

# **Chronic Care**

## **Taking Disease Management Beyond Hospital Walls**



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# The Chester County Hospital

- Founded in 1892
- Independent, not-for-profit
- Licensed beds – 221
- Number of employees – 1700
- Emergency department visits – 41,244
- Cancer Center affiliated with HUP
- Pediatric and Level III NICU affiliated with CHOP
- Interventional Cardiology & Electrophysiology
- CV Surgery affiliated with The Cleveland Clinic

# Disease Management

- A systematic population based approach to identify patients at risk
- Utilizes evidence based guidelines to prevent exacerbations and complications of chronic disease
- Supports the practitioner/patient relationship and plan of care
- Measures clinical and other outcomes to improve quality of care

# Disease Management Support

- We do not take over management of patients from the PCP – we support the medical plan of care
- Collaboration with outpatient managers of care to promote consistency in treatment, educational and intervention strategies
- Act as a resource for staff and patients

# Why Heart Failure DM?

## Nationally

- Leading cause of hospitalization in persons over age 65
- Costs \$25.8 billion annually
- ALOS 6.2 days
- 20% - 50% readmission rate within 6 months
- 20% readmission patient failure to seek medical attention for worsening symptoms

## Our Experience

- 127 – our highest volume DRG
- 2005 costs - \$4,607,923  
2005 reim. - \$4,252,997  
(\$354,926)
- ALOS 6.4 days
- Comparable
- Comparable

# Heart Failure at CCH

- 467 discharges last year with a primary diagnosis of HF
- 75% of our HF patients group to DRG 127
- DRG with greatest number of excess days
- Through-put issues/bed availability
- Core measure compliance



# Our Starting Points

- Order sets
- “Choose and check” progress notes
- Discharge forms
- Discharge reminders
- Patient education material
- Medical and nursing staff education



# Getting Started Physician Buy-In



# Physician Concerns

- Patients will be confused
- Patients will stop coming for office visits
- Patients might be told something I don't want them to know
- Conflicting literature about the efficacy of DM programs



# Success with Physician Buy-In

- Physician champion(s)
- Demonstration
- Progress reports
- Section meetings
- CME conferences
- Quality Council
- Newsletters
- 1:1 “hallway conferences”
- Luncheon meetings with PCPs
- Bi-weekly HF Taskforce Meetings



# **Skepticism to Collaboration**

## **Linking with a Cardiology Practice**

- Increase patient satisfaction?
- Improve/enhance communications between inpatient and outpatient environments?
- Promote core measure documentation compliance?
- Reduce LOS when patient is admitted?
- Reduce admissions, ED visits and unscheduled office visits?
- Increase patient accountability?

# How We Make It Work

- Admission notification
- Patient education
- Assessment for enrollment in telephone monitoring
- Assessment for enrollment in research study
- Assess medical record for compliance with core measures
- Interdisciplinary collaboration

# CCH Admission Notifications

1. Soarian Workflow Alert. A patient with a **admission DX suggesting CHF** has been admitted. Patient's Name: \*\*\*\*\* has been admitted to floor TELE Bed: 331101. The patient's MRN is \*\*\*\*\* and their PT ID is 10000\*\*\*\*\*. The admitting diagnosis is ACUTE DYSPPNEA STABLE PNEUMOTHORAX, LEFT PLEURAL FUSION,S/P CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT
2. Soarian Workflow Alert. A patient with a **history of CHF** has been admitted. Patient's Name: \*\*\*\*\* has been admitted to floor ACC Bed: OACC21. The patient's MRN is \*\*\*\*\* and their PT ID is 10000\*\*\*\*\*. The admitting diagnosis is LEFT TOTAL KNEE ARTHROPLASTY. The last inpatient admission for this patient was on: Unknown

## CCH Admission Notifications

3. Soarian Workflow Alert. A patient enrolled in the outpatient CHF program has been admitted. Patient's Name: \*\*\*\*\* has been admitted to floor TELE Bed: 330702. The patient's MRN is \*\*\*\*\* and their PT ID is 10000\*\*\*\*\*. The admitting diagnosis is Unknown
4. Soarian Workflow Alert. A patient has just had a new BNP above 150. Patient's Name: \*\*\*\*\* is on floor WW2 Bed: 026102. The patient's MRN is \*\*\*\*\* and their PT ID is 10000\*\*\*\*\*. The admitting diagnosis is GROSS HEMATURIA. The reported BNP level was: 416

# Soarian DM

- Computerized data base of HF patients enrolled in telephone monitoring
- Alerts trigger outbound calls
- Allows nurse to manage high number of patients and focus outbound calls
- Early intervention is facilitated
- Promotes continuum of care



# Outcomes

- Recognition/acceptance within the organization as evidenced by medical and nursing requests for consults
- Community and regional recognition
- Increased collaboration/communication between inpatient and outpatient healthcare practitioners

# Outcomes

- Reduced hospital visits
- Bed opportunity
- Increased awareness of physician practices d/t concurrent chart review
- Improved compliance with core measure documentation
- Positive patient feedback

# Next Steps

- Hospital based HF Clinic
- Short stay inpatient unit
- Con-current coding
- Electronic notification based on EF
- Apply what we have learned to extend DM support to larger CV patient population
- Test Soarian DM 2.1

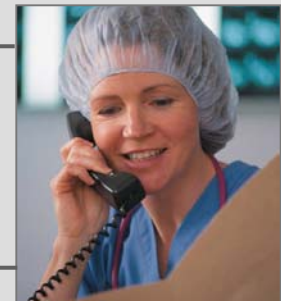
# Soarian Disease Management

- Patient self monitoring via Interactive Voice Response
- Customizable notifications/reminders
- Patient compliance tracking
- Problems and interventions checklist
- Telephonic nursing assessments



The screenshot displays the Soarian software interface for patient Marion Kimbell. It includes fields for vital signs (Wt, BP, HR, RR, SpO2, Temp, Respiration Rate, Pain, Anxiety, Fatigue, Sleep, Appetite, Bowel, Bladder, Skin, Vision, Hearing, Taste, Smell, Touch, Pain, Temperature, Moisture, Color, Texture, Shape, Size, Weight, Height, Circumference, etc.), a list of medications, and a table of tasks and interventions.

Task	Due Date	Responsible	Planned Time	Status
Importance of medication compliance	04/11/2006	Marion Kimbell	04/11	Completed
Red X, Yellow 2	04/11/2006	Marion Kimbell	04/11	Completed
Signs and symptoms of CHF and when to contact the MD/Pharmacist	04/11/2006	Marion Kimbell	04/11	Completed
ED Regular Assessment	05/05/2006	Marion Kimbell	05/05	Completed
Importance of daily weight monitoring	04/11/2006	Marion Kimbell	04/11	Completed



## Marion Kimbell

Tasks

Patients

My Tasks

Institution

Cross Coverage

Overdue

!	Due Date	Patient	Tally	!	Task	Due Date
!	05/06/2006	Stuart, Nani Cesarea NS19490902 - F - 09/02/1949	! [icon] [icon] [icon] [icon] [icon] [icon] [icon]	[icon] ✓	Msg: 'Test message' From: Kelly Acheson, RN	04/06/2006
!	05/08/2006	Furno, Micky J 547446 - F - 10/18/1932	! [icon] [icon] [icon] [icon]	[icon] ✓	Msg: 'Staff Education...' From: Marion Kimbell	04/09/2006
!	05/06/2006	Dillow, Raleigh Ada RD19470101 - M - 01/01/1947	[icon] [icon]	[icon] ✓	Msg: 'Staff Education' From: Marion Kimbell	04/09/2006
!	04/09/2006	Altham, Helene Hughie HA19510821 - F - 08/21/1951	[icon] [icon] [icon]	[icon] ✓	Msg: 'Staff Education' From: Marion Kimbell	04/09/2006
!	04/12/2006	Bavaro, Raoul M 547445 - M - 08/16/1937	[icon] [icon] [icon]	[icon] ✓	Msg: 'Staff Education' From: Marion Kimbell	04/09/2006
	05/06/2006	Lorentz, Rolland Humberto RL19470302 - M - 03/02/1947	[icon]	[icon] ✓	Msg: 'Staff education' From: Marion Kimbell	04/09/2006
	05/06/2006	McGovern, Astrid Santiago AM19510114 - F - 01/14/1951	[icon]	[icon] ✓	Msg: 'Staff education' From: Marion Kimbell	04/09/2006
	05/06/2006	Lancelot, Kaycee Mason KL19510625 - F - 06/25/1951	[icon]	[icon] ✓	Msg: 'Staff Education' From: Marion Kimbell	04/09/2006
	05/06/2006	Oman, Jori Regis JO19460130 - F - 01/30/1946	[icon]	[icon] [icon]	Finish 'Patient Regis...'	04/12/2006
	05/06/2006	Cody, Barron Elwood BC19491115 - M - 11/15/1949	[icon]			
	05/06/2006	Clements, Everett Khamsean EC19481227 - M - 12/27/1948	[icon]			
	05/06/2006	Gill, Steph Kirby SG19490106 - M - 01/06/1949	[icon]			
	05/06/2006	Valdez, Summer Liza SV19460706 - F - 07/06/1946	[icon]			
	05/06/2006	Stanton, Biddly Sheldon BS19501025 - F - 10/25/1950	[icon]			

The selected tray contains 91 tasks on 66 patients. 3 x ! 5 x ! 82 x [icon] 0 x [icon] 4 x [icon] 0 x ✓

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Manage Users

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!	04/12/2006	Bavaro, Raoul M 547445 – M – 08/16/1937	🕒 [icon] [icon]
	04/08/2006	Kraus, Isak R 100001 – M – 05/31/1937	[icon] [icon] [icon] [icon] [icon]

!	Task	Due Date ▲
✓ [icon]	Msg: 'Staff Education' From: Marion Kimbell	04/09/2006
✓ [icon]	Msg: 'Possible CHF ...' From: Workflow Engine	04/10/2006

The selected tray contains 14 tasks on 3 patients. 2 x ! 2 x ! 10 x [icon] 0 x [icon] 2 x [icon] 0 x ✓

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**Marion Kimbell****Furno, Micky J**

F - 10/18/1932 (73 yrs) MRN 547446

High Intervention

314-555-1280



Summary



Events



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**Furno, Micky J**

Expand All

Collapse All

**Date enrolled in CHF program:** 4/8/06**NYHA:** III**EF Baseline:** 36% (4/3/06)**Target dry weight:** 158Lbs (4/8/06)**Program Level:** High Intervention**ACC/AHA:** C**EF Current:** 36% (4/3/06)**Last home weight:** 158.0Lbs (4/10/06)**ACE Inhibitor:** Yes**ARB:** No**Beta Blocker:** Yes**Diuretic:** Yes**Allergies:** Yes **Intolerances:** n/a**Allergies & Intolerances Notes:** Allergy PCN**Careteam Members****Responsible Nurse:** Marion Kimbell **Phone:** 215-555-6300**Cardiac Related Diseases**

Hypertensive heart disease - Benign, with heart failure; Left Heart Failure;

**Comorbidities and Risks****Hypertension** Yes; **Diabetes** Type II; **Depression** Yes; **Dyslipidemia** Yes;**Problems and Interventions****Active Problems:** Knowledge Deficit: Signs and symptoms of CHF; Knowledge Deficit: Low Na diet restriction; Knowledge Deficit: Medications; Compliance: Medications; Compliance: Daily weight;**Pending Interventions:** Instruct Patient and/or Caregiver: Signs and Symptoms of CHF and when to contact the MD/Nurse/911; Instruct Patient and/or Caregiver: Importance of medication compliance; Instruct Patient and/or Caregiver: Importance of daily weight monitoring;

	!	Task	Due Date	Responsible	Planned Time	O	
		Importance of medication compliance	04/11/2006	Marion Kimbell	(04/11)		-
		Red: 1, Yellow: 2	04/10/2006	Marion Kimbell	-		-
		Signs and Symptoms of CHF and when to contact the MD/Nurse/911	04/11/2006	Marion Kimbell	(04/11)		
		Fill Regular Assessment	05/08/2006	Marion Kimbell	-		-
		Importance of daily weight monitoring	04/10/2006	Marion Kimbell	(04/10)		-

Edit Patient

Edit Care Team

Edit Account

Disenroll Patient

Done

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Red: 1, Yellow: 2 - Siemens Med

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YearApr  
2006

Observation Date	04/11/2006 31	04/10/2006 06:30 AM	04/09/2006 06:54 PM	04/08/2006 04:05 PM
Weight [Lbs] 147-153		158	154	154
BP Syst. [mmHg] 90-160		-	-	-
BP Diast. [mmHg] 60-96		-	-	-
HR [bpm] 60-100		84	78	74
Status Chg	---	worse	same	worse
CHF Sx	---	yes	no	no

## Previous Nursing Notes

- From: Patient Patient monitoring - Analyze observation 04/10/2006 06:30 AM  
 YELLOW: CHF Symptoms: yes
- From: Patient Patient monitoring - Analyze observation 04/10/2006 06:30 AM  
 YELLOW: Overall Status Change: worse
- From: Patient Patient monitoring - Analyze observation 04/10/2006 06:30 AM  
 RED: Weight: 158 Lbs (corridor: 145/147/153/155 Lbs)

## New Self-Monitoring Alert Note

Spoke with Mickey. Reviewed importance of medication compliance. Had Mickey take additional diuretic.

☒ Alert handled

OK

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From: Marion Kimbell Intervention - Call to Patient 04/11/2006 08:46 PM

Intervention: "Importance of medication compliance":

From: Marion Kimbell Self-monitoring alert - Call to Patient 04/11/2006 07:47 PM

Spoke with Mickey. Reviewed importance of medication compliance. Had Mickey take additional diuretic.

From: Patient Patient monitoring - Analyze observation 04/10/2006 06:30 AM

YELLOW: CHF Symptoms: yes

From: Patient Patient monitoring - Analyze observation 04/10/2006 06:30 AM

YELLOW: Overall Status Change: worse

From: Patient Patient monitoring - Analyze observation 04/10/2006 06:30 AM

RED: Weight: 158 Lbs (corridor: 145/147/153/155 Lbs)

From: Patient Patient monitoring - Analyze observation 04/09/2006 06:54 PM

YELLOW: Weight: 154 Lbs (corridor: 145/147/153/155 Lbs)

**Nursing Note**

Date 04/11/2006 31

Begin time 08:48 PM

Involved outside party -- please select --

Reason of contact -- please select --

Note

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Edit	Status	Plan	Medication	Dosage	Schedule	Start Date	End Date	Medication Note
	A	Yes	Coreg Oral Tablet 3.125 mg	3.125	one tab in ...	04/01/2006	-	Dr to titrate medication
	A	No	Lasix Oral Tablet 40 mg	40 mg	one daily	04/01/2006	-	-
	A	No	Lipitor Oral Tablet 20 mg	20 mg	one in am	04/01/2006	-	-
	A	No	Accupril Oral Tablet 5 mg	10 mg	2 tabs in am	04/01/2006	-	-

Add Medication

**Allergies and Medication Intolerances**Allergies ☐ n/a ☐ No known Allergies ☒ AllergiesMedication Intolerances ☒ n/a ☐ No known Medication Intolerances ☐ Medication Intolerances

Note Allergy PCN

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**Monitoring**CHF self-monitoring, 1 wk  
Marion Kimbell 04/08/2006CHF self-monitoring, 4 wks  
Marion Kimbell 04/08/2006**Routine**Care Team Registration  
Marion Kimbell 04/08/2006Monitoring Procedures  
Marion Kimbell 04/08/2006Assessment  
Marion Kimbell 04/08/2006Procedures and Therapy  
Marion Kimbell 04/08/2006Patient Examination  
Marion Kimbell 04/08/2006Laboratory Results  
Marion Kimbell 04/08/2006Cardiac Diagnosis  
Marion Kimbell 04/08/2006Allergies and Medication Intolerances  
Marion Kimbell 04/08/2006Assessment  
Marion Kimbell 04/08/2006**Self Monitoring**  
Marion Kimbell 04/08/2006Comorbidities and Risks  
Marion Kimbell 04/08/2006Program Information  
Marion Kimbell 04/08/2006Current Demographics  
Marion Kimbell 04/08/2006Patient Registration  
Marion Kimbell 04/08/2006Program Information  
Marion Kimbell 04/08/2006**Self Monitoring****Compliance**Notification if patient does not deliver  
measurements for more than 1 days**Weight Monitoring**

active X

Patient normal home weight 150 pounds

**Thresholds Weight Loss**Urgent notification if  
weight loss of more than 5 poundsNotification if  
weight loss of more than 3 pounds**Thresholds Weight Gain**Urgent notification if  
weight gain of more than 5 poundsNotification if  
weight gain of more than 3 pounds**Blood Pressure Monitoring**

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Send

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**Assessment****Constitutional**How are you feeling today? ☒ n/a ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ PoorHow are you feeling since we last spoke? ☒ n/a ☐ Better ☐ Same ☐ WorseHow is your appetite? ☒ n/a ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ PoorHow is your energy level since we last spoke? ☒ n/a ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ PoorHow well do you sleep at night? ☒ n/a ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor**Respiratory**Are you experiencing any shortness of breath at rest? ☒ n/a ☐ Not at all ☐ Frequently ☐ Occasionally ☐ RarelyAre you taking any inhalers on a regular basis? ☒ n/a ☐ Not at all ☐ Frequently ☐ Occasionally ☐ RarelyCan you walk w/o shortness of breath? ☒ n/a ☐ Yes ☐ NoHow far can you walk w/o shortness of breath? ☒ n/a  
☐ a few steps only  
☐ around the house only  
☐ 1 block  
☐ more than 1 blockCan you climb stairs w/o shortness of breath? ☒ n/a ☐ Yes ☐ No

OK

Save

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Problems List

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Disenroll Patient

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## Problem List - Siemens Med

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	Start Date	End Date	Problem Type	Problem Description	Comment	Status
	04/08/2006	–	Knowledge Deficit	Signs and symptoms of CHF	–	A
	04/08/2006	–	Knowledge Deficit	Low Na diet restriction	–	A
	04/08/2006	–	Knowledge Deficit	Medications	–	A
	04/08/2006	–	Compliance	Medications	–	A
	04/08/2006	–	Compliance	Daily weight	–	A

**Knowledge Deficit**Signs/Sx of CHF ☐Fluid Restriction ☐Low Na Restriction ☐Regular Exercise ☐Smoking ☐Excessive Alcohol ☐**Compliance**Medications ☐Diet ☐Exercise/activity plan ☐Daily weight ☐Fluid restriction ☐Treatment plan ☐**Other**Worsening CHF Sx ☐No Communication/MD ☐New Non-CHF Sx ☐Excessive Alcohol ☐Tobacco Use ☐Absence Caregiver ☐**Specific**Diabetes Status ☐Hypertension Status ☐Depression ☐

OK

Cancel

Add to Problems

Interventions List

Guideline: Diaphoresis

[View telephonic triage guideline](#)

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## Intervention List - Siemens Med

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	Add Date	Due Date	Intervention Type	Intervention Description	Assign To	Comment	Status
	04/08/2006	04/21/2006	Instruct Patient and/or Caregiv...	Signs and Symptoms of CHF ...	Marion Kimbell	Call after 2:00 pm an...	A
	04/08/2006	05/03/2006	Instruct Patient and/or Caregiv...	Importance of daily weight mo...	Marion Kimbell	-	A
	04/08/2006	04/11/2006	Instruct Patient and/or Caregiv...	Importance of medication co...	Marion Kimbell	-	E

**Mail/Fax/Handout to Patient/Caregiver**Adjust Meds Doc ☐Low Na Diet Doc ☐Dining Out Doc ☐Exercise Doc ☐Smoking Doc ☐Med Resource Doc ☐**Notify care team member**Notify HH Sx ☐Notify HH Tx Plan ☐Notify MD Tx Plan ☐Notify Health Status ☐Enroll NO Doc ☐Enroll YES Doc ☐**Referrals**Case Management ☐Home Care ☐Cardiac Rehab ☐Smoking Cessation ☐Alcohol Abuse ☐CHF Education ☐**Scheduling**Visit DMU ☐RN Questionnaire ☐Telephone Patient ☐Telephone HCP ☐Schedule other activity ☐

OK

Add to Interventions

Guideline: Diaphoresis

View telephonic triage guideline

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# Potential Impact of Disease Management Programs

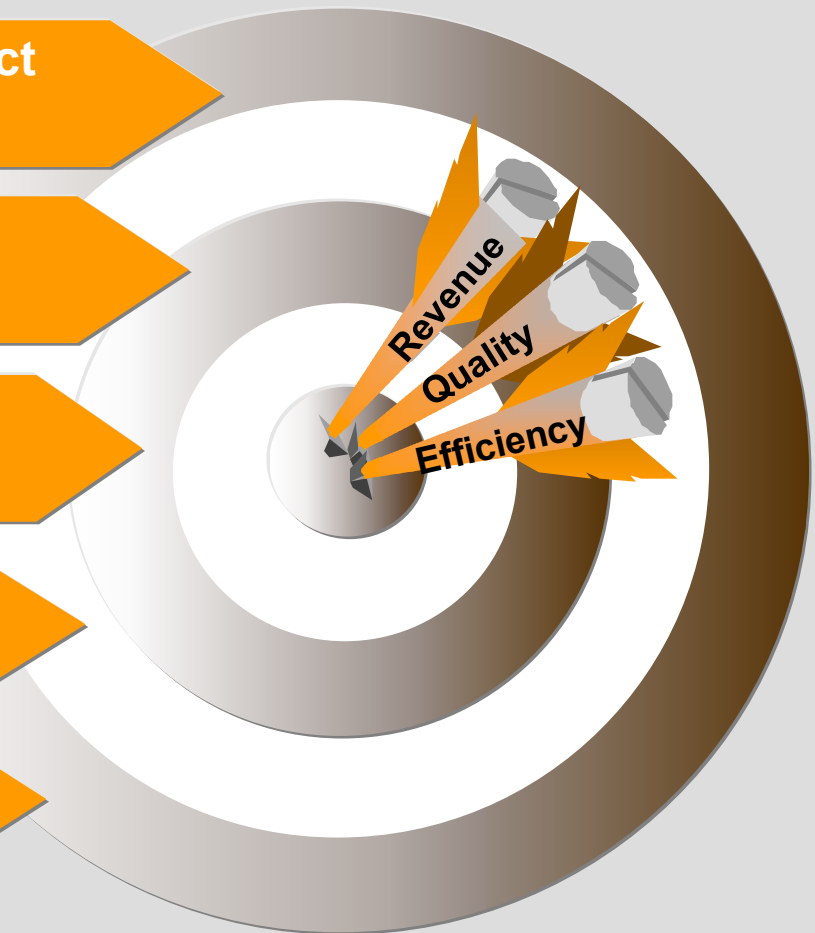
**Reduce Negative Financial Impact**  
of treating chronic ill patients by reducing  
Admission LOS and ER visits

**Optimize Resources**  
by freeing up valuable resources for higher  
reimbursable procedures

**Improve Quality of Care**  
by delivering better care to at risk patients

**Improve Patient Affinity**  
by keeping valuable patients tied to  
your organization

**Prepare for Future Revenue**  
anticipate reimbursement for disease  
management services (CMS)



# Questions?