The Right Care at the Right Time by the Right Professional

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ACA designed to extend coverage to 32 million uninsured Americans over the next 10 years.
Alternatives to Providing Quality Care

- In 1900s Physicians deemed all health care to be in their scope of practice
- As other professionals supported that practice, physicians acknowledged that others could also perform certain functions
- Even today, Boards of Medicine in some states attempt to dictate nursing or other practice
- In the 21st Century there are multiple professions whose scope of practice may overlap in providing safe high quality care.
Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

- 250,000 APRNs
  Educated at minimum of a masters level
  Board certified
- APRNs educated in 1 of 4 roles
  ◦ Nurse Practitioners
  ◦ Nurse Midwives
  ◦ Clinical Nurse Specialists
  ◦ Nurse Anesthetists
Removing Scope of Practice Barriers

- APRN Consensus Model – 2008
  Supported by 46 national nursing organizations
- Concomitant Model Rules – 2008
  Approved by every State Board of Nursing
- Changing State Practice Acts
  Ongoing
The Institute for Nursing Centers

- Nurse–Managed Health Centers (42 in 23 states)
- Served over the last four years (range of 38,000–60,000 patients)
- These same patients constituted from 116,000–213,000 visits during that time
Populations Served

Served similar mix of patient populations as Federally Qualified Health Centers (FHQCšs)

- Uninsured –
- Medicare –
- Medicaid –
- Insured –
Top Ten List of Reasons to Visit

- Hypertension – 1st
- Depression – 2nd
- Diabetes – 3rd
- Child Health exams – 4th
- Hyperlipidemia – 5th

- Obesity – 7th
- Respiratory infections – 8th
- Asthma – 9th
- Normal pregnancy – 10th
HEDIS Measures

15 of the largest nurse managed centers

- Mean outcomes compared favorably with physician performance, met or exceeded the 50th percentile benchmarks
- Most remarkable was success well above the 50th percentile on hypertension management
- Likewise compared favorably to FQHCs on diabetes care marker HBA1c below 7
National Nursing Centers Consortium

- Represents over 130 Centers across the country
- 30 Centers in Pennsylvania
- As a result of care to these uninsured in rural and poor urban areas
  - Emergency department usage – 15% less
  - Non-maternity hospital days – 35–40% less
  - Specialty costs – 25% less
  - Prescription costs – 25% less
  - Preventive care for children – achieved for 94%
Registered Nurses

- Level of complexity of patients require higher levels of education for safe evidence based critical thinking and practice
- Nursing is about critical thinking, not tasks
- Nurses provide multiple essential roles, that of care coordination, of education, of health promotion and anticipatory guidance, even that of cheerleader
- Impending shortages of well-educated nurses to care for an aging chronically ill population
Global Social Responsibility

- Recognize the global impact of foreign recruitment of health professionals such as nurses
- Avoid active overseas recruitment in those countries or areas where either a temporary crisis or a chronic shortage of health professionals such as nurses exists.
Voluntary Code of Ethical Conduct for the Recruitment of Foreign-Educated Nurses to the United States*

*http://www.nursingworld.org/MainMenuCategories/ThePracticeofProfessionalNursing/workplace/ForeignNurses/CodeofConductforRecruitmentofForeignEducatedNurses.aspx
For Recruiters and Employers

- Part I. Minimum standards and requirements for the ethical treatment of FENs by recruiters and employers
- Part II. Aspirational goals (best practices) that should be sought by subscribers to the Code