Using Self-Management Support In Your Coaching Approach

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Chronic Care Model

**Community**
- Resources and Policies
- Self-Management Support

**Health System**
- Health Care Organization
- Delivery System Design
- Decision Support
- Clinical Information Systems

**Informed, Activated Patient**

**Productive Interactions**

**Prepared, Proactive Practice Team**

**Improved Outcomes**
Self-Management Support

- Emphasize the patient’s central role in managing their illness
- Use effective self-management strategies that include assessment, goal-setting, action planning problem-solving and follow-up.
- Organize internal and community resources to provide ongoing self-management support to patients.
What is self-management?

“The individual’s ability to manage the symptoms, treatment, physical and social consequences and lifestyle changes inherent in living with a chronic condition.”

Barlow et al, Patient Educ Couns 2002;48:177
Patient educ. vs. SMS

- Information and skills are taught
- Usually disease-specific
- Assumes that knowledge creates behavior change
- Goal is compliance
- Health care professionals are the teachers

- Skills to solve pt. Identified problems are taught
- Skills are generalizable
- Assumes that confidence yields better outcomes
- Goal is increased self-efficacy
- Teachers can be professionals or peers
Self-Management Tasks in Chronic Illness

- To take care of the illness
- To carry out normal activities
- To manage emotional changes

Based on work by Corbin and Straus
Collaborative care

“If physicians view themselves as experts whose job is to get patients to behave in ways that reflect that expertise, both will continue to be frustrated... Once physicians recognize patients as experts on their own lives, they can add their medical expertise to what patients know about themselves to create a plan that will help patients achieve their goals.”

Funnell & Anderson  JAMA 2000;284:1709
What self-management support isn’t...

- Didactic interaction
- Sage on the stage
- You should…
- Finger wagging
- Lecturing
- Waiting for patients to ask for help
Self-Management in CCM

**ASSESS:** Beliefs, Behavior & Knowledge

**ADVISE:** Provide specific information about health risks and benefits of change

**AGREE:** Collaboratively set goals based on patient’s interest and confidence in their ability to change the behavior

**ASSIST:** Identify personal barriers, strategies, problem-solving techniques and social/environmental support

**ARRANGE:** Specify plan for follow-up (e.g., visits, phone calls, mailed reminders)

**Personal Action Plan**
1. List specific goals in behavioral terms
2. List barriers and strategies to address barriers
3. Specify Follow-up Plan
4. Share plan with practice team and patient’s social support

Using the Five A’s as a Facilitator
ASSESS

Risk factors, Beliefs, Behavior and Knowledge
Tips on assessing your practice team

- Ask questions about them….get to “know” them
- Provide feedback to team when appropriate
- Assess their view of QI progress and how easy/difficult it is to get things done.
ADVISE

Provide specific information about the benefits of practice change
Tips on providing advice

- Make the source of advice clear (medical knowledge or best practice)
- Personalize advice to the FHT/CHC environment
- Listen more than you talk
- Have a key message for each idea you present
- Don’t overwhelm them with information
Foster collaboration in selecting ideas for change.
Tips to create agreement

- Base goals and measures and team’s priorities
- Let them start where they want
- Do not judge ideas for change
- Do not make them agree with you
- Team consensus on testing ideas is not critical unless there is obvious opposition or discomfort
Using behavior change techniques (problem solving, counseling) to aid the team in acquiring skills, confidence to test ideas quickly.
Tips on assisting patients

- Use other teams as examples
- Address helplessness
- Learn and use a problem-solving approach
- Link to the assessment of barriers and environment
- Avoid telling them what to do
- Avoid speeches
- Avoid cheerleading
Problem Solving

1. Identify the problem.
2. List all possible solutions.
3. Pick one.
4. Try it in the next testing cycle.
5. If it doesn’t work, try another.
6. If that doesn’t work, find a resource for ideas.
7. If that doesn’t work, accept that the problem may not be solvable now.
Thoughts on Team QI Literacy

- People can read and function above their cognitive level on topics that interest them.
- People are very sensitive about being talked down to.
- Be cognizant of power inequities among team members.
ARRANGE

Schedule follow-up contacts to provide ongoing assistance and support as needed.
Tips for follow-up

- Try a wide variety of methods, whichever team prefers (in person, phone, email)
- Make sure follow-up happens, team trust can be destroyed by missed follow-up
- Determine follow-up based on team preference
Personal Action Plan

1. Something you WANT to do
2. Describe
   - How
   - What
   - When
   - Where
   - Frequency
3. Barriers
4. Plans to overcome barriers
5. Confidence rating (1-10)
6. Follow-Up plan

Source: Lorig et al, 2001
For More Information on Self-management Support

www.improvingchroniccare.org

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