

Planning Ahead Working Smarter, Not Harder

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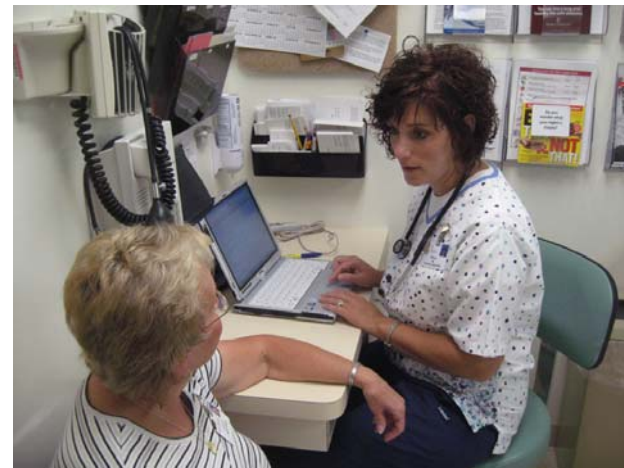
Audience Response

How much physician time on Inbox/d?



Take home messages

- It's all about
 - Planning ahead
 - Sharing the load
 - Enjoying the work!



Role Play: Tale of Two Visits

Next Patient: No Prep

- 64 year old annual appt
 - DM2
 - HTN
 - Depression
- Prevention
- New c/o
 - LBP



What did you see?



Next Patient: PVP, PV Lab, Huddle

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Save 3+ Hours per day

Practice Fundamentals

- Practice Re-engineering
 - Pre-visit lab ½ hr
 - Pre-visit planning ½ hr
 - Prescription mgt ½ hr
 - Expanded rooming/discharge 1 hr
 - Optimize physical space 1 hr
 - Team documentation 1-2 hr
 - Team meetings/huddles ½ hr
 - 3+ hr/d

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Pre-visit lab

Flip the Clinic

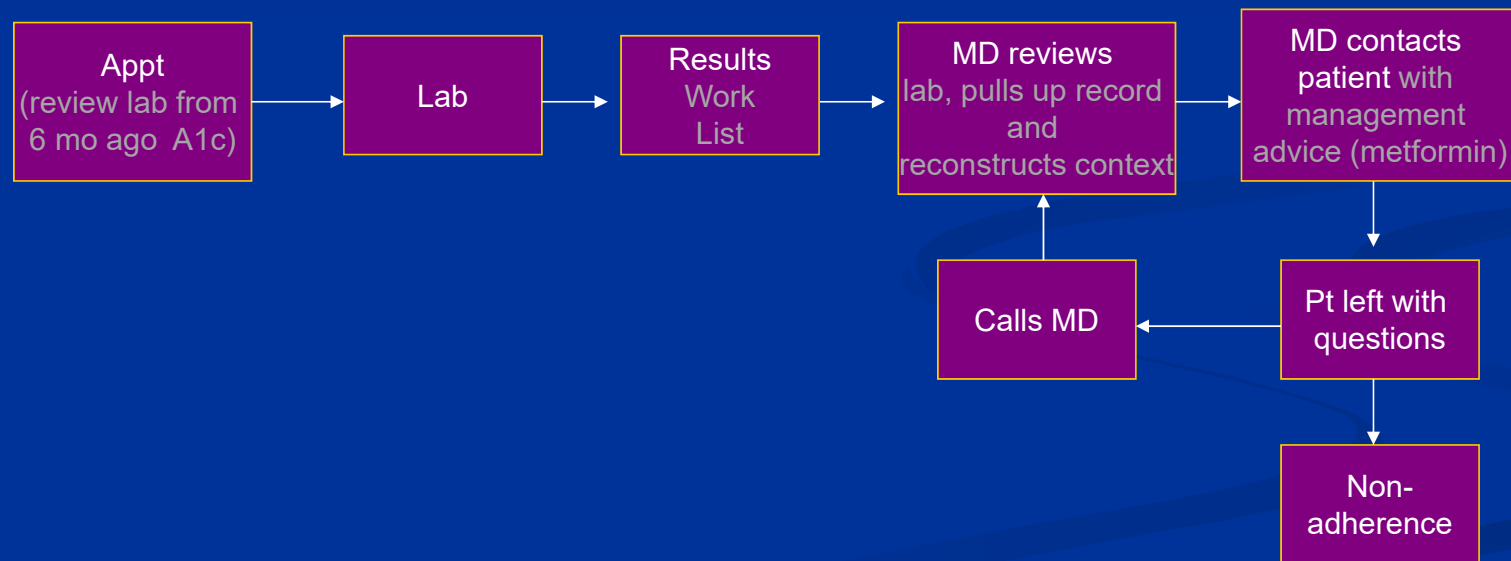


Laboratory testing before the visit ...

- A** is not done.
- B** is arranged for only a limited number of conditions or when initiated by patient.
- C** is arranged by a staff person who reviews the charts a week before the appointment and orders testing according to standing orders.
- D** is prospectively arranged for the next appointment by the team at the conclusion of each visit, customized to all of the patient's conditions and screening needs.

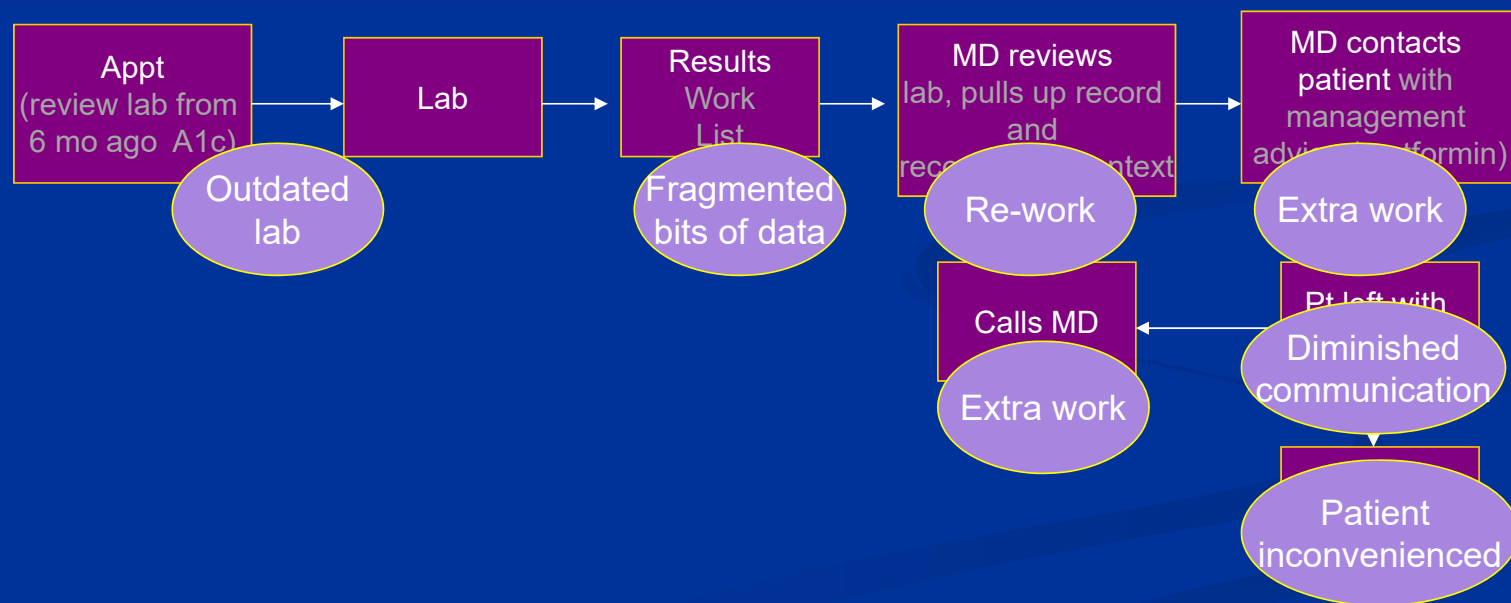
Process Mapping

Post-appt Lab



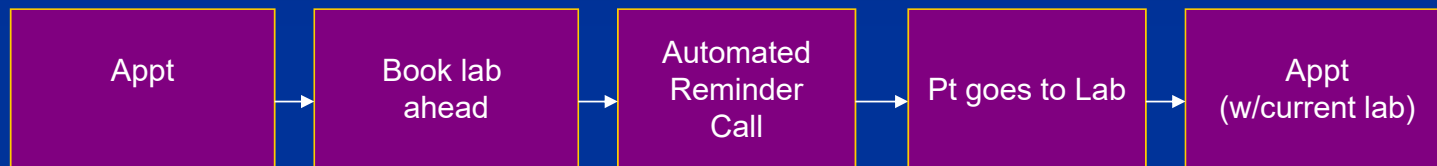
Process Mapping

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Process Mapping

Pre-appt Lab



- Current data for visit
- Increases patient involvement
- Increases patient safety
- Saves time
- Eliminates re-work
- Decreases no-shows
- Decreases non-adherence

Flip the Clinic

Pre-visit Lab

- Same day pre-visit lab
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Flip the Clinic

Pre-visit Lab

- “The next appointment starts today”



POST-APPOINTMENT ORDER SHEET

Patient's name: _____

Upcoming visits/labs, if any: _____ Date of last annual exam: _____

TODAY AND RETURN: Patient needs the following tests and should return today;

or ☐ **RELEASE:** Patient needs the following tests today and can then be released.

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|--|---|--|
| ☐ Chest X-ray 786.2 or 786.09 | ☐ Serum protein electrophoresis 285.9 | ☐ Stool culture and sensitivity 787.91 |
| ☐ X-ray, flat and upright, of abdomen 789.00 | ☐ B12 285.9 NEEDS WAIVER SIGNED, 289.89 (macrocytosis), 294.1 (dementia) or 357.4 (neuropathy) | ☐ Ova and parasite exam x 3 787.91 |
| ☐ Doppler ultrasound, lower extremities 729.5 | ☐ Folate 285.9 | ☐ Urinalysis 788.41 or 780.79 |
| ☐ Brain natriuretic peptide 428.0 | ☐ Serum HCG 626.0 or 787.02 | ☐ Urinalysis C&S 599.0 |
| ☐ C-troponin I 786.5 | ☐ Free T4 244.9 | ☐ Erythrocyte sedimentation rate 780.79 |
| ☐ BUN/creatinine 401.1 or 780.79 | ☐ Any/less 789.00 | ☐ Albumin, alkaline phosphatase, SGOT, SGPT, total bil 789.00 |
| ☐ Sodium/potassium 401.1 or 780.79 | ☐ H. pylori screen 536.8 | ☐ Other: _____ |
| ☐ Complete blood count 780.79, 285.9 or 578.1 | ☐ Digoxin level 427.31 | |
| ☐ Thyroid stimulating hormone 780.79 or 244.9 | | |
| ☐ Ferritin 285.9 | | |

FOLLOW-UP APPOINTMENT: Patient should return to clinic in _____ months for chronic disease follow-up.

The following tests should be obtained one week before appointment unless results are available within 30 minutes.

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| ☐ Chest X-ray 486 or 793.1 | ☐ Hg 285.9 | ☐ Sodium/potassium/creatinine/ Hg 593.9 or 401.1 |
| ☐ Mammogram ☐ L ☐ R 793.89 or V76.12 | ☐ BUN/creatinine 401.1 | ☐ Microalbumin/creatinine 250.00 or 790.6 |
| ☐ Lipids/SGOT 272.0 | ☐ 1 month & 2 month INR & cal; 3 month INR & appt V58.61 | ☐ Renal ultrasound, iron/iron binding, ferritin, parathyroid panel 593.9 |
| ☐ CRP 272.0 or V70.0 | ☐ Thyroid stimulating hormone 244.9 | ☐ Other: _____ |
| ☐ Fasting blood sugar and A1C 790.6 or 250.00 | ☐ Free T4 244.9 or 242.90 | |
| ☐ Fasting blood sugar 790.6, 250.0 or V70.0 | ☐ Erythrocyte sedimentation rate 725 | |
| ☐ 2-hr postprandial glucose 790.6 or 250.00 | ☐ Digoxin level 427.31 | |
| ☐ Retic count 790.6 or 250.00 | | |

ANNUAL EXAM: Patient should return to clinic in _____ months for annual exam.

The following tests should be obtained one week before appointment unless results are available within 30 minutes.

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|----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Standard tests: | ☐ Sodium/potassium/creatinine/ microalbumin 401.1 | ☐ Other: _____ |
| Lipids/SGOT 272.0 or V70.0 | ☐ Diabetic panel & appt with diabetes educator 250.00 | |
| Fasting blood sugar V77.1 | ☐ Fasting blood sugar & A1C 790.6 | |
| Hg V70.0 | ☐ Thyroid stimulating hormone 244.9 | |
| Mammogram V76.12, 610.1 or V16.3 | | |
| PSA (if male over 50) V76.44 | | |

PROCEDURE: Patient should return to clinic in _____ months.

The following tests should be obtained one week before appointment unless results are available within 30 minutes or unless noted as "same day."

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|---|--|--|
| ☐ Stress echocardiogram 786.50 (B-blocker? ☐ Yes ☐ No) | ☐ Upper gastrointestinal X-ray (same day) 789.00 | ☐ 72-hr glucose monitor 250.00 or 790.6 |
| ☐ Stress test 786.50 or 414.01 | ☐ Flexible sigmoidoscopy V70.0 | ☐ Diabetic appt w/ NP 1:1 |
| ☐ Echocardiogram 428.0 or 427.31 | ☐ Flex sig w/ air contrast/berium enema (same day) V16.0 or 578.1 | ☐ Dietitian appt |
| ☐ 24-hr Holter monitor 785.1 or 780.2 | ☐ CT, abdomen/pelvis (same day) 789.00 | ☐ Diabetes class |
| ☐ Overnight oximetry 780.79 | ☐ Pelvic ultrasound w/ vaginal probe (same day) 627.1 | ☐ Weight-management class |
| ☐ 24-hr ambulatory blood pressure monitor 796.2 | ☐ Thyroid ultrasound (same day) 241.0 | ☐ Smoking cessation |
| ☐ Ankle-brachial index 729.5 | ☐ CT, head (same day) 784.0 | ☐ Flu clinic |
| ☐ Carotid ultrasound (same day) 785.9 | ☐ CT, chest (same day) 793.1 | ☐ Other: _____ |
| ☐ Aortic ultrasound (same day) V70.0 | ☐ Endometrial biopsy | |
| ☐ Right upper quadrant ultrasound (same day) 789.00 | ☐ DEXA scan 627.2, 733.90 or 733.0 | |

Referral: Patient needs appointment with Dr. _____ for the following reason: _____

Note: Default ICD-9 codes for each test are listed above. Where needed, circle the alternative diagnosis code.

Pre-visit

Pre-visit Labs

- 89% ↓ phone calls ($p < 0.001$)
- 85% ↓ letters ($p < 0.0001$)
- 61% ↓ additional visits ($p < 0.001$)
- ↑ patient satisfaction
- Saved \$26/visit

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Pre-visit planning

When are Care Gaps Closed in your Flow?



Flip the Clinic v2



Pre-visit planning ...

- A** is not done; the first we think of the patient is when they check-in.
- B** includes a generic pre-visit questionnaire given to the patient on check-in or by portal before the visit.
- C** includes a patient- or condition-specific pre-visit questionnaire, pre-visit identification of care gaps and a warm hand-off between rooming staff and physician.
- D** includes a pre-visit questionnaire, care gaps identification and a warm hand-off. Also includes routine reappointment of patients at conclusion of each visit, with prospective identification of pre-visit labs, along with appointment reminders (e.g., text, message or call) a few days before the next appointment.



Visit Prep: Care gap closure

Minimize the hunt for info during visit

Enhance the patient experience, increase patient engagement and improve practice efficiency.

Pre-visit planning

Ten steps to pre-visit planning

During the current visit

1. Re-appoint the patient at the conclusion of the visit
2. Use a visit planner checklist to arrange the next appointment(s)
3. Arrange for laboratory tests to be completed *before* the next visit

Before the next visit

4. Perform visit preparations
5. Use a visit prep checklist to identify gaps in care
6. Send patients appointment reminders
7. Consider a pre-visit phone call or email

During the next visit

8. Hold a pre-clinic care team huddle
9. Use a pre-appointment questionnaire
10. Hand off patients to the physician



Visit prep checklist

If you have a new complaint, please describe the symptom and indicate how long it has been present, when it is better or worse and any other information that might be helpful to the physician and/or staff.

To be completed in anticipation of a patient's upcoming visit	
Patient name:	Date of birth:
Date of previous visit:	Date of next visit:

Preventive screening	Due	Up-to-date	N/A	Target population and recommendation
PAP				Age 21 to 65 years Every 3 years if no history of abnormal PAPs (or every 5 years if over 30 and most recent PAP negative and HPV-negative)
Mammogram				Age 50 to 75 years Every 1 to 2 years; or for those 40 to 50 and >75 screening is optional
Colonoscopy				Age 50 to 75 years Every 10 years (more frequent if history of colon polyp or family history of colon cancer)
Bone density scan (DEXA)				Age 65 years Every 10 years for women if previous results were normal; every 5 years if symptoms of osteopenia exist
Abdominal aortic aneurysm				Age 65 to 75 years One-time screening for men who have ever smoked
Visual acuity				Age >65 years (new Medicare enrollees) Can be completed during the "Welcome to Medicare" visit
Glaucoma screen				Age >65 years Annually

Immunization	Due	Up-to-date	N/A	Target population and recommendation
Tdap vaccine				Age >19 years Administer Tdap once; boost with Td every 10 years
Influenza vaccine				Age >6 months Annually
Shingles vaccine				Age >60 years Option if >50 years
Pneumococcal vaccine (PCV13 or PPSV23)				Age >65 years • PCV13 now, followed by PPSV23 six to 12 months later • If already received PPSV23, wait at least one year before giving PCV13 Patients age 18 to 65 with a chronic* or immunocompromising condition may also need a pneumococcal vaccine.

Pre-appointment Questionnaire



Today's Visit

What are you hoping to accomplish today? _____

Is there anything you'd like to work on to improve your health?

If you have one of the following conditions, please answer:

Diabetes: Any problems with medications? _____ Home glucose readings _____

High Blood Pressure: Any problems with meds? _____ Home BP readings _____

High Cholesterol: Any problems with meds? _____

Depression: Any problems with meds? _____ Any suicidal thoughts? _____

Between Visits

Have you been to the hospital or another doctor since last seen here? _____ Please explain _____

Lifestyle

Exercise: What do you do? _____ how long? _____ how often? _____

30 minutes walking most days can reduce the risk of a heart attack by 30%.

Smoking: How much do you smoke? _____ Are you interesting in quitting? _____

It is recommended that you stop smoking. We have a smoking cessation class for your assistance.

Alcohol:

How many drinking days do you have per week? _____

On average how many drinks per drinking day? _____

Have you had more than 4 alcoholic drinks in a day in the past 3 months? _____

Are you or others concerned about your drinking? _____

Men who drink 5 or more drinks in a day or 15 or more drinks/week are at risk of a drinking problem. Women who drink 4 or more drinks in a day or 8 or more drinks/week are at risk

Falls: Have you fallen in the past year? ___ Problems with walking or balance? _____

Safety: Are you in a relationship where you feel unsafe or have been hurt? _____

HIV Testing: Would you like HIV testing? _____ (If yes, please tell the nurse.)

HIV testing is recommended for anyone at risk for HIV infection, including persons with a sexually transmitted disease, history of injection drug use; sex workers, sexual partners of HIV-

Huddles:

Warm hand-offs



Implementing a daily team huddle

Boost practice productivity and team morale, by communicating in real time about the day's events

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Mini-huddle: Warm Hand-offs

- Medical
- Social
- Mentor the nurses/MAs
- Deeply engaged



Primary Care Visit Regularity and Patient Outcomes: an Observational Study

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Planned care visits →

(as opposed to same # of reactive visits)

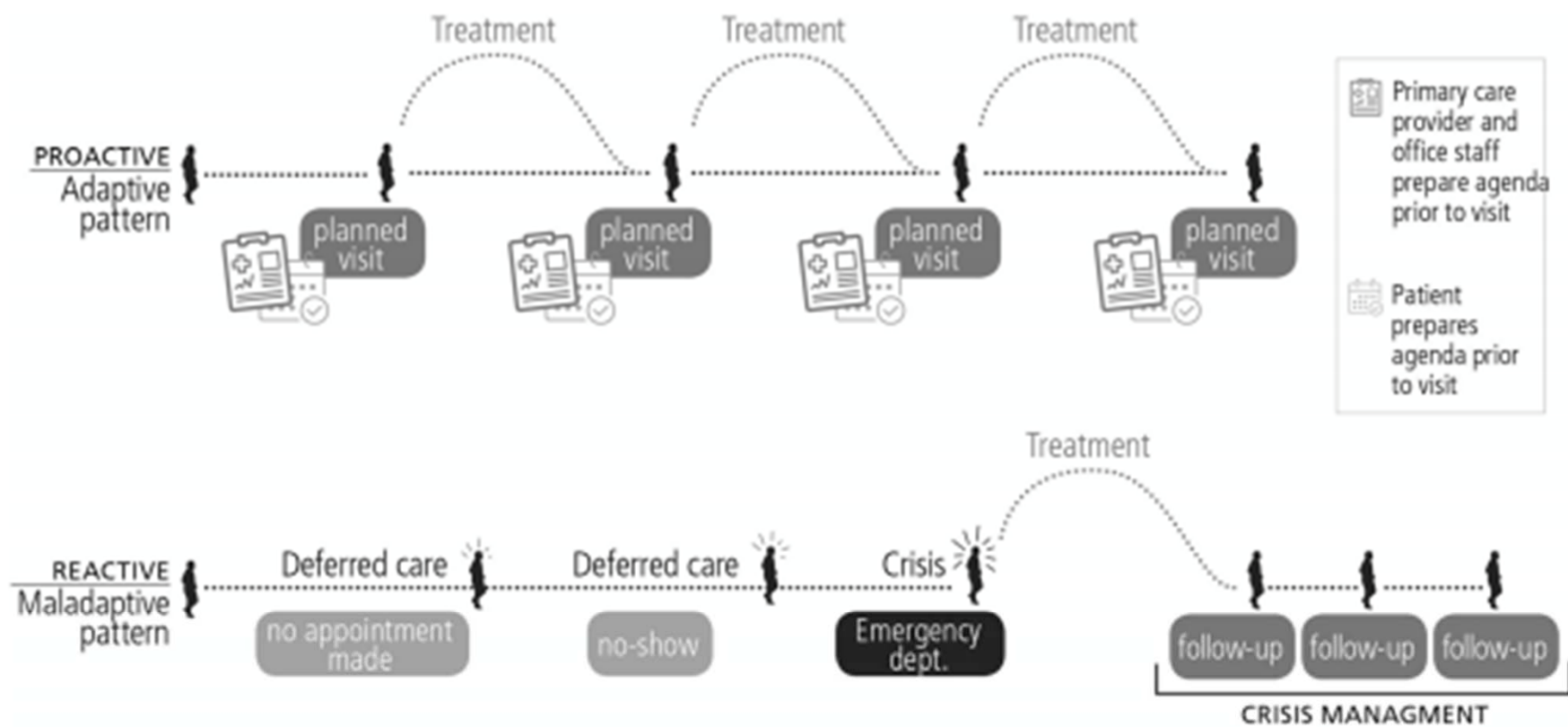
BACKGROUND: Randomized controlled trials have shown that primary care visit regularity is associated with better patient outcomes. However, no previous study has examined the impact of primary care visit regularity on patient outcomes in a large, nationally representative sample.

OBJECTIVE: To examine the impact of primary care visit regularity on patient outcomes in a large, nationally representative sample.

DESIGN: Retrospective cohort study.

PARTICIPANTS: Veterans of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) who were enrolled in the VA Medical Service (VMS) in 1998 and who had at least one primary care visit in 1998.

1. ↓ ER rates
2. ↓ hospitalization rates
3. ↓ total expenditures

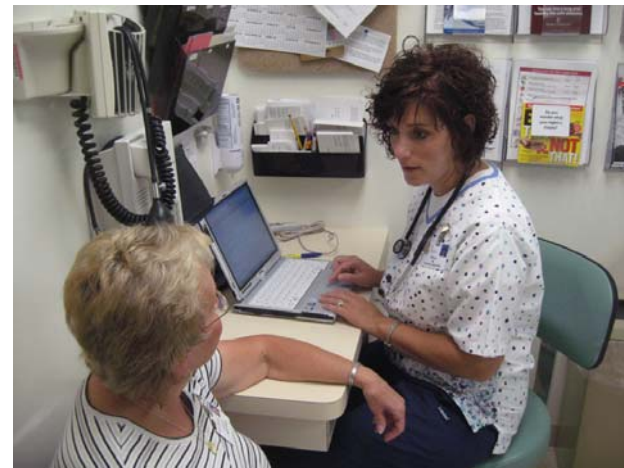


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Figure 1 Proactive, temporally regular care may produce a similar number of visits as irregular and reactive care – but the visits can be better planned, and more effective at improving outcomes.

Take home messages

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 - Planning ahead
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“Medical care must be provided with utmost efficiency. To do less is a disservice to those we treat, and an injustice to those we might have treated.”

Sir William Osler, 1893

