WREN Research Agenda Development & Implementation
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Developing a Road Map for Optimum Patient-Partnered Chronic Condition Management

The primary purpose of the proposal was to set a prospective research agenda for WREN.

Long-term objectives:
- Establish a working group to complete the research agenda
- Develop sound future research proposals in keeping with the vision set forth in the research agenda
- Successfully fund and implement research proposals to address the research agenda
Convocation: October 14-16, 2015

- World Café with ~120 participants
- 84 questions derived
- 4 primary themes:
  - What is the most effective healthcare team to help empower patients to make sound health decisions and manage chronic conditions?
  - Can having patients set and articulate their life health goals change health outcomes?
  - What preventive measures could be enhanced to prevent chronic diseases? How can we best enable people to fully apply these to live their best lives?
  - Chronic Disease Causes, Treatment & Cures
**Key Topics & Voting Results**

- Understanding what patient-centric questions matter

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- Led to de-emphasis of issues around team structure
Question Development

- All members asked to contribute brief written summaries
  - Brief background/rationale
  - Potential Specific Aims
  - Potential approaches
- Discussion and refinement
  - Three prioritized questions
  - One “BHAG”, likely harder to fund
- Presentation to WREN Steering Committee
Question Development

• Important feedback led to preamble:

All questions are designed to be implemented in ways that make them maximally generalizable to the broadest possible populations, including **vulnerable populations**, defined as groups of people who are disadvantaged in some way. Typically, these populations **have less power** than the majority of their peers and **fewer resources to dedicate to their health**. We are committed to ensuring our research questions and the approaches we take are **inclusive**.
Question 1: SMART Goals

Does systematic implementation of recording, monitoring, and revising patient-identified SMART goals into the EHR improve outcomes for patients with newly-diagnosed pre-diabetes or Type 2 diabetes?

S  M  A  R  T

Specific  Measurable  Attainable  Relevant  Time Based
Question 1: SMART Goals

Initial Aims:

1) Assess the current level of SMART goal documentation, progress, and care team members’ approach.

2) Perform a quality improvement (QI) project in two clinics.
Question 1: Progress

- Working with Marshfield Clinic faculty with diabetes expertise to explore opportunities for grant applications.
- Identifying other systems with interest in QI projects. (How about yours??)

**SMART**

- **Specific**
- **Measurable**
- **Attainable**
- **Relevant**
- **Time Based**
Question 2: Patient-Important Outcomes

Can the PROMIS global health instrument be used across any chronic condition to guide clinicians in understanding and treating their patients better?

http://www.healthmeasures.net/explore-measurement-systems/promis
Question 2: Patient-Important Outcomes

Initial Aims:

1) Identify how the PROMIS global health instrument can affect patient care, and how to use it in standard practice.

2) Evaluate the effect of instrument integration on care provision, and reaction to instrument use.
Working to find a Principal Investigator (PI) willing and able to collaborate to develop this question further.

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Question 3: Meaningful Metrics

Does measurement and public reporting of PROM-generated quality results improve care and outcomes for patients with depression? If so, how, and to what degree?
Question 3: Meaningful Metrics

Initial Aims:

1) Assess changes in clinic team practices, resources, and strategies for depression treatment.

2) Assess patient experiences and outcomes with depression care.

3) Assess metric performance over time, and its relationship to clinical care changes and patient perceptions of care.
Question 3: Progress

Working on two potential angles to address this question: patient-centered outcome-oriented, and healthcare and reporting system-oriented.

Expecting proposals to be submitted fall 2017/winter 2018
Question 4: Health Goal Finder (BHAG)

Can the use of a tool such as the *Health Goal Finder* improve patients’ ability to develop meaningful life health goals? Does the use of the tool make setting & accomplishing smaller, SMART goals more feasible? Will use of the tool increase patient engagement & self-management skills to achieve SMART goals more effectively?
Please choose one option in response to each statement. All of the questions reflect statements that many people would find desirable, but we want you to answer only in terms of whether the statement describes what you are like. Please be honest and accurate! We cannot rank your strengths until you answer all of the 120 questions.

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**Question 4: Health Goal Finder (BHAG)**

**Your Character Strengths Profile**

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*Your personal profile is based on the scientifically validated VIA Survey and shows the rank order of your strengths according to the VIA Classification, created by renowned psychologists Dr. Martin Seligman and the late Dr. Christopher Peterson and used by hundreds of researchers to advance the science of positive psychology.*

*Photo: Christopher Michel, https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=45912924*
Question 4: Health Goal Finder (BHAG)

**Initial aims:**
1) Develop a prototype *Health Goal Finder* online assessment system.
2) Test for feasibility and acceptability, and further refine the tool.

**Subsequent aims:**
1) Perform a controlled trial to evaluate the utility of the *Health Goal Finder*.
2) Identify whether the *Health Goal Finder* has the potential to improve long-term health outcomes.
Question 4: Progress

Not currently engaged in conversations to move this forward (competing demands)
Next Steps

- Continuing to identify collaborators (let us know if you’re interested in working with us!)
- Subsequent proposals
- This conference!

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Questions?

Comments?

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