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Value-Based Health Care Delivery

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All developed nations face increasing healthcare costs

Health Care Spending vs GDP and Income Growth



Notes: Indexes based on local currencies; Income = Personal Disposable Income; HC expenditures as % of GDP are OECD estimates Source: Economist Intelligence Unit May 2014, BCG analysis

Most attempts at health care reform have only a limited view of the problem.



Health Care Value-Based Delivery Use Competition to Drive the Greatest Value to Patients

The central goal in health care must be **value for patients**, not access, volume, convenience, quality, or cost containment

Value =	Health outcomes	
	Costs of delivering the	
	outcomes	

The unit of analysis for creating and measuring value is the treatment of a patient's medical condition over a complete cycle of care.

- 1. Outcomes: the **full set of patient health outcomes** over the care cycle
- 2. Costs: the **total costs of resources** used to care for a patient's condition over the care cycle

Outcomes and Costs should be measured for an acute medical condition's overall cycle of care



For chronic medical conditions and population-based care, measure outcomes and costs over an annual cycle.



Creating a Value-Based Health Care Delivery SYSTEM

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3. Offer a Bundled Payment for delivering excellent outcomes for a Medical Condition

Measure Outcomes for a Patient's Medical Condition



Measure Outcomes that Matter to Patients

M. Porter, NEJM Dec 2010



The Outcome Measures Hierarchy for Prostate Cancer



A case study in multi-disciplinary care and outcomes measurement: The Prostate Cancer Surgery Center in Hamburg



Professor Dr. Hartwig Huland Founder and Chief



Clinical and Staff Resources Contained within Prostate Cancer Surgery Center

Personnel

- Faculty: Urological Surgeons (9)
- Peri-operative staff: nurses (39) [dedicated to prostate cancer]
- Physiotherapists
- Psychologists *
- Oncologists *
- Anesthesiologists *
- Social Workers
- Biostatisticians for clinical trials and outcomes measurement

Facilities

- Operating rooms (4) [dedicated]
- Inpatient ward
- Physiotherapy unit
- Outpatient clinic
- Central Administration and Scheduling

* Employed by Hospital Department but dedicated to Surgery Center

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Outcomes Measurement at Prostate Cancer Surgery Center in Hamburg

- Started manual outcomes measurement in 1994
- Quality of Life survey filled out pre-op, at discharge, and, at 3 months, 1 year, 2 years, and 3 years.
- 2013: 1,200 surveys per month; 90% return rate (multiple phone reminders)
- Data base on 20,000 prostate cancer patients

Outcomes Measurement

- Every six months, data on each surgeon's outcomes are shared among all the urologists. They then discuss the results, compare performance, and identify learning and improvement opportunities.
- Annual Public report (also published on Center's website)
 - $\circ\,$ Disease-specific survival rates
 - o Continence rate
 - Potency rate
 - BCR (biochemical recurrence, by age group and cancer stage)

Prostate Cancer Outcomes in Germany



Prostate Cancer Center's Surgery Outcomes versus the average German hospital



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Hoag Orthopedic Institute publishes an annual Outcomes Book. This book is HOI's entire marketing program.



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Poor cost measurement causes communication failures between clinical personnel and health care administrators.



Mission

VS.

Margin

Time-Driven Activity-Based Costing (TDABC) enables accurate Patient Level Costing

1	Determine the Care Process	 What activities are performed over the care cycle for a medical condition? Who performs each activity? How long does each activity take?
2	Calculate Cost Rates	 What is the cost per unit of time for each type of personnel?
3	Account for Consumables	• What materials, supplies, and drugs are consumed during the care cycle?

Clinical and administrative teams work collaboratively to identify:

Process-Steps: All the Patient Check In Waiting Room Exam Room X-Ray Room **Education Room** Patient Check Out administrative and clinical Patient fills **Bring patient** Patient Patient Patient process-steps used over Patient arrives Take X-rays to education out checks out checks in assessment paperwork room a patient's complete cycle 2 of care for a medical Yes 85% condition Patient departs **Review** and Process and Patient Patient waits Need to X watches record annotate rav? for appt. 20 patient inf image video 20 No 15% Discuss Patient waits surgery and Resources: personnel, Staff Key for surgeon answer Office Assistant questions 15 20 equipment, consumable **Physician Assistant** medicines and supplies -X-Ray Tech Yes 60% Surgeon used at each process Discss x-rays Dictate notes Scribe Review with patient and consult patient info step RN and develop with staff as before app plan of care needed No 40% 10 Transcribe Time Estimates: The notes 8 personnel and equipment s patient having a time used at each TKA? process step for that

patient

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Capacity Cost Rates (\$/minute) for clinical and staff people

		Physician		X-Ray		Office
	Surgeon	Assistant	RN	Tech	Scribe	Assistant
Total Clinical Costs	\$546,400	\$120,000	\$100,000	\$64,000	\$51,000	\$61,000
Personnel Capacity (minutes)	91,086	89,086	89,086	89,086	89,086	89,086
Personnel Capacity Cost Rate	\$6.00	\$1.35	\$1.12	\$0.72	\$0.57	\$0.68

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We compute total patient-level care costs by multiplying capacity cost rates by process times and summing across each patient's cycle of care

Initial consultation		Minutes	Cost/ minute	*Total
	MD	X ₁	Y ₁	136.13
	RN	X ₂	Y ₂	68.04
	CA	X ₃	Y ₃	6.17
	ASR	X_4	Y ₄	15.74
				\$266.08
Surgical procedure	MD	Χ.	Y.	584 99
Interim Activities Before Surgery Surgery- preop holding	Anes.	X ₁ X ₂	Y_2	603.89
	RN	X ₃	Y ₃	136.29
	Tech	X ₄	Y ₄	97.82
	OR	X ₅	Y_5	329.16
				\$1752.15
Follow-up or post-operative visit	MD	X ₁	Y ₁	55.19
Plastics surgery follow-up appointments (post-op or other)	RN	X ₂	Y ₂	13.61
	CA	X ₃	Y ₃	3.09
	ASR	X ₄	Y ₄	1.77
Source: Meg Abbott MD & John Meara MD Bost	on Children'	s Hospital		\$73.66
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Time-Driven ABC breaks down the wall with a single version of truth for productive discussions among clinical & administrative personnel



Process Improvement and Redesign

- Eliminate process steps and variations that do not contribute to improved patient outcomes
- Redesign processes to reduce waste and idle time
- Optimize processes and interventions over a complete cycle of care

Personnel and Resource Utilization

- All clinicians work at the "top-of-their license" → health care personnel, equipment and facilities have very different productivities and costs; who should be doing the work, where, and how?
- Reduce unused capacity of people, equipment, and facilities

Use Bundled Payments to Reward Excellent Value-Based Health Care Delivery

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As we move from Fee-For-Service (or Global Budgets), we have two options for paying providers for care



A **bundled payment** is a single payment covering all the procedures, tests, drugs, devices, and services required at all care sites – outpatient, inpatient, and rehabilitation – to treat a patient's medical condition over the full cycle of care.

- A single price covering the full care cycle for an acute medical condition
- Time-based reimbursement for overall care of a chronic condition
- Time-based reimbursement for primary/preventive care for a defined patient segment

Joint Replacement Surgeries in County of Stockholm

"Patients were on waiting lists for up to two years, and they were suffering and many were on sick leave. We would tell providers to do more procedures, we would offer more money. It was never enough. There was still waiting."

- Loss of work due to pain and disability
- Stockholm County had to pay out-of-county providers to supplement backlog in Stockholm

Swedish Health Care System: Global Provider Budgets

- Hospitals reimbursed on prospective volume so little incentive to work
 harder, faster or smarter to eliminate the backlog
- Hospital payments not linked to quality, outcomes or cost
- Salaried physicians

Health Authority Goals

- How to motivate providers to perform more replacements
- Improve outcomes
- Reduce complications and readmissions

New bundled payment introduced for total joint replacements

- Fixed fee to cover physician fees, all other personnel costs, occupancy in hospital, drugs, prosthesis (implant), tests, supplies
 - Outpatient rehab and additional inpatient rehab not included (would remain under the previous system)
- Cycle of care: Pre-op consultation, surgery, inpatient recovery, one follow-up visit
- Risk adjustment: Low risk surgeries (ASA 1 and 2, ~80% of all patients) would be reimbursed under the bundle. Surgeries on ASA 3 and 4 patients remained under the previous system
- Warranty or guarantee for two year cycle of care (extended to 5 years if complication within 2 years)
- Prosthesis must have 10 years of data; 96% survival rate

Patients waiting time decreased and costs decreased.

- In one year, % of patients waiting at least 90 days for treatment declined from 33% to 13%.
- Average pre-operative sick leave decreased from 50 days (2008) to 39 days (2009)
- Surgery queue disappeared by 2011
- Per-procedure cost for joint replacements had declined by 17% in 2011 compared to 2008.
- Complication rate dropped from 6.3% to < 4%.

MD Anderson negotiated a bundled payments contract with its largest private insurer, United Health Care

UnitedHealthcare Tests a Flat Rate for Cancer Treatment

By Anna Wilde Mathews Dec. 15, 2014 12:01 a.m. ET



The effort by the biggest U.S. insurer and the prominent Houston-based center focuses on patients newly diagnosed with head and neck cancer. Associated Press

UnitedHealthcare will pay MD Anderson Cancer Center a set sum of money for a year of treatment for certain patients, in the latest high-profile test of new cancer-care reimbursement models.

The effort by the biggest U.S. insurer and the prominent Houston-based center focuses on patients newly diagnosed with head and neck cancer.

The annual payments are expected to cover nearly all of their cancer care for a year, including surgery, chemotherapy and imaging scans. That is different from the traditional approach under which providers receive a fee for each medical service they provide. The annual payment doesn't increase if a patient has complications that require unexpected treatments.

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