

Developing an effective writing collaborative to share learnings from primary care redesign

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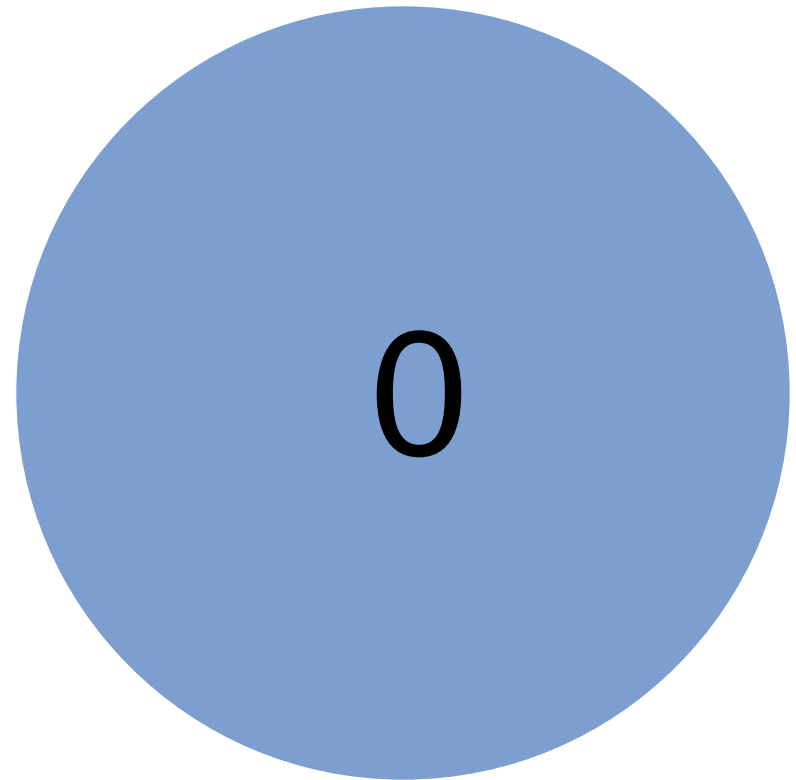
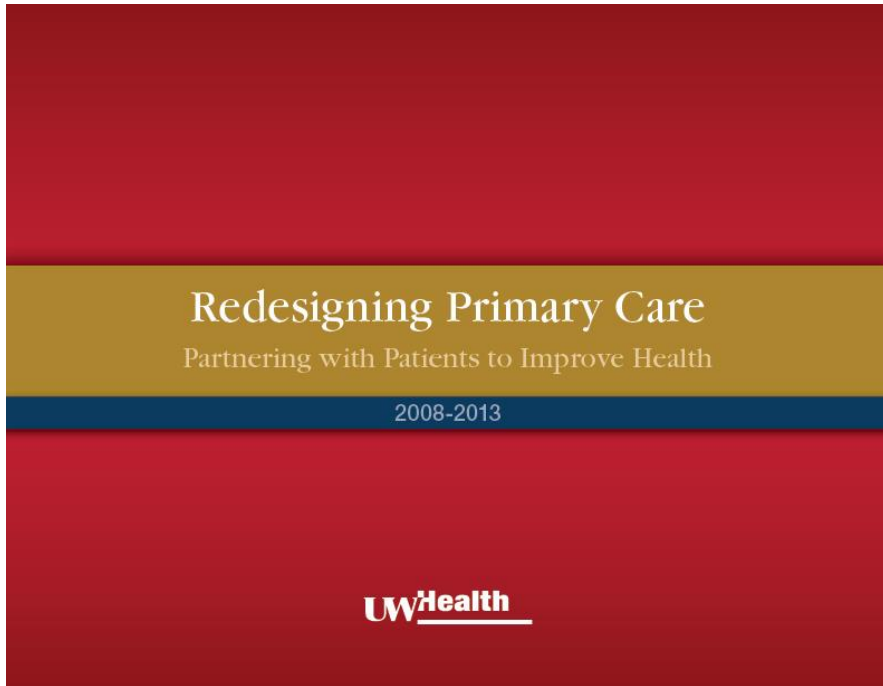
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Introduction

- Primary care redesign was embedded into UW Health strategic initiative
- But gaps were evident between...
 - Clinical success and regional/national recognition
 - Primary care researchers and leaders redesigning care
 - Scholarly writing and clinical leaders' skill sets

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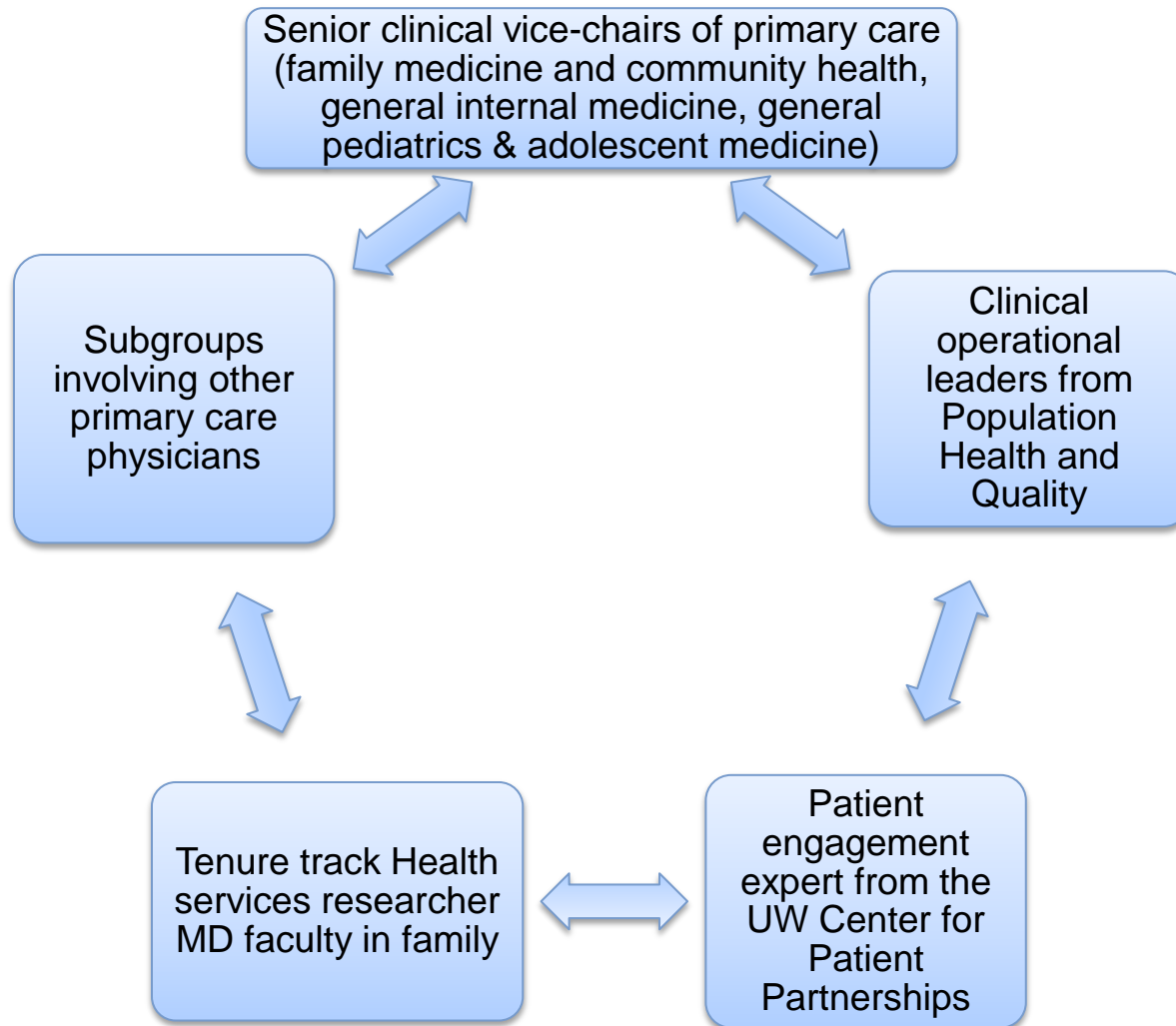




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Our mission is to bridge primary care clinical transformation and rigorous scientific study in order to improve our health system for the benefit of patients and communities. We will disseminate learnings locally and nationally, emphasizing scholarly contributions, in order to enable effective implementation.

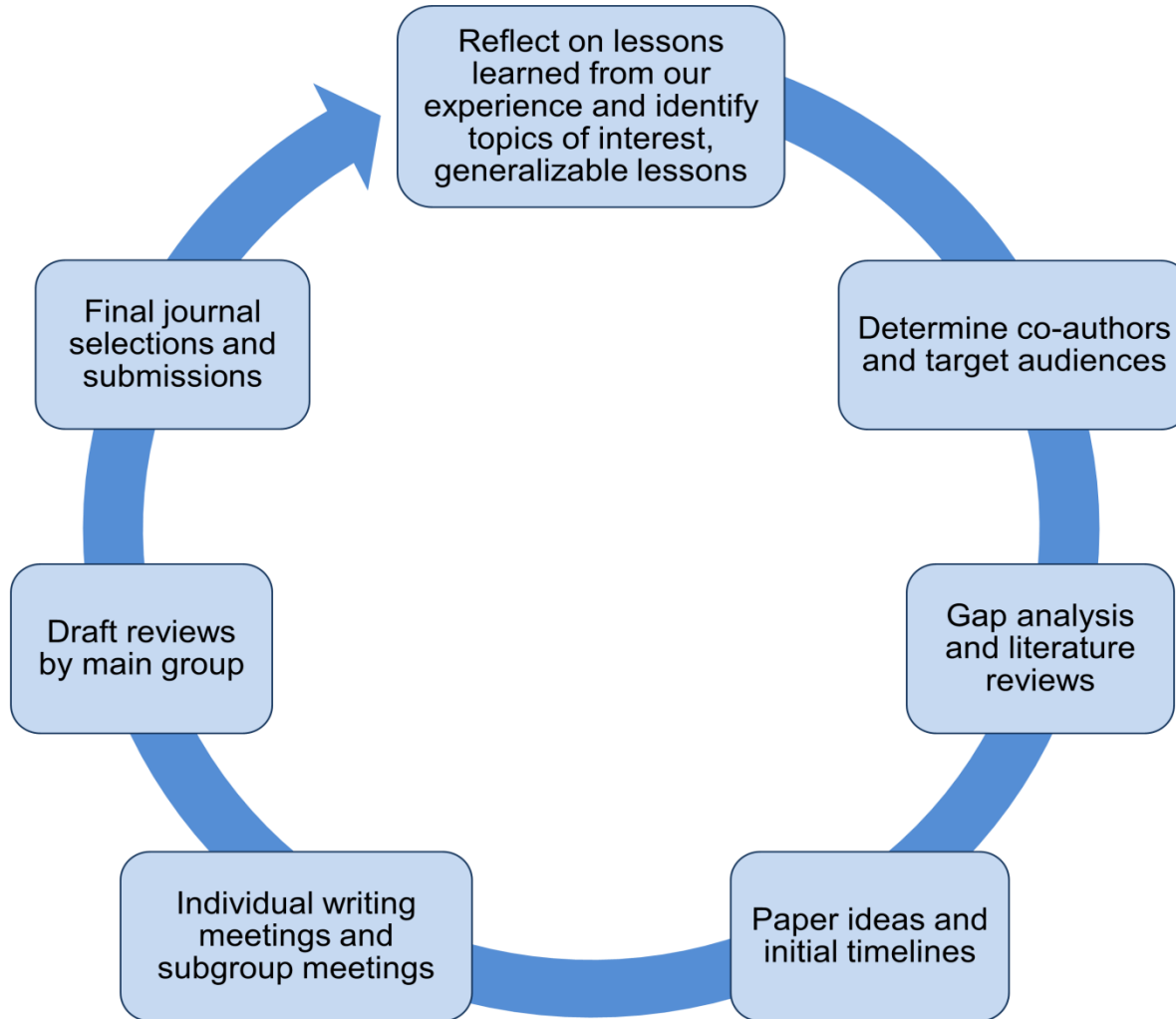
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PATH Goals

- Bridge the cultural divide between research and clinical practice
- Provide opportunities for individuals to develop skills in scholarly writing
- Serve as primary care practice transformation thought leaders for UW Health
- Communicate learnings and accomplishments of UW Health primary care practice transformation work to both internal and external audiences

Writing Process



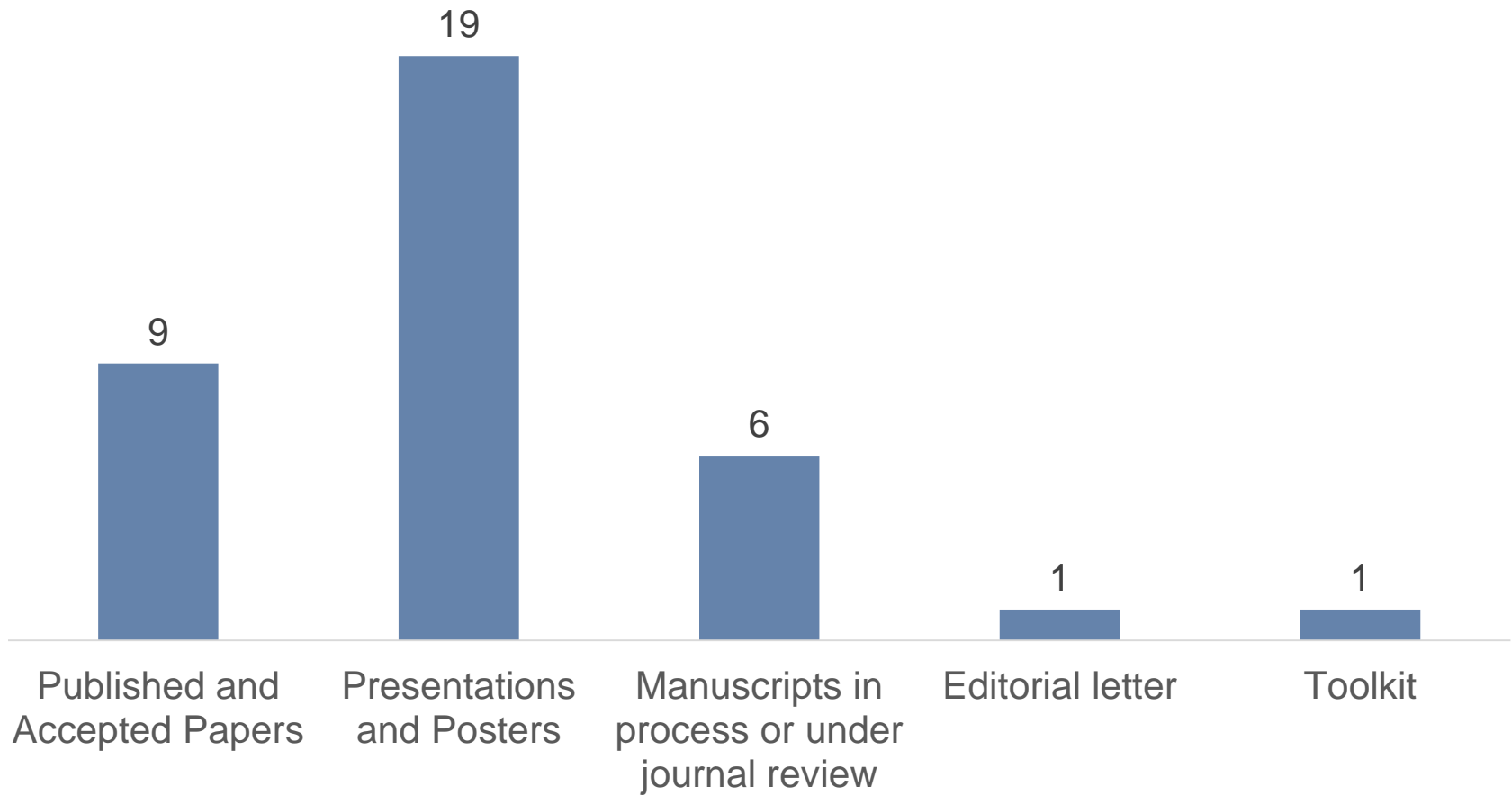
Key Resources and Infrastructure

- Protected time for co-directors
- Staff support
 - Administrative staff
 - Research Assistant
 - Intranet
 - Biostatistical support

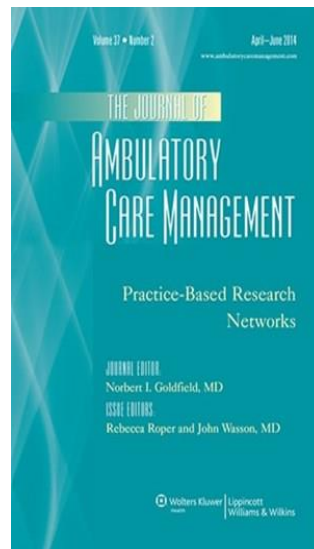
Key PATH Agreements

- Attendance at PATH meetings is required
- Collaborative decision making
- Collaborative authorship agreement ensures contribution from all named authors
- Mindful strategy to include stakeholders in primary care redesign
- Periodic evaluation of PATH activities

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Lessons learned

- Multidisciplinary mindset
- Time commitment from all parties
- Starting with leaders open to a culture shift that allows operational improvement to occur with goals of measurement and scholarship
- Non-punitive writing encouragement

Conclusions

- Linking scholarly contribution with operational improvement is possible if the necessary resources (including time and skills) are committed
- This collaboration is mutually beneficial for clinician leaders and clinician researchers

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