## HEALTH AND HOSPITALS CORPORATION DEPRESSION ANALYSIS #1

I. Query your IS to identify 5 patients (with PHQ scores to support the diagnosis of depression) started on treatment for depression between April and June 2005.

|  | Did the pt have a<br>f/u visit or call<br>within 1-3 weeks<br>of starting<br>treatment?                             | Did the pt<br>have a repeat<br>PHQ within<br>4-8 weeks of<br>starting<br>treatment?  | Did the pt have<br>a self-<br>management<br>plan in the last<br>six months? | Was there a clinically sig improvement (5 pt drop in PHQ) within 3 months? If not, any ideas why?   | Was there a response (50% drop in PHQ) within 6 months? If not, any ideas why?   |
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| Patient #1<br>RS<br>1896539<br>initial<br>PHQ9=15  | Yes_X_ No<br>Comments:  | Yes_X No<br>Comments:  | Yes_X_No<br>Comments:   | Yes_X No<br>Comments:<br>PHQ9=10  | Yes NoX_<br>Comments:<br>Patient followed closely<br>by psych, PHQ9 was not<br>repeated in last 6 months,<br>but multiple notes report<br>that depression fully<br>treated and mood good |
| Patient #2<br>RA<br>1833910<br>PHQ9=15   | Yes_X_ No<br>Comments:<br>Phone call contact.<br>Pt agreed to see<br>therapist                                      | Yes_X No<br>Comments:<br>PHQ9=2  | Yes_X_ No<br>Comments:  | Yes_X_ No<br>Comments:<br>PHQ9=2  | Yes_X_ No Comments: PHQ9=2 Patient very excited about her pregnancy  |
| Patient #3<br>GC<br>1575544<br>PHQ9=11<br>SMG set  | YesNoX_ Comments: Phone not in service  | YesNo_X_<br>Comments:<br>Pt missed<br>followup visit,<br>Returned to<br>clinic @14wks<br>PHQ9=15,<br>has marital<br>problems,<br>Rxed Zoloft<br>50mg | Yes_X_ No<br>Comments:<br>Exercise and<br>socialization<br>discussed        | YesNo_X Comments: Medication was not started until 3.5 months, since f/u was lost. Once medication was begun and phone contact info corrected pt had beter followup. Repeat PHQ9 at 4.5 months =5 | Yes_XNo<br>Comments:<br>PHQ9=2   |
| Patient #4 LN 1593787 PHQ9=10 Recurrent episode of depression -SMG setting and followup plan | Yes No_X_<br>Comments:<br>Phone contact at<br>3.5 weeks. Pt<br>continues to feel<br>bad, agrees to<br>start lexapro | Yes_X No<br>Comments:<br>PHQ9=10 at 4<br>weeks<br>Lexapro<br>started<br>PHQ9=5 at 8<br>weeks   | Yes_X_ No<br>Comments:<br>Keep active with<br>grandchildren                 | Yes_X_ No<br>Comments:<br>PHQ9=5  | Yes_X_No_X<br>Comments:<br>PHQ9=2 at 5 months,<br>Continued lexapro<br>PHQ9=9 at 8 months<br>Stressful situation at<br>home.   |

| Patient #5 | Yes_X No            | Yes_X      | Yes_X No        | YesNoX_                 | Yes No_X                   |
|------------|---------------------|------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| WC         | Comments:           | No         | Comments:       | Comments:               | Comments:                  |
| 1327410    |                     | Comments:  |                 |                         |                            |
| PHQ9=27    | Multiple phone      |            | Eat meals with  | Pt non compliant with   | Unsuccessful attempts to   |
|            | attempts made until | PHQ9=27 at | family instead  | treatment plan. Too     | treat depression utilizing |
| Started    | we were able to     | 3wks,      | of in your room | depressed to follow up  | maximum resources as       |
| Zoloft,    | contact patient.    | 5wks       | alone           | with anything. A1c =15, | outpatient for >2 years    |
| SMG        | Moving between      | 8wks       | Keep            | lots of complications   | due to patient non         |
| discussed  | different family    |            | appointments    | from medical co         | compliance. Finally        |
|            | members homes       |            |                 | morbidities             | admitted patient to        |
| Psych      | <b>3.</b>           |            |                 |                         | psych inpatient service    |
| appts      | Non compliant       |            |                 |                         | where depression           |
| made       | with meds, psych    |            |                 |                         | aggressively treated with  |
|            | appt and other      |            |                 |                         | medications and group      |
|            | medical appts       |            |                 |                         | therapy                    |
|            |                     |            |                 |                         | PHQ9=7, A1c =7.3           |
|            |                     |            |                 |                         |                            |
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| Summary    |                     |            |                 |                         |                            |
| Percentag  | 60 %                | 60 %       | 100 %           | 60 %                    | 40 %                       |
| e          |                     |            |                 |                         |                            |
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## II. What key problems/barriers to improved depression care emerge from these chart reviews?

Accurate patient contact information is key.

Non compliance with treatment plan is a challenge.

Contacting patients before 3 weeks is difficult in my population

Difficult to repeat PHQ9 at 4-8 weeks if provider has no available appointments. (appointment cycle usually q 3 months)

Depression is cyclical. Patients who may have been in remission often relapse.

## III. Describe at least one PDSA cycle you plan to conduct aimed at overcoming the barriers/problems identified above.

- P: Ask patients for correct contact information when provider completes PHQ9. Add contact information line on PHQ9 form
- D: We will reformat the PHQ9 form and add a line for correct contact information. Providers will ask patients who score>10 for their contact phone number during the visit once they have completed the PHQ9.
- S: Over the next month we will determine whether there is an increase in the percentage of patients we are able to successfully contact by phone at the 1-3 week point
- A: If successful we will encourage all providers to confirm the patient contact information on patients who score >10 on the pHQ9.

## HEALTH AND HOSPITALS CORPORATION DEPRESSION ANALYSIS #1

I. Query your IS (or other data source) to identify 4 patients (with PHQ scores of 10 or greater) started on treatment for depression (preferably between April and June 2005).

| Patient #1 Baseline PHQ 17 77 yr M with DM wife died 1 yr ago            | Did the pt have a f/u visit or call within 1-3 weeks of starting treatment?  Yes X No Comments:  9/15 10/13 Zoloft 50mg | Did the pt have a repeat PHQ within 4-8 weeks of starting treatment? Yes_X No Repeat PHQ_4 Comments: 10/13          | Did the pt have a self-management plan in the last six months?  Yes No_X Describe plan/comments: | Was there a clinically significant improvement (5 pt drop in PHQ) within 3 months? If not, any ideas why?  Yes_XNo Last PHQ within 3 months of NE PHQ4 Comments: 12/8/05 | Was there a response (50% drop in PHQ) within 6 months? If not, any ideas why?  Yes_X_No_ Last PHQ within 6 months of NE PHQ  Comments: Zoloft 75mg |
|--|---|---|--|--|---|
| Patient #2 Baseline PHQ_14 7/20/05 82 yr M with CAD HTN ↑ lipids S/P T/A | Yes_X_ No<br>Comments:<br>7/21/05 NP<br>9/8<br>10/6<br>1/19   | Yes_X<br>No<br>Repeat<br>PHQ_4_<br>Comments:  | Yes NoX_ Describe plan/comments:   | Yes No<br>Last PHQ within 3<br>months of NE PHQ<br>0<br>Comments:<br>10/6 PHQ9 helped by<br>son  | YesNoX_ Last PHQ within 6 months of NE PHQ12 Comments: 1/19/06 2% ft 100mg ↑  |
| Patient #3 Baseline PHQ15 11/3/05 67 yr F HTN sciabica Chr Hep C         | YesNo_X<br>Comments:<br>4 weeks 12/8  | Yes_X<br>No<br>Repeat<br>PHQ7<br>Comments:  | YesNo_X<br>Describe<br>plan/comments:  | Yes_X No<br>Last PHQ within 3<br>months of NE PHQ<br>9<br>Comments: 2/9/06   | YesNoX_ Last PHQ within 6 months of NE PHQ Comments: Increase dose Zoloft 100mg   |
| Patient #4 Baseline PHQ14 5/17/05 69 F HTN ↑ lipids PAO S/P Start        | Yes NoX_<br>Comments:<br>5 weeks  | Yes<br>No_X<br>Repeat<br>PHQ_24<br>Comments:<br>3+months<br>non-<br>compliant<br>with meds<br>Financial<br>problems | Yes No_X<br>Describe<br>plan/comments:   | Yes No_X<br>Last PHQ within 3<br>months of NE PHQ<br>24<br>Comments: 9/24/05<br>Son's ETOH abuse Pt.<br>refuses  | Yes_X_No<br>Last PHQ within 6<br>months of NE PHQ<br>9<br>Comments: 12/29/05<br>Social Service<br>consult/follow-up Psych<br>appt. Zoloft 100mg     |
| Summary<br>Percentage  | 50 %  | 75 %  | 0%   | 75 %   | 50 %  |

- II. What key problems/barriers to improved depression care emerge from these chart reviews?
  - Need to start with self-management plan for all patients
  - PHQ9 should be done by patient not family member
  - Need to schedule follow-up appointment with NP in 1-3 weeks instead of 4 weeks
  - Address social issues need social work involvement
- III. Describe at least one PDSA cycle you plan to conduct aimed at overcoming the barriers/problems identified above.
  - 1. Schedule all new patients with diagnosis of depression PHQ9 score > 10 to see NP in 1-3 weeks
  - 2. Call all no show patients check for 1) compliance 2) ADR's 3) Barriers to keeping appointment 4) # of new patients getting self-management plan.
  - 3. Follow-up PHQ9 to be done in 4 weeks.