Contribute to Better Decisions Together

The Patient-Centered Clinical Decision Support (PCCDS) Learning Network, an RTI International-hosted project, recently launched an ongoing special section on PCCDS within eGEMs, an open access peer-reviewed online journal from AcademyHealth.

Better Decisions Together is seeking submissions to disseminate new methods and strategies that advance the science of PCCDS— from comparative effectiveness research, patient-centered outcomes research, and quality improvement studies— using electronic health data and evidence.

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**About the Patient-Centered Clinical Decision Support Learning Network**

The PCCDS Learning Network is an Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality-supported effort that brings together diverse stakeholders to promote a sustainable community around developing, disseminating, and applying evidence-enabled, patient-centered clinical decision support.

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**About eGEMs**

eGEMs is AcademyHealth's peer-reviewed, open access journal created to accelerate research and quality improvement using electronic health data. Launched in 2013 by AcademyHealth's Electronic Data Methods (EDM) Forum, eGEMs has published more than 200 papers featuring cutting-edge work from leaders in the field and is a premier journal for approaches to redesigning the health system.

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Delivering Patient Data to Patients Themselves

By Jessica S. Ancker, MPH, PhD

Physicians need nearly a decade of training to understand complex patient data such as laboratory tests and genomic data. How can these data possibly be delivered to patients in ways that they can understand and use?

The beginnings of an answer can be found in the first new articles in Better Decisions Together, eGEMs’s recently launched special section on patient-centered clinical decision support:

- “The Imperative for Patient-Centered Clinical Decision Support” by Laura Marcial et al.,
- “Generation and Implementation of a Patient-Centered and Patient-Facing Genomic Test Report in the EHR” by Jessica Goehringer et al., and
- “Methods for Patient-Centered Interface Design of Test Result Display in Online Portals” by Daniel Nystrom et al.

The first of these papers (Marcial et al.) helps describe the context for our new Better Decisions Together section and introduces the PCCDS Learning Network—an initiative supported by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to inform and connect PCCDS stakeholders and broadly advance PCCDS initiatives and their value in making care more patient centered.

Meanwhile, the papers from Goehringer et al. and Nystrom et al. both suggest that the way forward is to engage patients integrally in conceptualizing, designing, and testing new information tools.

Read the full articles at https://egems.academyhealth.org/collections/special/better-decisions-together/

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