

Advance Care Planning (ACP) for Adults with Serious Illness: Comparison of Two Models for Primary Care

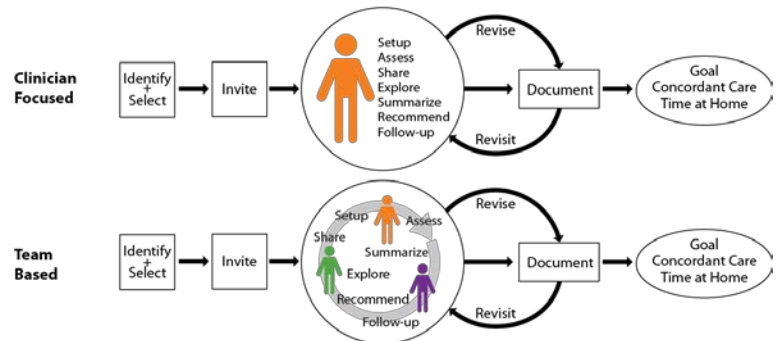


WREN invites your practice to participate in a study comparing two approaches to Advance Care Planning (ACP) with patients who have serious illnesses and limited life expectancy. WREN is one of seven PBRNs in Colorado, Iowa, Oregon, North Carolina, Wisconsin, Ontario, and Quebec collaborating on this project. This project is funded through a Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute award (PLC-1609-36277).

What is the goal?

To compare two models of the Serious Illness Care Program (SICP) in primary care: clinician-focused SICP and team-based SICP. In the clinician-focused model, a patient's primary care clinician is responsible for initiating and continuing conversations with patients and families about serious illness care planning, while in the team-based model, tasks are purposefully shared by a care team.

Serious Illness Care Program



Why is this important?

Discussion and planning for serious illness care can help patients identify what is most important to them and assure they receive care that best matches their goals and values, such as spending more time at home or not being in pain.

Is my practice eligible and what will I be asked to do?

Eligible practices are those with interest in ACP but without a current standard program, having a team to participate in conversations (e.g., RN, social worker, community health worker), and having the patient population. Solo practices are excluded. Practices with IRBs must rely on a central IRB. You will be asked to do the following:

- Be randomly assigned to one of the two SICP models
- Implement the SICP model, including participating in training, establishing workflows, documenting conversations, billing, and following up with patients.
 - Training time = 3-5 hours for project start-up and online modules (*CME or CPD credits*)
- Conduct ACP with appropriate patients/families in the practice and document in the medical record
- Refer eligible patients/families to the WREN study coordinator to consent and participate in the research study. In total, we expect around 40 patients/families to be enrolled from your practice over 18 months.
- Facilitate medical record review by WREN research staff of consenting patients
- Allow staff to complete surveys three times (at project start, 1 and 2 years after training) and be observed

Which patients and families should engage in ACP?

Eligible patients are adults (at least over 18) with a life-limiting condition, such as CHF, COPD, cancer, CVA and others. We will provide methods to identify patients. Patients must speak English, Spanish or French. Eligible research patients must be community-dwelling (not nursing home) and **not** already enrolled in hospice.

How will you be compensated?

Practice: Up to ~ \$22K over 3 years based on patient/family recruitment
Patients/Families: Up to \$30 for completing surveys at 6 and 12 months

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