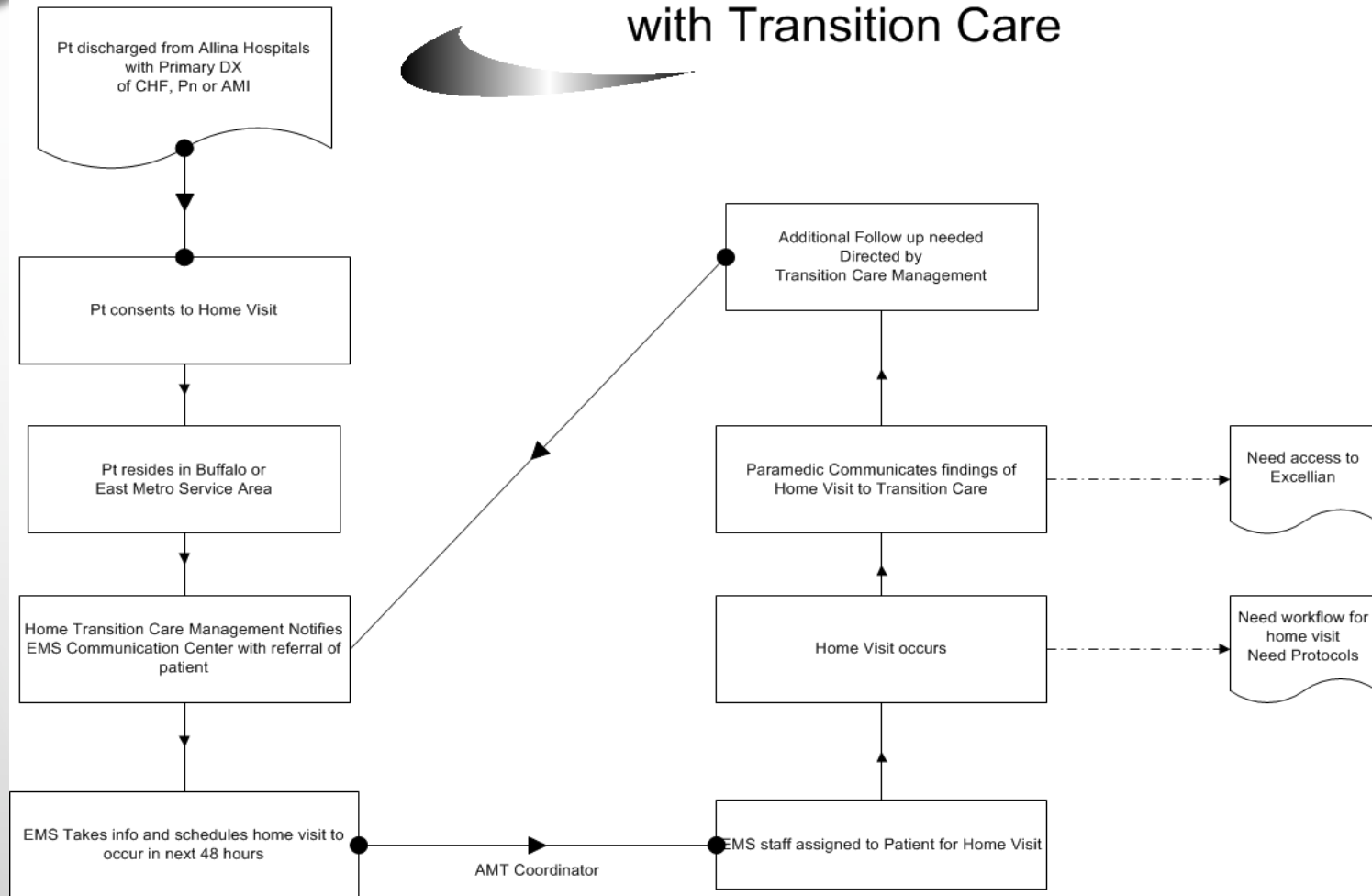
# PARAMEDIC OUTREACH PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

- SELECTION
  - TRAINING
  - CARE MANAGEMENT RN
  - PRIMARY CARE
  - SOCIAL WORKERS / CASE MANAGERS
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# POPP PILOT

- TRAINED 4 PARAMEDICS TO PROVIDE HOME VISITS
  - SPECIFIC TASKS BASED ON TRANSITION CARE STEPS
- SMALL POPULATION
  - 4 PATIENTS IN 30 DAYS
  - PATIENT SATISFACTION EQUALED OR EXCEEDED RN VISITS
- IN LOWER VOLUME LOCATION, COULD USE ON-DUTY RESOURCES WITHOUT DETRIMENT TO 911 RESPONSE

# Paramedic Outreach Partnership with Transition Care



# MEASURES

- HOME VISITS COMPLETE WITHIN 48 HOURS OF REFERRAL
- PATIENT SATISFACTION
- SYSTEM WIDE MEASURES OF READMISSIONS




# CHALLENGES

- SMALL POPULATION BASE
- 4 PARAMEDICS INVOLVED / SCHEDULING
- DOCUMENTATION CHALLENGES

# DOCUMENTATION CHALLENGES

CHF Home Visit – Paper form

	Question	Possible answers
Discharge Information	Location of Assessment	Home Clinic Cardiac Rehab Other(specify in note)
	Hospital Discharge Date	
	Hospital Discharged From (type in the name of the hospital)	
	Number of days between discharge and home visit	
Vitals	Pulse	
	Blood Pressure	
	Arm	Right arm or Left arm
	BP Position	Sitting Standing Lying down
	Respirations	
	SpO2	
	O2 (LPM)	1 2 4 6
	O2 Device	Cannula Mask Other
	Lung Sounds	Bilateral Clear Bilateral Crackles-Coarse Bilateral Crackles-Fine Bilateral Rhonchi Bilateral Diminished Bilateral Wheeze Respiratory Left Crackles Coarse Left Crackles Fine Left Rhonchi Left Diminished Left Wheeze Res Right Crackles Coarse Right Crackles Fine Right Rhonchi Right Diminished Right Wheeze Respiratory Unable to assess Other
	Other	<p>Patient's Condition  Heart Failure</p> <p>In Excelian, when you click the cascade icon, a window opens so that you can select the Heart Failure group and add it to the flow sheet.</p> <p>Heart Failure Questions on paper:</p> <p>Do you have a scale?</p> <p>Scale Provided?</p> <p>Discharge Weight (enter weight)</p> <p>Today's weight</p> <p>Are you weighing daily?</p> <p>Are you writing down your weight daily?</p> <p>Do you know when to notify your doctor of a weight gain? (3 lbs in 1 day; 5 lbs in 1 week)</p> <p>Name 2 foods low in salt that you can eat</p> <p>Name 2 foods high in salt that you should avoid</p> <p>Diet education provided today</p> <p>Which of the following symptoms are you experiencing?</p>

# GRANT

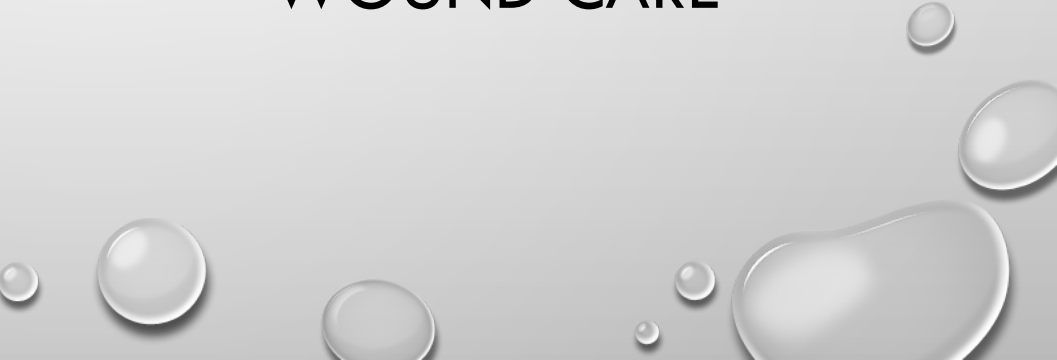
- GOAL TO TRAIN 100 PARAMEDICS FROM 3 EMS SYSTEMS
  - 312 HOUR PROGRAM
    - 196 HOURS OF CLINICALS
- CLINICAL NEEDS PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY TO EDUCATE HOSPITAL & PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS
- HELPED IDENTIFY NEW OPPORTUNITIES / GAPS






# • Clinical sites

- CARDIOVASCULAR
- RESPIRATORY
- HOSPICE
- SENIOR CARE  
TRANSITIONS
- COMMUNITY  
OUTREACH

- HOME CARE
  - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
  - DIABETIC EDUCATORS
  - CARE MANAGEMENT
  - PRIMARY CARE
  - WOUND CARE
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# CP IMPLEMENTATION - SEPT 2013

- ACCOUNTABLE CARE ORGANIZATION
    - FOCUS ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PATIENTS
  - HOSPITAL READMISSIONS
    - HIGH RISK PATIENTS
  - EXPANDED TO FREQUENT ED USERS 2014
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# HOME VISITS

- COMPLETE MEDICATION RECONCILIATIONS
- PERFORM A HOME SAFETY ASSESSMENT
- ADDRESS ANY CONCERNS OF REFERRING PROVIDER – MAY BE TAKING WEIGHTS OR OTHER VITALS
- REVIEW NUTRITION
- HELP CONNECT PATIENT AND FAMILY TO RESOURCES THEY MAY NEED (MAY REFER TO HOME CARE, ETC)
- TRANSPORT TO APPOINTMENTS – LIMITED TO BH PATIENTS

## Community Paramedic Post-Hospital Discharge

### General Home Visit Checklist

Community Paramedic \_\_\_\_\_ Location of Assessment: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MRN: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Care Provider: \_\_\_\_\_ Clinic Location: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Discharge Information

Hospital Discharge Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_

Discharge Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Vital Signs (if applicable):

Pulse: \_\_\_\_\_ Blood Pressure \_\_\_\_\_ ~~Resp~~ \_\_\_\_\_ SpO2 \_\_\_\_\_ O2 \_\_\_\_\_

#### Medication Review

Current Medications: \_\_\_\_\_

New Medications: \_\_\_\_\_

Barriers to taking medication: \_\_\_\_\_

Review of Medication Instructions Completed: ☐ Yes ☐ No Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Daily Activity Review- Indicate Presence of Concern:

☐ Yes ☐ No **Understanding of Illness** Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Yes ☐ No **Independence** Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Yes ☐ No **Finances** Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Yes ☐ No **Nutrition** Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Yes ☐ No **Safety** Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Yes ☐ No **Vulnerability** Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Yes ☐ No **Environment** Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

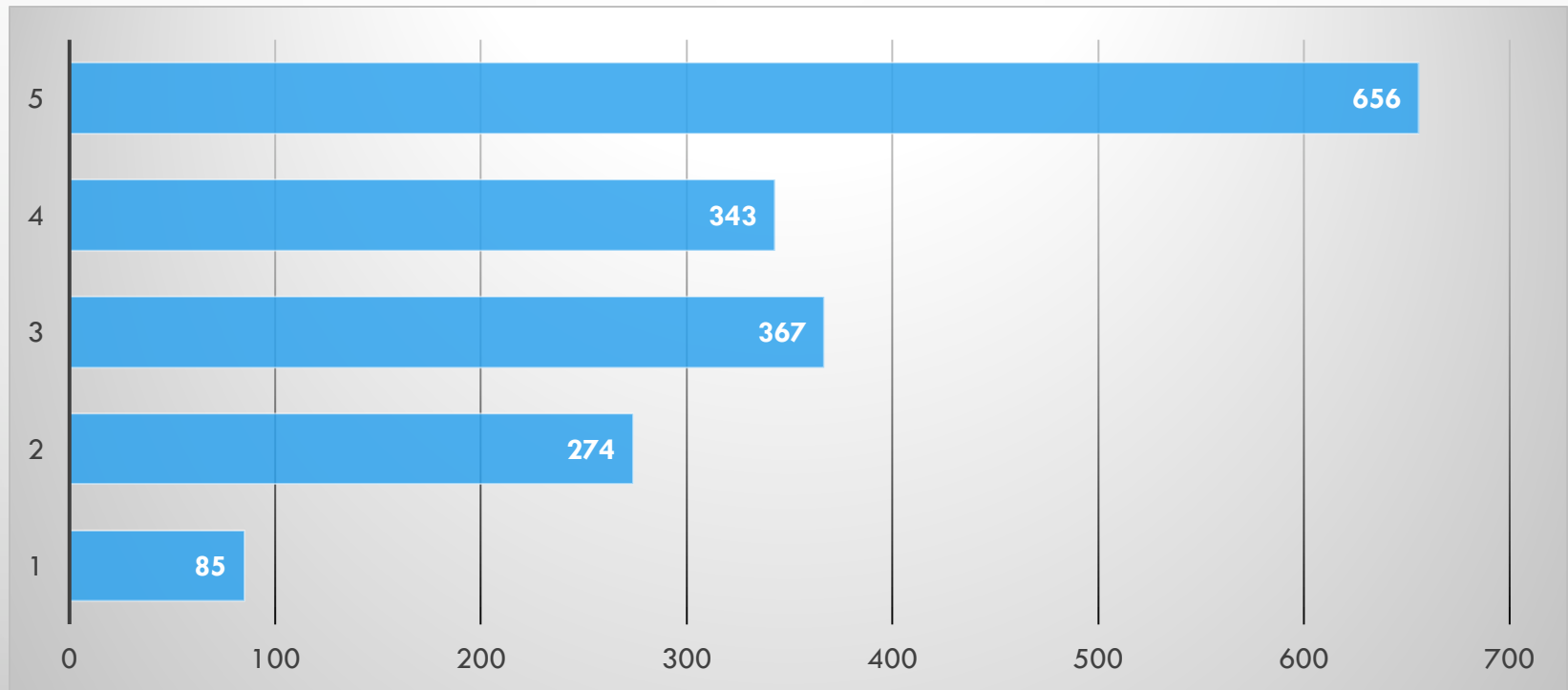
☐ Yes ☐ No **Smoking** Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Action Summary

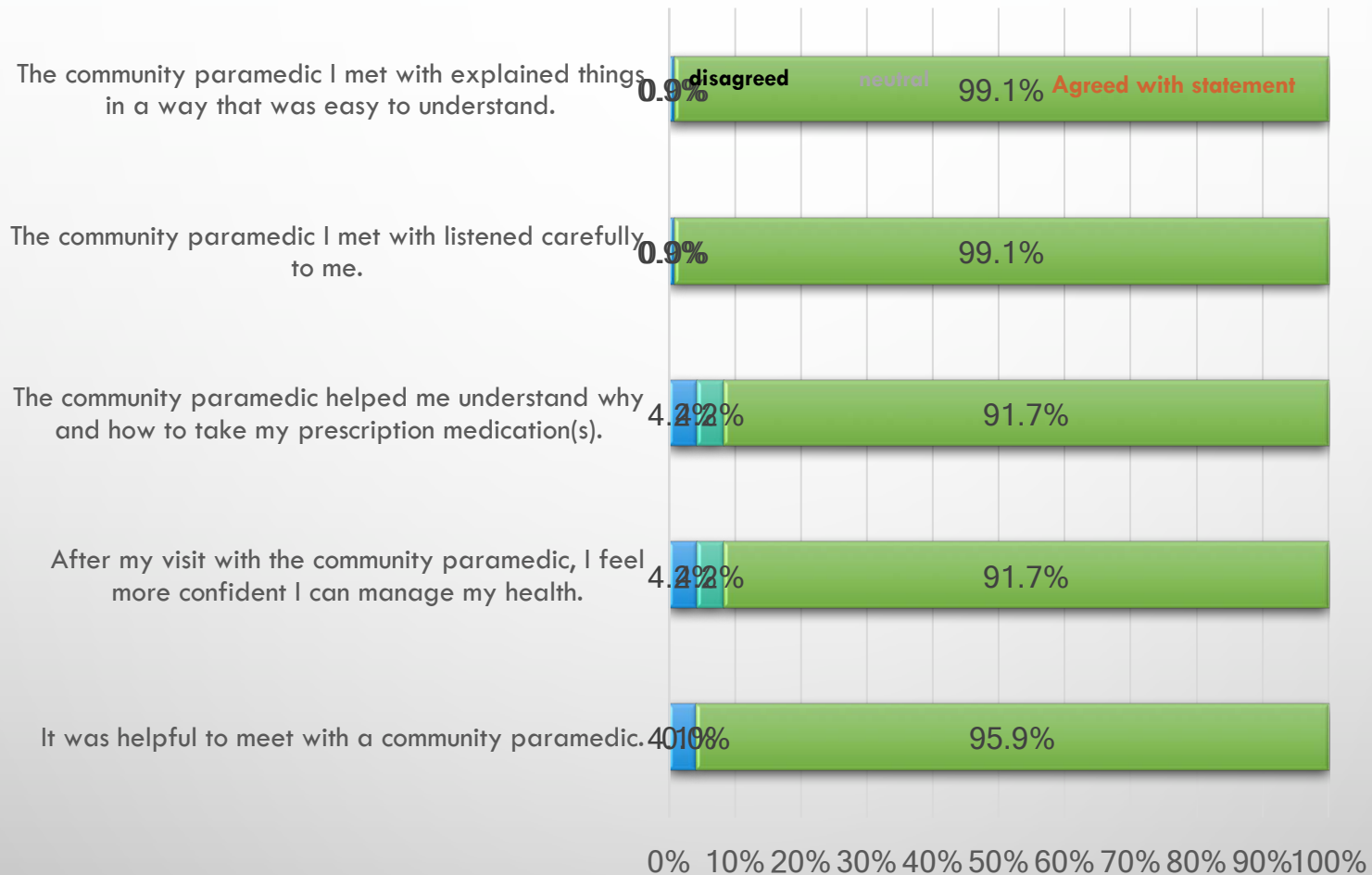
# INITIAL RESULTS

- 22 PATIENTS WITH ↑ PREDICTION OF READMISSION AND FREQUENT ED USE
  - 1 READMISSION AT DAY 36 – 97.2% SUCCESS RATE
  - 1 READMISSION AT DAY 45
- HIGH UTILIZATION ER
  - 78% PATIENTS DID NOT HAVE A RETURN VISIT TO THE ER WITHIN 30 AFTER THEIR HOME VISIT.

# CP VISITS 2013-2017 (JAN-SEP)




## Most patients agree that it is helpful to meet with a community paramedic. (n = 50)





# EXPANSION OPPORTUNITIES

- CARDIOLOGY PATIENTS
  - EXPANDING CARE MANAGEMENT
  - DIABETES PATIENTS
  - AFTER VISIT – DECREASING LOS
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# RECOMMENDATIONS

- WHAT IS YOUR BUSINESS PLAN? CREATE THE DOCUMENT!
  - DO YOUR GAP ANALYSIS
  - WHERE CAN YOU HAVE IMPACT
  - WHO ARE THE STAKEHOLDERS
  - GET THEM ONBOARD EARLY
- WHAT ADDITIONAL TRAINING DO YOUR PARAMEDICS NEED?
- METRICS/DATA
  - HOW WILL YOU MEASURE SUCCESS?

# GOOD LUCK IN DEVELOPING YOUR PROGRAMS!



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