<u>Accelerating Health Equity And</u> Eliminating Diabetes Disparities in Community Health Centers (AHEAD)

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Chicago Center for Diabetes Translation Research

- Chicago CCDTR is a collaboration between University of Chicago and Northwestern University
- Cores support diabetes translation research:
 - Administrative core
 - Pilot and feasibility core
 - Enrichment core
 - Research design, data & analytics core
 - Community engagement & health equity core
 - AHEAD national core

Community Health Center Partners in AHEAD



AllianceChicago (Alliance)

- 70 CHCs in 19 states
- serving ~3 million patients

Health Choice Network (HCN)

- 44 CHCs in 16 states
- Serving ~2.6 million patients

Midwest Clinicians Network (MWCN)

• 150 CHCs in 10 states

Clinical Directors Network (CDN)

>600 CHCs nationally – Dissemination Partner

National Reach of AHEAD



AHEAD Aim 1

- To provide access to an existing national data repository of CHC patients that will accelerate collaborative, large-scale diabetes translation research
- Current data repository includes:
 - 1,081,492 patients aged ≥9 years old in AllianceChicago network
 - 2,920 diagnosis codes
 - 131 unique laboratory studies
 - 12,601 unique medications



AHEAD Aim 2

- To offer academic investigators and CHC clinicians consultative services that support research partnerships and accelerate novel diabetes translation research
 - Identifying research partners
 - Developing/refining research questions
 - Conducting "prep for research" analyses
 - Navigating study implementation
 - Disseminating products locally

AHEAD Aim 3

- To disseminate products of successful diabetes translation research to an existing national network of relevant stakeholders
 - Webinars hosted by Clinical Directors Network (CDN) partnership
 - Dissemination activities offered by CHC partners
 - Dissemination activities offered by CCDTR

Overview of AHEAD



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- Fill out our request form: <u>https://redcap.link/ccdtr</u>
- Email: <u>cdtr@uchicago.edu</u>



• Stay tuned for our new website launch

Development of social drivers of health cluster scores and correlation with diabetes and hypertension outcomes September 2022



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Overview

- 1. Study Aims
- 2. PRAPARE®/SDOH at Siouxland Community Health Center
- 3. Study Methodology and Results
- 4. Impact of the Findings
- 5. Q&A

Study Aims

- To identify clusters of social risk factors in a population that included patients with diabetes and hypertension
- To find effective methods for scoring PRAPARE®/ SDOH factors for use in correlational analyses, including risk stratification
- To assess the relationship between SDOH factors and hemoglobin A1c and blood pressure values, including diabetes and hypertension control

Importance of SDOH and Concise Screening/Scoring Tools

- SDOH impact health outcomes
- SDOH Screening Tools are useful for:
 - Individual patient care
 - Risk stratification for population health management
 - Risk adjustment for public reporting and payment

PRAPARE[®] - SDOH Screening Tool

- Protocol for Responding to & Assessing Patients' Assets, Risks & Experiences (AAPCHO, NACHC, OPCA)
- National standardized, evidence-based and stakeholderdriven. Toolkit and much more info at prapare.org
- 17 core and 4 optional questions, which covers 4 domains:
 - 1. Personal Characteristics
 - 2. Family and Home
 - 3. Money and Resources
 - 4. Social and Emotional Health



PRAPARE[®] - SDOH at Siouxland

- Siouxland Community Health Center, Sioux City, Iowa
- One of the first PRAPARE pilot sites, began implementing PRAPARE in 2015.



PRAPARE[®] - SDOH Workflow at Siouxland



Siouxland Interventions to Address Food Insecurity for Diabetic Patients

Voices for Food/Grow an Extra Row

Partner with state extension office program to provide fresh produce donated by community gardeners to patients in need at health center

Demonstration Garden Boxes at Health Center

Healthy Cooking Classes

Partner with YMCA to provide cooking class at local grocery store

Grocery Store Tours

Partner with local grocery store to provides dietician-led tour of grocery store

Increased staff knowledge of community food pantries, soup kitchens, and other resources

Study Population

- 11,773 adults, aged 18-75
- Visited Siouxland Community Health Center between 1/1/2016 to 6/30/2018 and responded to the PRAPARE survey
- Blood pressure and hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) records
 - 716 had diabetes only
 - 2,388 had hypertension only
 - 1,477 had both
 - 7,192 had neither disease

Structure of PRAPARE SDOH Factors by Factor Analysis



Results via Logistic Regression

Factor	UNCTL DM	UNCTL HTN	Combined UNCTL	
	Odds Ratio			
Gender	0.88	0.90	0.87	
Age	0.97	1.00	0.99	
BMI	0.99	1.00	1.01	
C1: Social Background Score	1.12	1.00	1.06	
C2: Social Insecurities Score	1.18	1.16	1.17	
C3: Insurance/Employment Score	1.24	1.09	1.17	
C4: Federal Poverty Level	0.69	1.31	1.02	
C5: Housing Status	0.77	1.19	1.04	
C6: Social Isolation	0.85	1.13	1.07	

Conclusions

- Social risks are associated with diabetes and hypertension
- Importance of screening for social risk and in understanding SDOH in patients with chronic conditions
- Association between the number of social risks with worse disease outcomes broad, comprehensive screening
- Across all models, patients scoring higher in "Social Insecurities," worse disease outcomes closer follow up on this cluster in disease monitoring
- Implications for clinical interventions: risk stratification, predicting high risk, high cost patients and risk adjustment

Challenges and Opportunities for FQHC Diabetes Research

Challenges:

- •Competing priorities
- •Limited financial resources
- Lack of research/data analytic expertise/training

Advantages:

FQHC quality improvement experiences and infrastructure
Research can help reduce disparities and health inequities
Collaborative partners/academia recognize the value of
FQHCs and the population we serve

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Diabetes Screening in Community Health Centers: *A journey spanning research, policy, and practice*

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Innovating for better health

Overview

- Diabetes screening study analyzing secondary data from community health centers (CHCs)
- Translation of evidence into new diabetes screening policy
- Diabetes risk modeling study using the same CHC data
- Future directions in research, policy, practice



USPSTF Diabetes Screening Recommendation

<u>Released December 2015:</u> "The USPSTF recommends screening for abnormal blood glucose as part of cardiovascular risk assessment in adults aged 40 to 70 years who are overweight or obese."

What are the implications for racial and ethnic minority groups, who:

- Develop diabetes at younger ages than White adults¹
- Experience higher diabetes risk than White adults at normal weight^{2,3}

- 1 Wang, et al. *JAMA Intern Med* 2021;181:1537-9
- 2 Hsu, et al. *Diabetes Care* 2015;38(1):150-8
- 3 Gujral, et al. Ann Intern Med 2017;166:628-36



Performance of 2015 USPSTF Diabetes Screening Criteria in Community Health Centers

<u>Aim/objective:</u> among adult community health center patients without prediabetes or diabetes at baseline:

• Estimate the clinical performance of the USPSTF screening criteria to detect incident prediabetes and diabetes cases during 3-years of follow-up



Methods

- <u>Study design</u>: Retrospective cohort study of clinical data (2008-2013) with an index patient visit in 2008-2010 and up to 3 years of follow-up
- **Data source:** Electronic health records
- <u>Setting:</u> 6 large safety-net community health centers in the Midwest and Southwest
- <u>Participants</u>: 50,515 adult patients without prediabetes or diabetes at baseline, followed for up to 3 years





Number of incident dysglycemia cases



Translation of findings to policy (2018->2021)

- Outreach from Diabetes Advocacy Alliance
- Letter from Diabetes Advocacy Alliance to HHS Secretary Burwell
- Invited presentation at Congressional Black Caucus
- USPSTF announced re-review of diabetes screening criteria with focus on health equity
- USPSTF literature review and public comment on draft criteria



New diabetes screening recommendation: August 31, 2021

JAMA | US Preventive Services Task Force | RECOMMENDATION STATEMENT

Screening for Prediabetes and Type 2 Diabetes US Preventive Services Task Force Recommendation Statement

US Preventive Services Task Force

Implications for health equity:

- Lowers screening age from 40 to 35 years old (+ overweight/obesity)
- Mentions that clinicians should consider screening earlier in members of high-risk groups (including racial/ethnic minorities)
- Explicitly acknowledges Asian-specific BMI cutoffs



Future directions in research

Implementation study of the 2021 screening recommendation:

- Multi-component, multi-level intervention aimed to improve screening rates using:
 - <u>Provider-facing components</u>: clinical decision support, audit and feedback reports
 - <u>Patient-facing components:</u> education materials, text messages
- R01 proposal is currently under review at NIH
- Seeking community health center partners who want to participate



Diabetes Screening: Traditional vs. Al Approach



______ BMI ≥ 25

BMI

Data Science For Social Good

- Summer Fellowship – THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO **Opportunity: A Personalized risk score tool for clinicians** Proactive interventions for CHC patients at risk of developing diabetes





Future directions in research

Develop interventions that leverage this risk model for improving primary care in community health centers

- Provider-facing clinical decision support displaying patients' risk of developing diabetes, which will inform their clinical care
- Patient-facing educational materials informing patients of their risk of developing diabetes and encouraging healthy lifestyle changes to prevent diabetes



THANK YOU!

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Conducting Research with Community Health Centers

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Community-Based Participatory Research Partnership

- University of Chicago/Midwest Clinicians' Network
 - Diabetes translation research since 1997
 - MWCN Research Committee
 - Collaborations
 - Needs assessments
 - Partner identification
 - Projects: Diabetes Standards of Care, Health Disparities Collaborative, Health Center Diabetes Pilots, Hypertension/Lipids, Health Literacy, Diabetes and Depression, Combating Obesity, Group Visits, Virtual Group Visits (Chicago)

Midwest Clinicians' Network

- The network includes 150 health centers and 10 Primary Care Associations in a 10 state region
- Focus on networking, education and resources for FQHCs
- High utilization of listserv by members for best practices
- Patient experience and employee satisfaction surveys
- Research since late 1990's

The Midwest Clinicians' Network, Inc.'s mission is to enhance professional and personal growth for clinicians to become effective leaders for their health centers and promoters of quality, community-based primary health care.

Engagement Methods

- Board of Directors
- Primary Care Associations
- Listserv outreach
 - Survey specific topics for informational purposes
 - Feedback on topic interest
 - Recruit letters of support
 - Notify of opportunities
 - Share results
- Webinar
- Newsletter

Outcomes/Dissemination

- Publications
- Poster presentations (NACHC, ADA, SGIM, etc.)
- Dissemination to members
 - Webinar presentations
 - Newsletter
- Facilitate health centers participants sharing
 - Provide resources to leadership/board/staff
 - Funding for travel to state/national meetings

MWCN & UChicago Diabetes Group Visits

Interest/Concept Development

- MWCN BOD expressed interest in shared medical appointments for patients with diabetes.
- MWCN Research Committee worked with U Chicago.

Site visit study (2013-2014)

• Interviewed health center staff at 5 HCs in the Midwest to collect information on their experience running diabetes group visits.

Pilot study (2015-16)

- Trained 6 HCs in 5 states to conduct diabetes group visits.
- Included text messaging at 1 health center.

Diabetes MESSAGES study (2017-22)

- Train 14 HC teams in Midwestern states to conduct diabetes group visit & text messaging program.
- Cluster randomized controlled design.

Pilot Study Overview

- Design:
 - Trained 26 staff at 6 community health centers in 5 Midwestern states to implement group visits (3 urban, 3 rural)
 - Health centers recruited 8-10 patients with uncontrolled diabetes (HbA1c > 8%)
 - Implemented 6 monthly diabetes group visits
- Results
 - 51 patients enrolled, 61% attended ≥ 4 visits
 - Improvement in A1c for GV patients
 - High provider and staff satisfaction





Office of Minority Health (OMH) Partnerships to Achieve Health Equity

- Focus on improving access to care & health outcomes among disadvantaged populations through development of innovative models for managing chronic conditions
- UChicago: One of 6 grantees across country
- Cluster randomized trial & evaluate diabetes GVs and text messaging in Midwest HCs

UChicago Medicine receives \$1.8 million grant to improve diabetes care in underserved communities

Posted on August 1, 2017 by Matt Wood in News and Events



Arshiya Balg, MD (standing), during diabetes group visit training for staff at health centers in the MidWest Clinicians' Network

Researchers from the University of Chicago Medicine have received a five-year, \$1.8 million grant, from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health (OMH) to develop a program that could help improve diabetes care for low-income racial and ethnic minority patients.



Diabetes MESSAGES

Design

- Cluster randomized study with waitlist control
- HCs had to form a team of 3-4 HC staff including one clinician (MD, NP, or PA)
- 7 intervention and 7 waitlist control teams

Results

- Both group had improvement in A1c from baseline to 12 months
- Attending 4-6 group visits was associated with significant reduction in A1C compared to no visits 6 months and 18 months
- Patient improvement in social support and satisfaction with diabetes care
- Patient with emotional health problem more likely to see a mental health specialist and prescribed a medication in intervention group
- GV patients were more likely to have improved processes of care and more engagement with diabetes education post-intervention.









Adjusted mean A1c over time for patients with baseline A1c >= 9%



Virtual Group Visit Pilot

- Study Design
 - Conducted virtual GVs with pre and post data of 2020 cohort wait list arm
 - 6 sites
 - 49 patients enrolled
 - Results
 - Trend for improvement in A1c in cohort from pre to post testing baseline to 12 months
 - For patients with A1C≥9% at baseline (N=31), there was a significant decrease in A1C from 10.70±1.65% at baseline to 9.36 ± 2.07% at 6 months (p=0.03).
 - Diabetes support and diabetes distress improved

Virtual Diabetes Group Visits Across Health Systems (VIDA)



Main Objective:

Assess changes in clinical outcomes among adults with T2DM and CVD comorbidities in virtual diabetes group visits versus usual care.

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Diabetes Group Visit Toolkit



Welcome to our Diabetes Group Visit Toolkit!

We created this toolkit based on 8 years of research with community health centers across the Midwest. Our goal is to share everything we learned with health care professionals who are interested in implementing group visits for their patients with diabetes. In this toolkit, you will find information and resources to guide you step-bystep through the process of designing and conducting your group visit program. Please watch this one minute video of Dr. Arshiya Baig introducing the toolkit and the work that



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Preventing "Tipping Points" in High Comorbidity Patients: A Lifeline from Health Coaches

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Presentation Overview

This presentation will discuss:

- Community-Academic Partnerships and Networks of Networks
- Design of a Cluster-Randomized Pragmatic Multi-level Intervention Trial
- Intervention Targeted at Patients with High Comorbidity

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CDN N² – PBRN: Building a Network of Safety Net PBRNs



CDN is a Practice-Based Research Network (PBRN) that works with Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and other primary health care safety-net practices



VISITS

Total # Grantees

Total # Patients

N²-PBRN Scale-up Model

CDN N²-PBRN has built a scalable research infrastructure to serve the needs of clinicians who practice in the health care safety-net

By building on existing infrastructure, creating new relationships providing external practice facilitators (online, remote) and dissemination channels





- A centrally-hosted electronic health record solution for Community Health Centers
- >2.6 Million: Unique, Active, Patients in Enterprise Data Warehouse (24% 18 and under)
- Access to tools and services through subscription for other health centers who have alternative arrangements for hosting their EHR.
- Quality Improvement, Strategic Planning, Research

Our Mission

To improve personal, community and public health through innovative collaboration.

AllianceChicago's efforts are focused in three core areas:

Health Care Collaboration

Providing exemplary, innovative health services that unite health care providers and consumers to optimize effectiveness, efficiency, experience and outcomes

Health Information Technology

Leading the way in improving health and health care delivery through the thoughtful use of leading edge health information technology (HIT) in the safety net

Health Research & Education

Providing essential guidance that informs policy, health care delivery design and clinical services to improve health, increase relevance and accessibility of health care, and eliminate disparities



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Tipping Points – Organizations/Partners



Data Sources and Partnerships

	N ²	N ² -PBRNs FQHCs		HCs	CDRNs		HIEs & HIT Companies		
	CDN	Alliance Chicago	NYU and CHN	Erie and Friend	Insight	Capricorn	Healthix, Bronx RHIO	Azara & Relevant	Bamboo Health
EHR			EPIC & eCW	EPIC & Athena					
Determination of Eligibility									
Co-morbid diagnoses		Х	Х	Х				X	
Confirm CCI <u>></u> 4	Х	Х	Х	Х				X	
<u>Recruitment</u>									
Contact information - phone, email, mail, text	x	x	х	x					
Intervention Delivery									
Communication with primary care team via EMR	x	х	x	x			х		х
Goal setting	Х	Х							
Participant Retention									
Contact information - phone, email, mail, text	x	х	х	x					
Outcome Ascertainment									
Hospital admissions			Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х
ED visits			Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х

Tipping Points – Practice Settings

- Predominantly low-income, black and Latino/a adult patients with multiple chronic diseases defined by Charlson Comorbidity Index of <u>></u>4
- Trained Health Coaches conduct recruitment, assessment and intervention at 4 Federally Qualified Health Center networks

	NYC		Chicago
•	Family Health Centers at NYU Langone	•	Erie Family Health Center
•	Community Healthcare Network	•	Friend Family Health Center

CHRONIC DISEASES IN AMERICA





THE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH AND DISABILITY and Leading Drivers of the Nation's \$3.8 Trillion in Annual Health Care Costs

*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



"EVERYBODY NEEDS A COACH. EVERYONE."

-Dr. Atul Gawande

Chronic Disease Management including Diabetes Care is optimized by a team-based approach ٠

4 IN 10

Adults in the US

have two or more

- Health Coaches can expand the reach and capacity of the Primary Care team
- Tipping Points engages Clinical Champions, Health Center Operations, and Patients
- A Patient and Clinician Advisory Board promotes continuous communication between the ٠ Research Teams and practice-level factors

Implementation of Research in Real-World Settings

- Health Coach Training
- Health Coach Orientation and Integration with Clinical Champions and Care Teams
- Tailored strategies for integration within each clinical environment
 - Warm Hand Offs
 - Integration with Team Huddles
 - Remote Recruitment and Patient Touchpoints
 - Supporting patient with community resources to address needs
 - Closing communication loops with the Primary care teams





Tipping Points Intervention

Experimental Arm Includes:

- Setting life goals and self-management goals with Health Coaches to engage patients
- **Coaching toward self-management** goals shared with patient's primary care clinician and Health Coach to work with patient to develop an action plan for when they should contact their clinician
- Emotional and tangible support for life stresses Patients in the PCMH+ coaching intervention can contact the Health Coach if they need help because of new life events, psychosocial challenges, new diagnoses or deterioration in their current social or clinical status. The Health Coach encourages patients to mobilize family and friends to provide support.

Tipping Points Intervention

Control Group (PCMH only):

Patients receive their usual care at their health center per Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) guidelines

Experimental Group (PCMH + HC):

Patients receive their usual care at their health center per Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) guidelines **plus Health Coaching**



Tipping Points PCMH vs. PCMH + Health Coaching

Needs Identified by Patients	PCMH Intervention <u>alone</u> (Control)	PCMH <u>plus</u> Health Coach (Experimental)	Domains of Health Education Impact Questionnaire ¹⁹⁵	
Engagement in self-	Patient-centered care that	Same as PCMH	Positive and active engagement	
management	supports patients in learning		in life	
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Effectively communicating	Comprehensive accessible	Same as PCMH	Skills and technique acquisition	
with physicians	care that meet each patient's			
	needs			
Navigating the health care	Coordinated care across all	Same as PCMH	Health services navigation	
system	elements of the health care			
	system			
Providing emotional support		Empathic listening	Emotional Well-being	
Assistance with handling life		Mobilizing social support and	Constructive	
stresses		Connecting with relevant	attitude/approaches; Social	
		community support services	integration and support	

Baseline Demographics in Chicago & NYC

		CHICAGO	NYC	TOTAL
		N (%)	N (%)	Ν
		587 (50%)	583 (50%)	1170
Age	Mean age	56.5 (±10.8)	61.9 (±11.0)	59.2 (±11.2)
Gender	Female	409 (70%)	443 (76%)	852 (73%)
Race	Black	270 (48%)	273 (49%)	543 (46%)
	White	121 <mark>(22%)</mark>	48 <mark>(9%)</mark>	169 (14%)
	Asian/Indian/Alaskan/			
	Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	29 (5%)	12 (2%)	41 (4%)
	Other	142 (25%)	225 (40%)	367 (31%)
Hispanic/Latino	Yes	240 (58%)	236 (58%)	476 (41%)
CCI	4	142 <mark>(24%)</mark>	205 <mark>(35%)</mark>	347 (30%)
	5	142 (24%)	153 (26%)	295 (25%)
	6 - 7	171 (29%)	168 (29%)	339 (29%)
	8+	132 (22%)	57 (10%)	189 (16%)

		DIABETES	NO DIABETES	TOTAL
		N (%)	N (%)	N
		801 (74.4%)	276 (25.6%)	1077
Age	Mean age	59.3 (<u>+</u> 10.3)	57.7 (<u>+</u> 12.8)	59.1 (<u>+</u> 11.1)
Gender	Female	582 (73%)	206 (75%)	788 (73%)
Race	Black	365 <mark>(46%)</mark>	158 <mark>(57%)</mark>	523 (49%)
	White	114 (14%)	48 (17%)	162 (15%)
	Asian/Indian/Alaskan/			
	Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	27 (3%)	14(5%)	41 (4%)
	Other	295 (37%)	56 (20%)	351 (33%)
Hispanic/Latino	Yes	366 <mark>(46%)</mark>	75 (27%)	441 (41%)
CCI	4	224 (28%)	95 (34%)	319 (30%)
	5	195 (24%)	76 (28%)	271 (25%)
	6 – 7	242 (30%)	69 (25%)	311 (29%)
	8+	140 (17%)	36 (13%)	176 (16%)
Hypertension	Yes	692 <mark>(86%)</mark>	193 (70%)	885 (82%)

Comparison of Participants with and without Diabetes at Baseline

Conclusions

- PBRNs can collaborate with CDRNs to conduct multi-site, multi-state pragmatic clinical trials which include patient-reported outcomes when using a "network of networks" model
- Diabetes (often accompanied by hypertension) is a high prevalence condition among patients with multiple co-morbidities
- Goal-setting and support that extend the reach of the primary care team are key features of Tipping Points
- Destabilizing events, such as Emergency Department visits and Unplanned Hospitalizations, are outcomes that can be ascertained electronically, and that matter for a range of stakeholders, including :
 - Patients
 - Caregivers
 - Clinicians & FQHC staff
 - Health systems
 - Total Cost of Care

Q&A Session

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