Comparative Effectiveness in Health Care: Operationalizing Evidenced – Based Medicine

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We All Agree on the Problems

- Unsustainable spending growth
- Lots of problems with patient safety



And, for the U.S. — the uninsured



Slowing Spending/Improving Value is Critical



- in spending is biggest driver of uninsured
- Improved value/slower growth will facilitate coverage expansions
- Rising health care costs putting huge pressures on:
 Employers, Employees, Federal Budget

What We Know



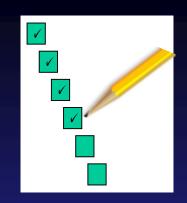
- *Huge* variations in care exist
- Spending *more* **not** the same as *more quality*
- Spending growth partly relates to technology growth, need to learn how to "spend smarter"
- Spending growth largely related to growth in chronic disease, need to learn how to "treat smarter"

To Change Where We Are...



- We need to *measure better*
 - -- need a "score-card"
 - -- quality, efficiency, "patient-centeredness"
- We need better information
- We need to *change* the *incentives*
 - -- Medicare 25 years getting it exactly wrong!
 - -- Private Sector not much better

Some Data is Starting to be Available



"Hospital Compare" - public data

 New P4P measures being collected for docs Really P4R, started July 1, 2007

♦ JCAHO "Quality Check" – Public reporting

Need Better Information – Comparative Effectiveness - Basic Building Block ...

Information on...

"What works when, for whom, provided by..." *also...*

Recognition that "technology" is rarely always effective or never effective

CCE Needs the Right Focus



Elemental building blocks to "spending smarter"

- Focus on conditions rather than
 interventions/therapeutics;
 procedures, not just Rx and devices
- ♦ Invest in what is not yet known; use what is known more effectively

Dynamic Process...

Comparative Effectiveness Should Include Data from Many Sources



- "Gold Standard" - double-blinded RCT
- "Real World" RCT (Sean Tunis)
- Epidemiological studies; medical record analyses
- Administrative data

Need to understand: All data have limitations

To Be Useful Information *must be*

- Objective
- Credible
- Timely
- Transparent
- Understandable

What a U.S. Center on CCE will NOT be ...



- Not providing a new coverage requirement used for practice decisions/reimbursement
- Not a decision-making center
- Not a cost-effectiveness center

Cost-effectiveness is important, but... should be dealt with separately

How to Bring in Cost-Effectiveness



- Fund cost-effectiveness studies with same funding stream as CCE
- Keep C/E analyses separate
- Medicare will need new authority to use C/E
 - -- reimbursement vs. coverage
- Private payers can fund additional C/E studies
 - -- universities; free standing centers

"Spending Smarter" Also Means Better Incentives

- Need to realign financial incentives
- Reward institutions/clinicians who provide high quality/efficiently produced care
- Use "value-based" insurance and "value based" purchasing
- Reward healthy lifestyles by consumers

What This Means for Industry...

Raises the bar for reimbursement "Get more if do more"

 Needn't delay entry time to market - - especially if company "goes at risk" for addit'l reimbursement

Significant change for the medical community will need support of "thought leaders"

Lots of Interest

- Some interest across the political parties
- Industry support is mixed
 - Big pharma wants transparent process, minimal extra delay
 - Small pharma/biotech worried about delays;

 Device companies nervous about small incremental improvements
- Physician groups beginning to "declare themselves



What Next?

- Congressional interest continues...
 - Part of CHAMP bill passed in 2007; superseded by Senate
 - Baucus/Conrad Bill introduced August 2008
- President-elect Obama supported CCE in the campaign

2009 should be the year!