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- Analyze the process of a desired outcome by designing and deploying an IT solution to support Care Transitions from inpatient hospital to ambulatory care
- Demonstrate how IT solutions can aide in dealing with barriers to care in the transition from hospital to ambulatory care
- Demonstrate the place of care coordination in Care Transitions
- 4. Demonstrate the place of auditing of performance in sustaining effective care transitions
- Demonstrate the place of a healthcare delivery team in an IT solution to care transitions.







Care Transitions: The Heart of Patient-Center Medical Home





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National Priorities Partnership

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National Quality Forum
Input to the Secretary of HHS
Priorities for the 2011 National Quality Strategy

- Wellness and Prevention
- Safety
- Patient and Family Engagement
- Care Coordination
- Palliative and End of Life Care





National Priorities Partnership

Addressing the fourth NPP goal, the NQF report to HHS stated that in regard to care coordination:

"Healthcare should guide patients and families through their healthcare experience, while respecting patient choice, offering physical and psychological supports, and encouraging strong relationships among patients and the healthcare professionals accountable for their care...."





National Priorities Partnership

Focus in care coordination by NPP are the links between:

- •Care Transitions— ...continually strive to improve care by ... considering feedback from all patients and their families... regarding coordination of their care during transitions between healthcare systems and services, and...communities.
- •Preventable Readmissions— ...work collaboratively with patients to reduce preventable 30-day readmission rates.





In SETMA's experience, there are fifteen steps required to address care coordination and hospital readmissions, as a function of a quality care initiative which is sustainable.

The steps and the solution for each are as follows.





1. In January, 1999, SETMA began using the EHR to document patient encounters. In May, 1999, SETMA modified the goal to electronic patient management (EPM) in order to leverage the power of electronics to improve treatment outcomes. In October, SETMA began using the EMR in the hospital for hospital H&Ps, creating continuity-ofcare process, based on healthcare data being electronically created and being available at all points of care.





2. In 2000, realizing that excellent care in the 21st Century was going to be team-based, SETMA formed a **hospital service team**, which provides 24-hour-a-day, seven-day a week, in-house coverage for all of our patients.





3. In 2001, SETMA began using the EHR to produce hospital **discharge summaries** which further advanced continuity-of-patient-care and established the groundwork both for care transitions and for effectively addressing preventable readmissions.

At this point, medication reconciliation could take place in the: clinic, hospital, nursing home, home health and emergency department.





4. In 2003, SETMA designed hospital-admission-order sets, based on national standards of care, which created a consistency of treatment plans and eliminated delay in the initiation of excellent care.



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SI	ETMA Admissio	on Orders		
Patient ZTest Jonny	DOB 06/30/196	Sex M	Age 46 Years	
Admitting Physician	Consults			
Facility		for		Home
				Print Admit Orders
Bed Type				Report Admission to CBO
Condition		Diseas <mark>e ~</mark>	nermr	
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Code Status		- III I''	Default Asthma Exacerbation	
Admitting Diagnosis	Ro	outine Orders	Chest Pain COPD Exacerbation	
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5. Also ,in 2003, SETMA began using the EHR in all twenty-two nursing homes we staff. Because our patients' care is managed in the same electronic data base, whether in the ambulatory setting, hospice, home health, physical therapy, hospital, emergency department, or nursing home, there is a continuity-of-care which is data and information driven.





- 6. In 2004, SETMA designed an electronic, **Inpatient Medical Record Census** (IMRC); deployed on SETMA's intranet and HIPPA compliant, the IMRC allows searchable-data recording of:
 - a. date of admission to the hospital
 - b. place of admission
 - c. date and time of completion of the History and Physical
 - d. date of discharge
 - e. date and time of completion of the Hospital Care summary and post-hospital plan of care and treatment plan.
 - f. Posting of questions from business office which need research by hospital care team.



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Inpatient Medical Record Census Home



Incomplete	complete				ete - 6 mont	hs only	Complete more than 6 months		
<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	DOB	<u>Hospital</u>	Adm Date	<u>Dis Date</u>	Provider	HP Date	DS Date	<u>CB0</u>
	<u>Eva</u>		Baptist	12/06/2011		Holly	12/07/2011		
	Billy		Baptist	12/06/2011		Deiparine	12/07/2011		
	<u>Michael</u>		Baptist	12/06/2011		Qureshi	12/07/2011		
	Robert		Baptist	12/06/2011		Holly	12/07/2011		
	<u>James</u>		Baptist	12/06/2011		Holly	12/07/2011		
	Betty		Baptist	12/06/2011		Holly			
	Elizabeth		Baptist	12/06/2011		Holly	12/07/2011		
	Elfunzell		Baptist	12/06/2011		Holly	12/07/2011		
	<u>Billie</u>		Christus	12/06/2011		Murphy	12/07/2011		
	John		The Medical Center	12/06/2011		Thomas	12/07/2011		
	Jesse		Baptist	12/06/2011		Holly	12/06/2011		
	Jackson		The Medical Center	12/05/2011		Thomas	12/06/2011		
	Lorine		The Medical Center	12/05/2011		Thomas	12/06/2011		
	Bettye		Baptist	12/05/2011		Holly	12/05/2011		
	Christopher		Christus	12/05/2011		Palang	12/06/2011		
	Georgia		Baptist	12/05/2011		Holly	12/06/2011		
	Ruby		Baptist	12/05/2011		Holly	12/06/2011		
	Harry		Baptist	12/05/2011		Anwar	12/06/2011		
	Marion		Baptist	12/05/2011		Deiparine	12/06/2011		
	Geraldine		Baptist	12/05/2011		Holly	12/06/2011		
	John		Baptist	12/05/2011		Holly	12/06/2011		





7. In 2007, SETMA's partners realized that many of our patients, even those with insurance, cannot afford all of their health care. This resulted in the creation of **The SETMA Foundation**.

SETMA partners have given over \$1,500,000 to the Foundation which pays for medications, surgeries and other care, such as dental, for our patients who cannot afford it.





8. In June, 2009, the Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement (PCPI) published the first national quality measurement set on Care Transitions; the same month, SETMA deployed the measures in our EHR. Since then, of the 25,995 discharges from the hospital, 99.1% have had the Hospital Care Summary completed at the time the patient left the hospital.





9. October, 2009, SETMA adapted a Business Intelligence tool to create an audit of hospitalized patients to examine differences between patients who are re-admitted and those who are not. The audit looks at: gender, ethnicity, socio-economic issues, social isolation, morbidities and comorbidities, lengths of stays, age, timing of followup after discharge, whether a follow-up call was received and other issues. These measures look for leverage points for "making a change, which will make a difference in readmissions"





10.November, 2009, SETMA began publicly reporting performance on over 200 quality metrics by provider name at www.jameslhollymd.com.

Disease management plans-of-care documents for diabetes, hypertension, and cholesterol, include the provider performance on that patient's care, as judged by these quality metrics.



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- 11. In July, 2010, pursuant to becoming a Tier 3 PC-MH, SETMA created a **Department of Care Coordination**, which is tasked with:
 - Post Hospital follow-up calling
 - Completing SETMA Foundation Referrals
 - Patient counseling for barriers to care
 - Establishing continuity of care
 - Engaging patients in their own care
 - Alerting providers to patients' special needs
 - Another level of mediation reconciliation





12. September, 2010, at a National Quality Forum workshop on Care Transitions, SETMA realized that the term "discharge summary" was outdated. We changed the name to "Hospital Care Summary and Post Hospital Plan-of-Care and Treatment-Plan," long and perhaps awkward, this name, is functional, focusing on the unique elements of Care Transition which contribute to the foundation for a sustainable plan for addressing preventable readmissions to the hospital.





13. In 2010, SETMA deployed both a secure web portal and a health information exchange to allow the seamless exchange of information between the hospitals, nursing homes, home health agencies, hospices, and SETMA. The HIE has been expanded to a seven-county project including all healthcare providers and agencies, which will ultimately be the key to preventing readmission to the hospital.





14. Since 1997, SETMA has partnered with a Medicare Advantage home health agency, with other home health agencies and with free-standing hospices to provide compassionate, competent care for our patients in settings other than hospital inpatient to reduce readmissions of our most vulnerable patients while providing excellent care to them.





As a **Patient-Centered Medical Home**, SETMA 15. makes certain that the Hospital Care Summary and Post Hospital Plan of Care and Treatment is transmitted to the next site of care as the "baton," (see below). With these care coordination, continuity of care and patientsupport functions, SETMA believes that we are ready to make a major effort to decrease preventable readmissions to the hospital.





Since June, 2009, SETMA has discharged 25,995 patients from the hospital with a 99.1 efficiency of presenting a Hospital Care Summary and a Post Hospital Plan of Care and Treatment Plan to the patient, family or care giver at the time of discharge.

Since August, 2010, all patients have received a 12-30 minute care-coaching follow-up call the day following discharge from the hospital.

In that time, we have experienced a 22% decrease in preventable readmissions to the hospital.





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Hospital Care Summary

SETMA's Hospital Care Summary is a suite of templates with which the transition of care document Is created. (A full tutorial of these templates can be found on our website at www.jameslhollymd.com under

"Electronic Patient Tools" at "Hospital Based Tools.")

The following is a screen shot of the Master Discharge Template entitled "Hospital Care Summary". This screen shot is from the record of a real patient whose identify has been removed.





Hospital Care Summary

Hospital Car	- <u>e</u> A	dmiss	ion Date	04/09/2011	Fac	cility [Memorial F	Hermann Baptist	Home
Summary	D	ischar	ge Date	04/11/2011	Тур	ое Г	Discha	ge Summary	Histories
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Abd Pain Generalized	Acute	4		ain Generalized		Chroni	ic	Discharge Condition stable	System Review
COPD	Chronic	4	COPD			Chroni			Physical Exam
Drug Depend Opioid Oth Epis	Chronic	4		epend Opioid Of			mpliant	Prognosis	Procedures
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		4		nsion Chronic		_	g Metoprolol	from hospital scanned	
		4	Anemia	unspecified		Chroni	ic	into ICS	EKG
		4							Laboratory
		_						Discharge Time © 1 - 31 minutes	Hydration
Additional Admitting Dx	Assessme	ents in	to Proble	em List	<u>Ad</u>	<u>ditional</u>	<u>Discharqe Dx</u>	• > 31 minutes	Nutrition
Admitting Chronic Conditio				ge Chronic Co	onditio	ns	Re-order	Days in ICU	Hospital Course
Esophageal Reflux	0	\neg		ageal Reflux					Nursing Home
COPD / Atrial Fibrillation	0		COPD /	Atrial Fibrillation	n n			Days on IV Antibiotics	Follow-up Instr
Anxiety Disorder General	0		Anxiety	y Disorder Gene	ral				Follow-up Loc
Menopausal Post Status	0		Menopa	ausal Post Statu	ıs			Days on Ventilator	
Spine Lumbar Pain Lumbago	0		Spine L	.umbar Pain Lun	nbago				Document
Fibromyalgia Fibrositis	0		Fibromy	yalgia Fibrositis					Follow-Up Doc
Allergic Rhinitis NOS	0			Rhinitis NOS				Fall Risk Assessment	04/11/2011
Asthma Reactive Airway Dis-	0			a Reactive Airw				Functional Assessment	04/11/2011
Hernia Ventral VV/0 Obstructio	0			Ventral W/0 Ob				Pain Assessment	04/11/2011
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At the bottom of this template, there is a button Entitled "Care Transitions Audit." Once the suite of Templates associated with the Hospital Care Summary has been completed, the provider depresses this button and the system automatically aggregates the data which has been documented and displays which of the 18-data points have been completed and which have not.



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Care Transition Audit	ОК	Cancel
Has the reason for hospitalization been documented?	Yes	Click to Update/Review
Have discharge diagnoses been entered?	Yes	Click to Update/Review
Have the patient's medications been updated/reconciled?	Yes	Click to Update/Review
Have the patient's allergies been updated? Also document allergies/reactions to medications.	Yes	Click to Update/Review
Has the patient's cognitive status been documented?	Yes	Click to Update/Review
Have pending results or tests been documented?	Yes	Click to Update/Review
Have major procedures been documented?	Yes	Click to Update/Review
Has a follow-up care plan been completed?	Yes	Click to Update/Review
Has the patient's progress to goals/treatment been documented?	Yes	Click to Update/Review
Have advanced directives been completed and a surrogate decision maker named or a reason given for not completing an advanced care plan?	Yes	Click to Update/Review
Has the reason for discharge been documented?	Yes	Click to Update/Review
Has the patient's physical status been documented?	Yes	Click to Update/Review
Has the patient's psychosocial status been documented?	Yes	Click to Update/Review
Has a list of available community resources been documented?	Yes	Click to Update/Review
OR	- II-	Click to Undate Register
Has a list of coordinated referrals been documented?	No	Click to Update/Review
Has a follow-up call been scheduled?	Yes	Click to Update/Review

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lave the discharge orders been discussed with	Yes	C No	Brandon	Sheehan	
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lave the follow-up instructions been discussed	Yes	○ No	Brandon Sheehan		
vith the patient/family/caregiver?			11/23/2011	10:05 AM	
lave the discharge materials been printed and	Yes	○ No	Brandon	Sheehan	
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The elements in black have been completed; any in red have not. If an element is incomplete, the provider simply clicks the button entitled "Click to update/Review." The missing information can then be added. This fulfills one of SETMA's principles of EHR design which is "We want to make it easier to do it right than not to do it at all."





Quarterly and annually, SETMA audits each provider's performance on these measures and publishes that audit on our website under "**Public Reporting**," along with over 200 other quality metrics which we track routinely.

The following is the care transition audit results by provider name for 2011.







Care Transition Audit (Section A)

Discharge Date(s): 01/01/2011 through 10/31/2011

Provider	Reason for Hospitalization	Discharge Diagnoses	Medications Updated Reconciled	Documentation of Allergies	Cognitive Status	Pending Test Results	Major Procedures	Follow-Up Care Plan	Progress to Goals Response to Treatment
Anwar	98.5%	100.0%	93.9%	97.0%	98.5%	99.2%	100.0%	99.2%	98.5%
Aziz	99.6%	100.0%	97.7%	99.2%	98.1%	99.6%	98.5%	99.2%	98.9%
Curry	100.0%	100.0%	97.9%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	97.9%	100.0%
Deiparine	97.7%	100.0%	96.1%	98.8%	98.8%	97.7%	98.8%	97.7%	97.7%
Halbert	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	98.9%	98.9%	100.0%	98.9%	100.0%	98.9%
Holly	97.9%	100.0%	95.7%	98.9%	98.9%	97.9%	97.3%	96.8%	97.9%
Leifeste	98.8%	100.0%	96.3%	98.0%	98.4%	98.0%	98.8%	98.0%	98.4%
Murphy	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	99.0%	99.0%	100.0%	100.0%	99.0%	99.0%
Palang	98.3%	100.0%	98.3%	99.1%	99.1%	98.3%	98.3%	98.3%	97.4%
Qureshi	96.8%	100.0%	93.0%	98.9%	98.9%	96.8%	98.9%	96.8%	96.8%
Satterwhite	97.6%	97.6%	100.0%	95.1%	97.6%	97.6%	95.1%	95.1%	95.1%
Spiel	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Thomas	98.4%	100.0%	93.0%	98.9%	97.8%	98.4%	96.2%	97.3%	98.4%
Vardiman	97.8%	100.0%	93.3%	100.0%	100.0%	97.8%	97.8%	97.8%	97.8%
SETMA Totals :	98.5%	99.9%	96.2%	98.7%	98.6%	98.4%	98.4%	98.0%	98.1%





Care Transition Audit



Care Transition Audit (Section B)

Discharge Date(s): 01/01/2011 through 10/31/2011

Provider	Advanced Directives	Reason for Discharge	Physical Status	Psychosocial Status	Community Resources Coordinated Referrals	Medication List	Discharge Orders	Follow-Up Instructions	Discharge Materials
Anwar	93.9%	98.5%	98.5%	97.7%	93.9%	92.4%	92.4%	92.4%	92.4%
Aziz	96.6%	98.9%	98.1%	98.9%	93.5%	97.3%	97.3%	96.6%	93.9%
Curry	91.7%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	89.6%	97.9%	97.9%	97.9%	97.9%
Deiparine	95.3%	97.3%	99.6%	98.1%	94.6%	93.4%	93.4%	93.4%	93.4%
Halbert	100.0%	100.0%	98.9%	100.0%	95.7%	97.9%	97.9%	97.9%	97.9%
Holly	94.1%	97.3%	98.9%	97.9%	94.1%	91.4%	91.4%	91.4%	91.4%
Leifeste	95.1%	98.4%	98.4%	98.4%	94.7%	93.0%	93.0%	93.0%	93.0%
Murphy	100.0%	100.0%	99.0%	100.0%	93.1%	98.0%	98.0%	98.0%	97.1%
Palang	96.6%	98.3%	99.1%	99.1%	91.5%	95.7%	95.7%	95.7%	95.7%
Qureshi	89.8%	96.8%	100.0%	96.8%	91.4%	88.2%	88.2%	87.7%	88.2%
Satterwhite	97.6%	95.1%	97.6%	100.0%	92.7%	92.7%	95.1%	95.1%	95.1%
Spiel	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Thomas	93.0%	97.8%	99.5%	95.7%	94.1%	87.0%	87.0%	87.0%	86.5%
Vardiman	93.3%	97.8%	100.0%	95.6%	91.1%	91.1%	91.1%	91.1%	91.1%
SETMA Totals :	95.0%	98.1%	99.0%	98.1%	93.5%	93.2%	93.2%	93.1%	92.6%





Once the **Care Transition** issues are completed, The **Hospital Care-Summary-and-Post- Hospital-Plan-of Care-and Treatment-Plan** document is generated and printed. It is given to the patient and/or to the patient's family and to the hospital.





The following picture is a portrayal of the "plan of care and treatment plan" which is like the "baton" in a relay race.

The Baton



Firmly in the provider's hand,
the baton – the care and treatment plan –
must be confidently and securely grasped by the patient,
if change is to make a difference,
8,760 hours a year.





"The Baton" is the instrument through which responsibility for a patient's health care is transferred to the patient or family. Framed copies of this picture hang in the public areas of all SETMA clinics and a poster of it hangs in every examination room. The poster declares:

Firmly in the provider's hand
--The baton -- the care and treatment plan
Must be confidently and securely grasped by the patient,
If change is to make a difference
8,760 hours a year.





The poster illustrates:

- 1. That the healthcare-team relationship, which exists between the patient and the healthcare provider, is key to the success of the outcome of quality healthcare.
- That the plan of care and treatment plan, the "baton," is the engine through which the knowledge and power of the healthcare team is transmitted and sustained.
- 3. That the means of transfer of the "baton," which has been developed by the healthcare team, is a coordinated effort between the provider and the patient.





- 4. That typically the healthcare provider knows and understands the patient's healthcare plan of care and the treatment plan, but without its transfer to the patient, the provider's knowledge is useless to the patient.
- 5. That the imperative for the plan the "baton" is that it must be transferred from the provider to the patient, if change in the life of the patient is going to make a difference in the patient's health.





6. That this transfer requires that the patient "grasps" the "baton," i.e., that the patient accepts, receives, understands and comprehends the plan, and that the patient is equipped and empowered to carry out the plan successfully.

7. That the patient knows that of the 8,760 hours in the year, he/she will be responsible for "carrying the baton," longer and better than any other member of the healthcare team.





Hospital Follow-Up Call

After the care transition audit is completed and the document is generated, the provider completes the Hospital-Followup-Call document:

	Hospital Discharge Follow-	Up Call Return			
Numbe	Company Comp	ivery Email to Follow-Up Nurse			
	Questions to Ask	Patient Responses			
Admit Date 04/09/2011 Discharge Date 04/11/2011 Setting C ER C In Patient Hospice Texas Home Health	General ✓ How are you feeling? ✓ Are you having new symptoms since hospital stay? ☐ Have you obtained all DME that you were prescribed? Other You have been scheduled to see a SETMA provider (Dr. Ha	How does the patient feel? Is the patient having new symptoms?			
Home Health Discharge Diagnosses Abd Pain Generalized COPD	✓ Were you able to get all of your medications filled? ✓ Are you taking all of your prescribed medications? ✓ Are you having any problems/side effects from your medications	Is the patient taking all of their medications? Is the patient having any problems/side effects?			
Drug Depend Opioid Oth Epis Tobaccoism Use Disorder Hypotension Chronic Anemia Unspecified	Appointments Have you kept or are you aware of your appointment(s) with? Dunitru Adrian on // on // on // on //	Has the patient kept and/or aware of all scheduled appointments or referrals? Additional Comments			
Diet Regular Exercise	Click to Document Completion Click to Send Response At Spoke with the patient? C Yes C No If no, list person spoken with.	Actions Taken ☐ Advised Patient To Come In - Made Same-Day Appointment ☐ Advised Patient To Call If Improvement Discontinues ☐ Advised Patient To Continue Medications Other			
Call Attempts	New Referrals from Visit (This Visit Only)	New/Changed Medications from Visit (This Visit Only)			
▼ 1 04/12/2011 1:52 PM □ 2 / /	Status Priority Referral Referring Provider Completed Immediate Abdominal U/S	Generic Name			
☐ 3 // Unable to Call, Letter Sent		ALPRAZOLAM			
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Follow-Up Call

- During that preparation of the "baton," the provider checks off the questions which are to be asked the patient in the follow-up call.
- The call order is sent to the Care Coordination
 Department electronically. The day following
 discharge, the patient is called.
- The call is the beginning of the "coaching" of the patient to help make them successful in the transition from the inpatient setting.





Follow-Up Call

- The Care-Coordination, post-hospital call takes 12-30 minutes with each patient and engages the patient in eliminating barriers to care.
- If appropriate, an additional call is scheduled at an appropriate interval.
- If after three attempts, the patient is not reached by phone, the box in the lower left-hand corner by "Unable to Call, Letter sent" is checked.
 Automatically, a letter is created which is sent to the patient asking them to contact SETMA.





Coordinated Care

The genius and the promise of the Patient-Centered Medical Home are symbolized by the "baton." Its display continually reminds the provider and will inform the patient, that to be successful, the patient's care must be coordinated, and must result in **coordinated care**.

In 2011, as we expand the scope of SETMA's Department of Care Coordination, we know that the principal failure-points of coordination are at the "transitions of care," and that the work of the healthcare team – patient and provider – is that together they evaluate, define and execute a plan which is effectively transmitted to the patient.





Transition of Care

The complexity of the Transition of Care process is illustrated by this analysis of the eight different places this document can need to be sent.





1. Inpatient to ambulatory outpatient (family) — The "baton," in a printed format, is given to the patient or in the case of a minor or incompetent adult to a parent or care giver.

The "plan of care and treatment plan" -- "the baton" -- is reviewed with the patient, parent and/or family before the patient leaves the hospital.





2. Inpatient to ambulatory outpatient (clinic physician) – for patients who are seen at SETMA, the "baton" is created in the EHR and is immediately accessible to the follow-up provider.





3. Inpatient to ambulatory outpatient (follow-up call) -- after the Hospital Care Summary and Post Hospital Plan of Care and Treatment Plan is completed, a secure e-mail is sent to the department of Care Coordination scheduling the post-hospital, follow-up call and letting the caller know the issues which need to be addressed.





- **4. Emergency Department to ambulatory care** the same process as in "1" above.
- **5. Inpatient to Nursing Home** -- the "baton," with a special set of Nursing Home orders, is given to the patient or family, and a copy is sent to the Nursing Home with transportation of the patient to the Nursing home.
- 6. Inpatient to Hospice -- the same as with number "5"
- **7. Inpatient to Home Health** -- the same as number "5" and "6" above. If the patient is seeing SETMA's home health, they have access to SETMA EHR and thus to the "baton."





8. Inpatient to outpatient out of area -- "Baton" given to patient and family and also posted to web portal and HIE. token sent to health provider in remote location area, which allows one time access to this patient's information.





Follow-Up Visit

The Transition of Care is complete when the patent is seen by the primary care provider in follow-up.

- Many issues are dealt with in this follow-up visit, but one of them is another potential referral to the Care Coordination Department. If the patient has any barriers to care, the provider will complete the following template.
- In this case, with checking three buttons, the need for financial assistance with medications and transportation is communicated to the Care Coordination Department.





Care Coordination Referral

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□ Long Term Residence Placement □ Nutritional Support □ Protective Services, Adult □ Protective Services, Child □ Tobacco Cessation □ Click to Send to Care of Chick once and the request of the control of t						





Under the Medical Home model the provider has NOT done his/her job when he/she simply prescribes the care which meets national standards.

Doing the job of Medical Home requires the prescribing of the best care which is available and accessible to the patient, and when that care is less than the best, the provider makes every attempt to find resources to help that patient obtain the care needed.





In February 2009, SETMA saw a patient who has a very complex healthcare situation. When seen in the hospital as a new patient, he was angry, bitter and hostile. No amount of cajoling would change the patient's demeanor.

During his office-based, hospital follow-up, it was discovered that the patient was only taking four of nine medications because of expense; could not afford gas to come to the doctor; was going blind but did not have the money to see an eye specialist; could not afford the co-pays for diabetes education and could not work but did not know how to apply for disability.





He left SETMA with the Foundation providing:

- 1. All of his medications. The Foundation has continued to do so for the past two years at a cost of \$2,200 a quarter.
- 2. A gas card so that he could afford to come to multiple visits for education and other health needs.
- 3. Waiver of cost for diabetes education in SETMA's American Diabetes Association accredited Diabetes Self Education and Medical Nutrition Therapy program.
- 4. Appointment to an experimental, vision-preservation program at no cost.
- 5. Assistance with applying for disability.





Are gas cards, disability applications, paying for medications a part of a physician's responsibilities? Absolutely not; but, are they a part of Medical Home? Absolutely! This patient, who was depressed and glum in the hospital, such that no one wanted to go into the patient's room, left the office with help.

He returned six-weeks later. He had a smile and he had **hope**. It may be that the biggest result of Medical Home is hope. And, his diabetes was treated to goal for the first time in ten years. He has remained treated to goal for the past two years.





Every healthcare provider doesn't have a foundation and even ours can't meet everyone's needs, but assisting patients in finding the resources to support their health is a part of medical home.





And, when those resources cannot be found, Medical Home will be "done" by modifying the treatment plan so that what is prescribed can be obtained.

The ordering of tests, treatments, prescriptions which we know our patients cannot obtain is not healthcare, even if the plan of care is up to national standards.





- With this infrastructure
- With this care coordination
- With this continuity of care
- With these patient support functions

SETMA is ready to make a major effort to decrease preventable readmissions to the hospital.





Care Transitions & Hospital Readmissions

With this vision, SETMA expects to significantly affect hospital preventable re-admission rates over the next two years and to sustain those improvements.

Supported by care transitions, coordination of care, medication reconciliation (at multiple points of care) patient safety, quality of care and cost of care will be positively impacted.