## Using a Diabetes Registry to Improve Care & Outcomes

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## Today's Presentation

- What is a disease-specific registry?
- How does it improve care?
- What is the evidence base for registry effectiveness?
- Different registry structures
- Registry content
- Ways to use registry information
- Outcome assessment & improvement

## Disease Registry

- An electronic database containing data from paper and electronic medical records
- Focused on patients with specific types of chronic diseases & medical conditions
- Used by care providers, patients, & administrators to facilitate delivery of health care and implement evidence-based medicine

(Ortiz, 2006)

# Registries help providers overcome fragmented care...

- Allows for identification and tracking of patients with a specific chronic condition
- Enables individual disease management through notifications of abnormal test results, missed appointments, & up to date information for patient encounters
- Tracks the progress of high-risk patients
- Promotes use of evidence-based care
- Facilitates health outcomes management at both the individual and clinic levels

(Hummel, 2000)

# Registries - advantages to patients

- Allows pts to see all their test results in one place
- Enables pts to compare their test results & health outcomes with others
- Permits pts to share results with other providers for better care coordination
- Helps pts see their results over time to assess improvement & identify areas of concern

# Registries offer a different perspective

"A physician who opens the chart may see that the patient's blood sugar is up. But that doesn't tell the clinician that out of 200 patients with diabetes, 10 are out of control."

I owa Department of Public Health Disease Registry I ssue Brief, 2010

## Diabetes registry research

- 82 patients at a community clinic (registry) compared to 63 patients in same practice group (no registry)
- Found significant increases in the % receiving evidenced-based care for registry pts
  - serum creatinine, lipid, & hemoglobin A1C checks
  - foot and retinal examinations
  - patient establishment of self-management goals

No significant increases were observed in the comparison group

(East et al., 2003)

### Diabetes registry research (cont.)

- Overall completion of evidence-based care processes increased by 26% in the intervention group compared to 3% in the comparison group
- Adherence to care standards occurred 82% of the time in the intervention group but only 51% of the time in the comparison group.

(East et al., 2003)

## Diabetes registry research

Diabetes registry introduced in 9 primary care clinics

- Found increases in the percentage with good LDL-C control from 35% prior to 52% after registry use began
- Showed reduction in the proportion of patients with poor hemoglobin A1C levels, from 12% prior to 9% after introduction of the registry

(Toh et al., 2009)

### Diabetes registry research

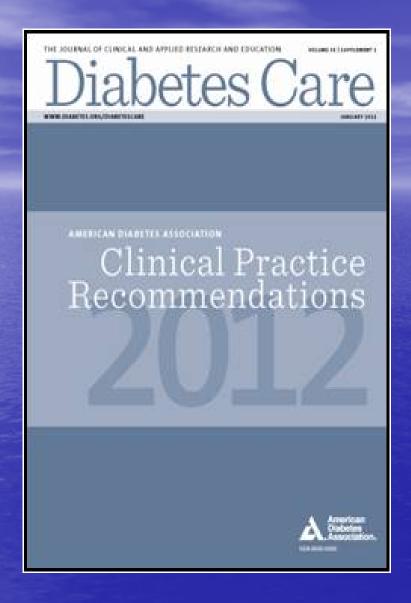
Effects of a diabetes registry containing clinical & administrative data on 600,000 VA patients was examined to assess changes within individual patients

- Found that case-mix-adjusted Hemoglobin A1C levels among veterans with diabetes decreased significantly, by 31%, over a 2year period
- Improved glycemic control over time was not attributable to recruiting healthier patients

(Thompson et al., 2005)

## Registry content

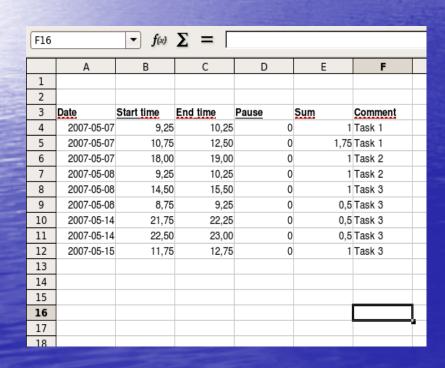
- Pt demographics
- Practice, clinic, other administrative identifiers
- Test results and dates (glycemic control)
- Coronary risk factors blood pressure, lipids (total cholesterol, high-density lipoprotein [HDL], low-density lipoprotein [LDL], triglycerides), smoking status
- Medications
- Services meeting ADA practice standards
- Other co-morbidities

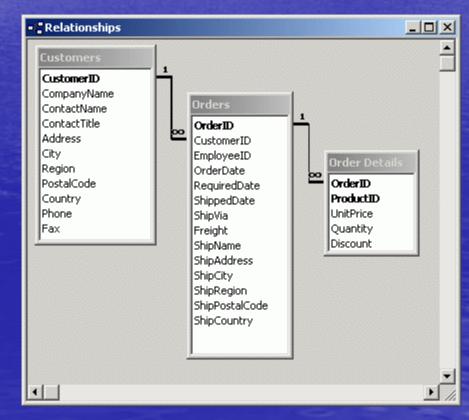


ADA Care Standards - Changes Call For Registry Revision

## Registry Structure?

#### Spreadsheet vs. Relational Database





## Spreadsheet

### Advantages

- Visibility
- Ability to interact with the data
- Simplicity
- Ease of data entry & data cleaning

#### Disadvantages

- Difficulty of macros
- Labor-/time-intensiveness
- Unwieldiness when used for multiple disease registries
  - Use a single spreadsheet for all diseases?
  - Use different spreadsheets for separate diseases?

### Relational Database

### Advantages

- Automation
- Roll up/Drill down features
- Facility of multiple disease management programs

### Disadvantages

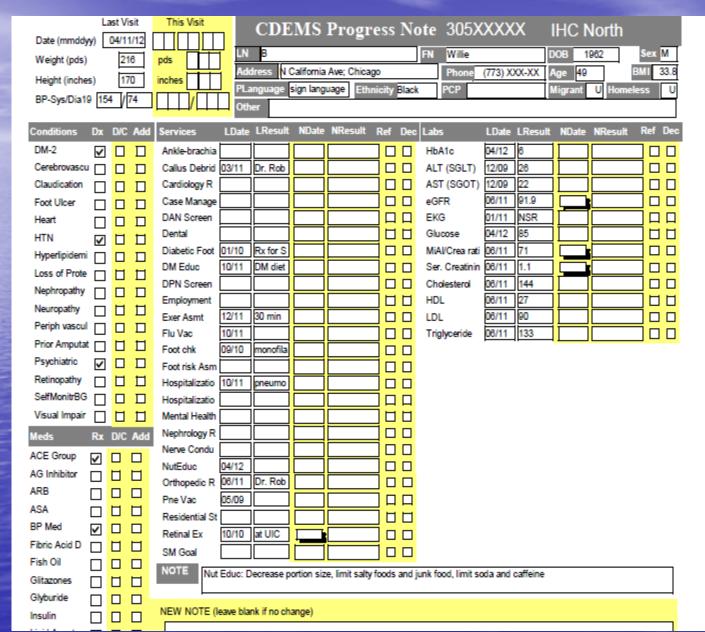
- **S**Complexity
- Difficulty of error identification
- Expense of data entry tools
- **S**ystem instability

#### SAMPLE DIABETES TRACKING SPREADSHEET

	А	В	С	D	Е	F	G	Н		J	K	L	M	N	0	Р
1	Diabe	tes	Track	ing Work	she	et										
				AND PASTE D												
3	KEY: A1	c = h	emoglobin	A1c; DFE = d	ilated t	fundo	scopic exam	n; BMP = ba	sic metabolic p	anel; BP = bl	ood p	ressure				
	Patient		Date of		Prov		Date of	Date of	Date of last	Date of last		Date of last	Sys	Dia	Date of	
4	name	Sex	birth	ID number	ider	A1c	last A1c	last DFE	foot exam	BMP	LDL	lipids test	BP	BP	last BP	Co-morbidities
5	Adams,	F	03/14/56	111-11-1111	Ortiz	6.5	1-Mar-06	1-Apr-05	1-Mar-06	1-Mar-06	75	23-Nov-05	140	90	23-Nov-05	HTN, obesity
6	Baker, JI	M	10/05/70	222-22-2222	Ortiz	5.7	24-Feb-06	12-Dec-05	24-Feb-06	24-Feb-06	90	24-Feb-06	110	75	12-Dec-05	
7	Brown, J	F	02/22/63	333-33-3333	Ortiz	6.3	23-Jan-06	24-Jul-05	23-Jan-06	23-Jan-06	103	23-Jan-06	105	85	23-Jan-06	HTN, Retinopathy
8	Carter, J	M	07/05/73	444-44-4444	Ortiz	7.8	16-Feb-06	20-Mar-05	16-Feb-06	12-Nov-05	98	12-Nov-05	131	75	16-Feb-06	
9	Doe, Jarl	F	08/06/66	555-55-5555	Ortiz	6.8	24-Oct-05	21-Jul-05	24-Oct-05	24-Oct-05	88	24-Oct-05	120	80	24-Oct-05	
10	Douglas	M	07/01/49	666-66-6666	Ortiz	7.5	6-Aug-05	2-Feb-05	9-Jan-06	9-Jan-06	87	9-Jan-06	130	80	9-Jan-06	HTN
11	Jones, J	F	10/01/42	777-77-7777	Ortiz	6.2	19-Dec-05	16-May-05	19-Dec-05	19-Dec-05	99	19-Dec-05	128	77	19-Dec-05	
12	Lane, Jol	M	01/01/64	888-88-888	Ortiz	6.4	31-Jan-06	31-Jan-06	31-Jan-06	31-Jan-06	67	31-Jan-06	115	80	31-Jan-06	
13	Smith, J	F	07/31/38	999-99-9999	Ortiz	6	17-Dec-05	17-Dec-05	17-Dec-05	17-Dec-05	100	17-Dec-05	130	80	17-Dec-05	
14	White, J	M	02/28/53	000-00-0000	Ortiz	7	29-Dec-05	18-May-05	29-Dec-05	29-Dec-05	76	29-Dec-05	120	75	29-Dec-05	
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#### Sample Patient Specific Report - Relational Database



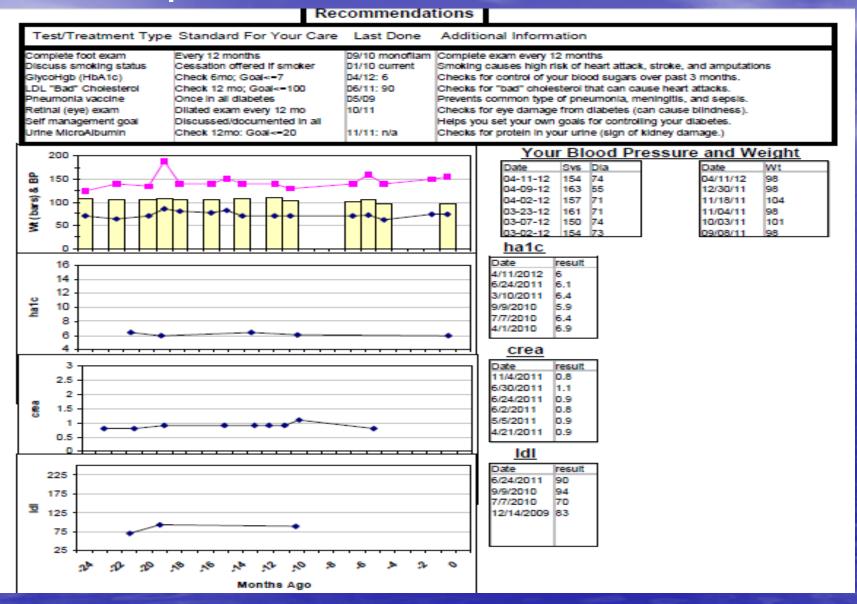
## Registries Can Promote Better Care Across Clinics

All Population Dia	betes Da	ta: 1/1/0	8-12/31/	08					
Clinic	Beaverdale	Campus	East FP	Jefferson	North FP	Panora	South	Urbandale	West FP
Total Patients	760	597	832	592	1113	80	890	840	997
Process goals:									
HqAlc last 12 mo.	89.7%	93.1%	90.5%	75.0%	93.6%	95.0%	93.4%	88.3%	85.0%
LDL last 12 mo.	85.0%	87.9%	85.1%	43.0%	86.4%	92.5%	88.1%	81.4%	82.2%
Microal b la st 12 mo.	74.7%	78.2%	72.1%	37.3%	76.6%	85.0%	74.6%	77.4%	68.5%
Eye Exam last 12 mo.	41.7%	31.7%	44.4%	21.6%	48.4%	40.0%	37.9%	48.8%	35.1%
Outcome goals: N	ot done in th	e last 12 n	no. Indica	ites a failui	re				
% HqAlc ≤ 8.0	76.6%	69.2%	76.3%	61.7%	77.5%	70.0%	79.0%	78.0%	72.0%
% HgAlc ≤ 7.0	59.1%	50.1%	61.4%	45.6%	56.1%	47.5%	58.9%	59.2%	50.6%
% LDL < 130	72.5%	70.4%	69.8%	37.0%	78.0%	73.8%	74.2%	74.4%	73.9%
% LDL < 100	52.5%	51.3%	50.8%	27.2%	59.2%	52.5%	58.2%	62.5%	55.4%
% BP < 140/80	56.7%	62.3%	66.8%	31.0%	49.4%	63.8%	52.4%	64.5%	55.5%
All Population HT	N Data: 1/	1/08-12/3	1/08						
Clinic	Beaverdale	Campus	East FP	Jefferson	North FP	Panora	South	Urbandale	West FP
Total Patients	1852	995	839	417	3311	46	733	813	2455

## Patient Report Card uses pt-friendly language, shows progress

Age: 59	Sex:	Male			MR #: 000	
	Goal	Dec 2009	Mar 2009	Jul 20	08	
Weight		168	161	158	:	
ВР	Less than 130/80 Best 120/80	122/68	158/80	150/7	70	
Tests					_	
HbA1c (Sugar for 3 months)	Less than 7 Best if 6	6.9	6.8	5.8		
LDL (Lousy or bad cholesterol)	Less than 100 Best if 70		117	98		
HDL (Happy or good cholesterol)	Greater than 40		58	57		
Triglycerides (another bad fatty substance)	Less than 150		177	59		
Medication					_	
Aspirin or Anti-coagulant (to prevent heart attacks)	Take daily	No	No	No		
Important Yearly Activities	Goal	Status	Next Test	Due M	ost Recent Test	
Eye Check (to prevent blindness)	1 time a year	Completed	3/25/20:	10	3/25/2009	
Foot Check (to check for numbness and sores)	1 time a year	OVERDUE				
Urine Micro Albumin (to check for kidney failure)	1 time a year	Completed	3/25/2010		3/25/2009	
Flu Shot (to prevent flu)	1 time a year	OVERDUE				
Special Vaccine	Goal	Status				
-	Goal	Status				
Pneumovax (to prevent a special pneumonia: given once in a lifetime - twice if first was given before age 65)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Incomplete				

#### Patient Report Card ~ Visual & Numerical Results



### Birthday Letter'

Registry information used to generate personalized letters sent to patients in Lorain, OH with high or missing LDL-C values during their birthday month. Underlined text is inserted using expert logic.

**Cleveland VA** 

July 27, 2007

Dear JOHN DOE,

Happy Birthday! Your VA health care providers want you to have many more! We are sending you your latest diabetes test results because our VA records show that your blood test for cholesterol is either too high, or needs to be rechecked.

Your LDL-cholesterol (the 'bad' kind of cholesterol) should be less than 100 to protect you from stroke or heart attack. Even if your last test was good, you are due to have it checked again.

Your primary provider at the VA Lorain clinic would like you to call <u>L W</u> to go over your results, set up a fasting blood test, or set up a visit.

Please call <u>(440) 244-3833 EXT 2247</u> to schedule. If you come for a clinic visit, please bring in all of your medication bottles, your blood glucose meter, and any glucose records if you have them. Thanks!

## Individualized Diabetes Report Contained in the 'Birthday Letter'

The values, messages, and smiley faces are driven by expert logic.

	Your Test	What it Means	Next Test	
Blood Pressure (average of your last 3 blood pressures)	113 / 70	Your top number is good. The target is between 110 and 135  The bottom number is good. The target is between 50 and 80	November 2007	©
A1s	8.7	Your blood sugar runs too high on average. The VA's target is between 7 and 8.	August 2007	
LDL- cholesterol	168	Your LDL-cholesterol is too high.  Keeping your LDL cholesterol under 100 lowers your risk for heart attack and stroke.	February 2008	
Eye Exam	Done on schedule	Most people with diabetes need a full eye exam at least once every year.	February 2008	☺
Foot Exam	Done on schedule	Everyone with diabetes needs a full foot exam once a year.	January 2008	⊕

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# Diabetes Registry Used to Create an Online Social Networking Community

http://www.tudiabetes.org/opensocial/ningapps/show?appUrl=http%3A%2F%2Ftuanalyze.chip.org%2Ftuanalyze%2FdiabetesGadget.xml%3Fning-app-status%3Dnetwork&owner=askmanny

## Registry Alone is Not Enough

Use with one (or more) of the following...

- Care coordinator
- Shared medical appointments (group visits)
- Benchmarks & physician reminders
- Patient illness self-management education

# Registries Used for Other Diseases

- Asthma (used by 31.2%)\*
- Congestive Heart Failure (used by 34.8%)\*
- Depression (used by 15.7%)\*
- Diabetes (used by 40.2%)\*

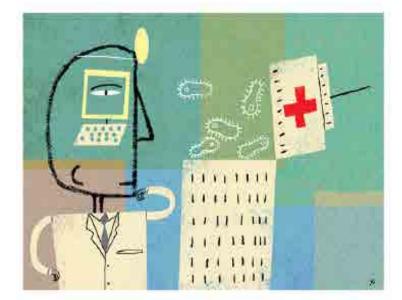
\*of those surveyed by Casalino et al. 2003, *JAMA* 

## Next Steps

- What kind of registry?
- For what purposes?
- Who are your users?
- Preferred structure?
- Who will maintain it?
- Will you use public domain software or a commercial product?







#### Chronic Disease Registries: A Product Review



Prepared by NAS Consulting Services

#### **USEFUL RESOURCE**

Available for free download from California HealthCare Foundation website http://www.chcf.org/

- Reviews public domain registry software & commercial software products
- Presents product profiles
- Offers product comparisons

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