Meaningful Use Stage 2
An Overview
Lets Skip the B.S.

- How to make Meaningful Use Software work for your practice.
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- Good Reporting Tools in your EHR are extremely important
90 DAYS !!!!

- For 2015, Under the **NEW RULE** Meaningful Use will be 90 days in 2015
- That is any 90 continuous days in 2015
- BUT...
  - You must have registered with your State Immunization Registry and State Syndromic Surveillance Registry within 60 days of your first day of the 90 days.
There were:
17 Core and 6 Menu Measures

- Now there are 10 Objectives
- We will review the old measures and see how they fit into the new objectives
Measure 1 CPOE

- Use computerized provider order entry (CPOE) for medication, laboratory and radiology orders directly entered by any licensed healthcare professional who can enter orders into the medical record per state, local and professional guidelines.
How can this help you

- Follow up on orders that have not been completed.
  - Med Mal Issues
  - Revenue Issues
  - Patient Satisfaction Issues
  - Outcome Issues
CPOE Thresholds

- If you are supposed to be at Stage 1
  - Your threshold for Medication Orders is 30%
  - You are exempt from radiology orders
  - You are exempt from lab orders
- If you were supposed to be at Stage 2
  - Your threshold for Medication orders is 60%
  - Your threshold for radiology orders is 30%
  - Your threshold for lab orders is 30%
Exemptions

- If you had less than 100 Medication Orders you are exempt from that portion of the measure
- If you had less than 100 Lab Orders you are exempt from that portion of the measure
- If you had less than 100 Radiology Orders you are exempt from that portion of the measure
Measure 2 – Erx

- Generate and transmit permissible prescriptions electronically (eRx).
And this helps how??

- No more phone calls from pharmacy because they can not read what you wrote.
Erx Threshold and Exemption

- If you were supposed to be at Stage 1 your threshold is 40%
- If you were supposed to be at Stage 2 your threshold is 50%
- If you wrote less than 100 prescriptions (medication orders) you are exempt from this measure.
Measure 3 Demographics

- Record the following demographics: preferred language, sex, race, ethnicity, date of birth.

- Under the NEW RULE this is GONE
Measure 4 Vital Signs

- Record and chart changes in the following vital signs: height/length and weight (no age limit); blood pressure (ages 3 and over); calculate and display body mass index (BMI); and plot and display growth charts for patients 0-20 years, including BMI.

- Under the NEW RULE this is GONE
This is a pain in the butt.. But...

- If you told a patient that their weight is a factor in their pathology and they should lose weight..
- If you identify a patient with a dangerously high BP
  - You can save that patients life (nice from the human perspective)
  - You don’t lose a patient (nice from the fiscal perspective)
In addition

- There are important PQRS measures that require that you MEASURE and record height, weight and blood pressure, so even though these are gone from Meaningful Use it is still in your best interest to MEASURE and RECORD these values.
  - And act on abnormal values
Measure 5 – Smoking Status

- Record smoking status for patients 13 years old or older.

- Under the **NEW RULE** this is GONE
But

- Yes there are PQRS measures that deal with smoking so even though it is gone from Meaningful Use, you should still ask your patients if they smoke and provide some sort of counseling
Measure 6 – Clinical Decision Support

- Use clinical decision support to improve performance on high-priority health conditions.
Set up CDS rules

- That remind you to provide BILLABLE Services
- That remind you to provide relevant medically necessary care
- Helps to improve outcomes
- This can be BIG
The CDS Rules

- Must be supported by published clinical guidelines
- Should be related to existing CQM items
- Should have an impact on quality of care
Measure 7 – Provide Health Information Online

- Part 1:
  - Provide patients the ability to view online, download and transmit their health information within four business days of the information being available to the EP

- Part 2
  - Patients must visit the portal and view, download or transmit their information.
The most difficult part of MU2

- But studies have demonstrated that engaged patients who visit the portal actually can utilize less of your non billable time.
  - Less Questions
  - Use the portal for medication refills
  - Use the portal to collect bills
  - Use the portal to send patient education
  - Use the portal to send clinical summaries
  - This can be heavily leveraged
Threshold and exemptions

- **Part 1**
  - For both Stage 1 and Stage 2
    - Over 50% of patients must be PROVIDED with access to the information

- **Part 2**
  - For Stage 1
    - Exempt
  - For Stage 2
    - At least ONE (1) patient must visit the portal and either view, download or transmit their information
Measure 8 – Clinical Summaries

- Provide clinical summaries for patients for each office visit.

- Under the **NEW RULE** this is GONE
Measure 9 – Protect Health Information

- Protect electronic health information created or maintained by the Certified EHR Technology through the implementation of appropriate technical capabilities.
- This is now OBJECTIVE 1 of Meaningful Use. They are putting even more importance on this and you need to have this completed. Not only is it part of Meaningful Use but it is Federal Law and HIPAA Compliance Audits have started.
Well...

• If you do not meet this measure you are at a MUCH greater risk of a HIPAA Breach

• HIPAA Breach =
  • VERY EXPENSIVE COSTS
  • VERY HIGH FINES
  • VERY BAD PR FOR YOUR PRACTICE

• Nuff said?
Measure 10 – Incorporate Lab Results

• Incorporate clinical lab-test results into Certified EHR Technology as structured data.

• Guess what??

• Under the NEW RULE this is GONE
It gives you better access to your lab results

- Quicker access to results means less time looking for info when treating patients.
- Getting the info into the EHR can be easy or difficult.
  - Make it easy
Measure 11 Patient Lists

- Generate lists of patients by specific conditions to use for quality improvement, reduction of disparities, research, or outreach.

- Under the NEW RULE this is GONE
Fill Your waiting room

- The metrics of this measure help to get patient back in the door.
- Even though it is not required for Meaningful Use, this is still potentially an excellent Practice Management Too.
Measure 12 Preventive Care

- Use clinically relevant information to identify patients who should receive reminders for preventive/follow-up care and send these patients the reminders, per patient preference.
- Under the NEW RULE this is also gone.
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Measure 13 – Patient Education

- Use clinically relevant information from Certified EHR Technology to identify patient-specific education resources and provide those resources to the patient.
Great PR Great Risk Management

- Provide education and document it. Patients can share the education and be walking advertisements for your practice.
- Documentation of Patient Education can help protect you in case of a malpractice suit.
Threshold

- For both Stage 1 and Stage 2
  - Use clinically relevant information from Certified EHR Technology to identify patient-specific education resources and provide those resources to more than 10% of patients.

- Stage 1 specific
  - This was a stage 1 Menu Measure. So if you did not intend to meet this measure and you are at stage 1 you can claim an exemption
    - Careful, if you met this menu measure in the past it can be difficult to demonstrate you did not intend to meet this measure on audit.
Measure 14 – Medication Reconciliation

- The EP who receives a patient from another setting of care or provider of care or believes an encounter is relevant should perform medication reconciliation.
This is good medicine

- But I do not see how to leverage it for your practice.
Thresholds and Exemptions

- Stage 1 and Stage 2
  - Must complete a Medication Reconciliation at least 50% of the time a patient presents with a Transition of Care document

- Stage 1 Exemption
  - This was a Stage 1 Menu Measure, if you are at Stage 1 and did not intend to meet this measure you are excluded

- Stage 1 and Stage 2 Exemption
  - If you do not receive any Transitions of Care
Measure 15 – Transition of Care

• The EP who transitions their patient to another setting of care or provider of care or refers their patient to another provider of care should provide a summary care record for each transition of care or referral.
Lets talk about doctor / doctor relationships

- This is a great communication tool and can help to generate more referrals.
- Accepting this can be a MAJOR marketing point for your practice.
Thresholds and Exemptions

- **Stage 2**
  - You must create Transition of Care Documents and ELECTRONICALLY transmit those documents 10% of the time you generate them.

- **Stage 2 Exemption**
  - If you have less than 100 Transitions of Care

- **Stage 1**
  - You are exempt from this measure
Measure 16 – Immunization Registries

- Capability to submit electronic data to immunization registries or immunization information systems except where prohibited, and in accordance with applicable law and practice.
Good for....

- The State Department of Health
- Not related to the practice of Podiatry
- You still need to get and account.
Thresholds

- This has been bundled with the Syndromic Surveillance Registry and Specialty Registry

- **Stage 2**
  - Must submit to 2 of the 3 registries or have exemptions from at least 2 registries
    - Submit to only 1 – must be exempt from 2
    - Submit to 0 – must be exempt from all three

- **Stage 1**
  - Must submit to 1 of the 3 registries
    - Submit to 0 – must be exempt from all three
Exemptions

- First YOU MUST register with the Syndromic Surveillance and Immunization Registry within 60 days of the reporting period.
  - Exemption 1
    - The registry will not accept your registration
  - Exemption 2
    - You are somewhere in the process of registering and you have nothing to submit to the registry.
Measure 17 – Secure Messaging

- Use secure electronic messaging to communicate with patients on relevant health information.

- Under the **NEW RULE** this is no longer 5%
- This must be turned on in your EHR system
You can leverage this

- To minimize phone calls to your office and make your staff more efficient.
Menu Measure 1 – Syndromic Surveillance

- Capability to submit electronic syndromic surveillance data to public health agencies except where prohibited, and in accordance with applicable law and practice.

- We covered this earlier in the presentation
Menu Measure 2 – Electronic Notes

- Record electronic notes in patient records.

- Under the **NEW RULE** this is GONE
Menu Measure 3 – Medical Images and Results

- Imaging results consisting of the image itself and any explanation or other accompanying information are accessible through CEHRT.

- Under the NEW RULE this is GONE
Why is this good

- Yes it is a pain but.
  - It provides you with easy access to the images you have ordered
  - So getting it in is a pain but having it available when you need it can save you a lot of time
Menu Measure 4 – Family History

- Record patient family health history as structured data.

- Under the NEW RULE this is GONE
Menu Measure 5 – Cancer Registries

- Capability to identify and report cancer cases to a public health central cancer registry, except where prohibited, and in accordance with applicable law and practice.
Menu Measure 6 – Other Registry

- Capability to identify and report specific cases to a specialized registry (other than a cancer registry), except where prohibited, and in accordance with applicable law and practice.
This can actually be utilized

- To aggregate Podiatry Outcomes and produce BIG data reports to help us fight for reimbursement for treatments we provide that work.
- Yes this is a bit long term but now we are getting to some of the value of the EHR technology
- Insurance companies use claims data to beat us up we can use outcomes date to fight back.
Questions

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