Addressing Healthcare Maintenance in Primary Care

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Problem Statement

- *Problem statement: The current system in Epic regarding healthcare maintenance is cumbersome and time-consuming, leading to deficits in preventative care.*

Study Design

- *Methods or Curriculum Description: We intend to create an Epic SmartPhrase that will pull in data involving cancer screening, risk factor screening, immunization records, and other non-cancer preventative care topics. The SmartPhrase will have a drop-down menu that will allow residents to choose the topics they would like to discuss at that visit.*

Evaluation Plan & Conclusion

- *Results or Evaluation plan: Once the SmartPhrase is finalized, we intend to analyze its efficacy and impact upon healthcare maintenance gaps by evaluating the number of age-appropriate screening tests ordered pre- and post- SmartPhrase with post-implementation survey.*

- *Summary: We hope this SmartPhrase will serve as a memory tool, decrease time spent gleaning prior health maintenance information within the chart, and ease documentation burden on caregivers with the goal to see an increase in appropriate screening tests ordered after SmartPhrase initiation.*

Questions for Discussion

- *What is a way we can integrate the SmartPhrase to also satisfy Epic Quality Measures?*
- *How can we ensure the phrase can be built upon as USPSTF recommendations change?*

References

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