

The Path Forward

Making Dementia a Health Care Priority

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Dementia Care Tools: Research and Consulting

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Highlights: Success!

- CMS, National Alzheimer's Advisory Council, Alzheimer's Association, patient organizations now focused on common goals
 - More person-centered health care organization
 - More appropriate payment models/incentives
 - More accountability for care quality and measurement
- We know how to improve dementia detection in health care settings
 - Effective screening tools
 - Annual Wellness Visit
 - ACT provider tool templates and training

Where We're Stuck

- Moving from detection to comprehensive care
 - Specialty consensus exists around *what* to do
 - Primary care hasn't fully bought in
 - Education is not enough – need a mandate
- Implementing care pathways
 - How to do it
 - *What information* is needed at point of care
 - *Who* is responsible for what
 - *Connecting* health care, home care, community care
- Measurement
 - *Defining* specific goals
 - *Choosing* what to measure
 - *Identifying and reporting* success

Going for Quality

- Everyone living with cognitive impairment in themselves or a loved one should expect:
 - A competent diagnosis
 - Individualized information and education
 - A personalized plan of health care and follow up supervised by an identified ‘primary dementia care provider’
 - Proactive help to reduce fear, limit avoidable harms
 - Help and support for all involved in care

Going for Quality (2)

- Health care providers should expect:
 - To set achievable goals with patients and families
 - To get it done and documented during working hours, with support from their organization
 - To be able to do a good job for patients and families
 - To be recognized by patients, families, and peers for doing it well

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- Choose 3 action steps
 - Define how each contributes to dementia care quality
- Assess your organization
 - Ready, willing, and able to take each step?
- Identify what data you need for success in:
 - Individual care: “real time”, at point of care
 - Population management
 - Revising care plans and clinical programs

Working Toward Quality Together

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