

# **Quality on the Frontlines:** Coordinating Care Across Sectors and Achieving Better Outcomes

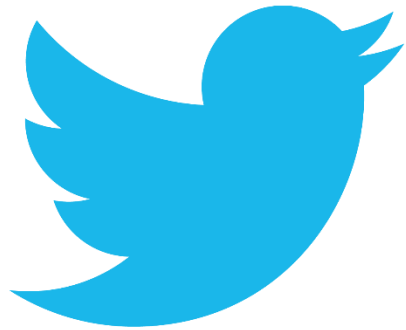
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# Learning Objectives

By attending this breakout session, participants will:

- Learn about innovative initiatives which have improved transitions between different health care settings and fostered coordinated care across sectors.
- Engage in stimulating discussions and discover change ideas and improvement strategies that may be implemented in any sector of the health system.

# **Establishing the Effectiveness of an Acute Care for Elders (ACE) Strategy Delivery Model in Delivery Improved Patient and System Outcomes**

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# Geriatrics at Mount Sinai

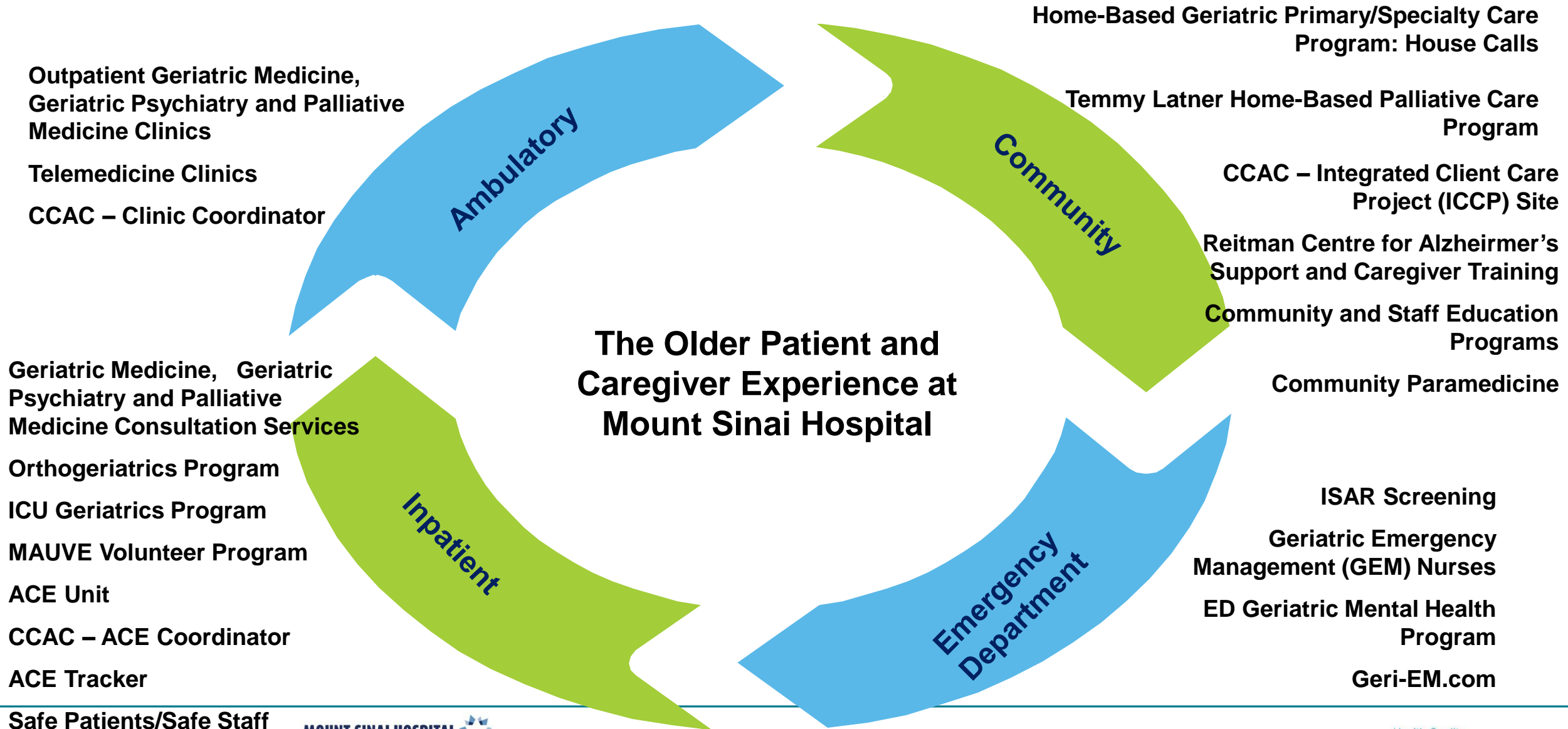
- In 2010, Mount Sinai established Geriatrics a core strategic priority.
- The ACE Strategy is operationalized through the implementation of a comprehensive and integrated strategic delivery model that utilizes an interprofessional team-based approach to patient care.
- Our strength relies on the robust partnership of our hospital's geriatric, emergency, and primary care providers with local community support services and home-care agencies that often work with the same high needs and high cost patients.

# Acute Care for Elders (ACE) Strategy

- Redesigns or establishes new sustainable evidence-based approaches that seek to enhance and improve upon current service models.
- Requires a shift in traditional thinking that currently underpins the administration and culture of most traditional care organizations.
- Is not adverse to identifying risk factors and needs and in intervening early to maintain independence.
- Is committed to rigorously monitoring and evaluating its outcomes to support continuous quality improvement.



# The Mount Sinai Geriatrics Continuum



**Safe Patients/Safe Staff**

**NICHE, RNAO BPSO**

# Evaluating Mount Sinai's ACE Strategy

Measure (Age 65+)	F2009/10	F2013/14
Patient Volumes	1573	2155
Total Length Of Stay	11.5	8.25 (-28%)
ALOS/ELOS Ratio	95.6%	72.8 (-24%)
% Return Home At Discharge	71.1%	79.1%
Average ALC Days Per Patient	2.0	1.6 (-20%)
Medicine Bed Counts	88	80
Readmission W/N 30 Days	14.8%	12.8%
Catheter Utilization Ratio	56%	14.7%
Pressure Ulcer Incidence		down 93%
Patient Satisfaction	95.4%	96.9%

# Next Steps...

- Further partnerships to advance care and integration into the community
- Share our learnings and learn from others as we continue to innovate care, particularly in light of HSFR and continuing volume pressures

# **Enhancing Patient Experience While Reducing Hospital Utilization: A Health Links Success**

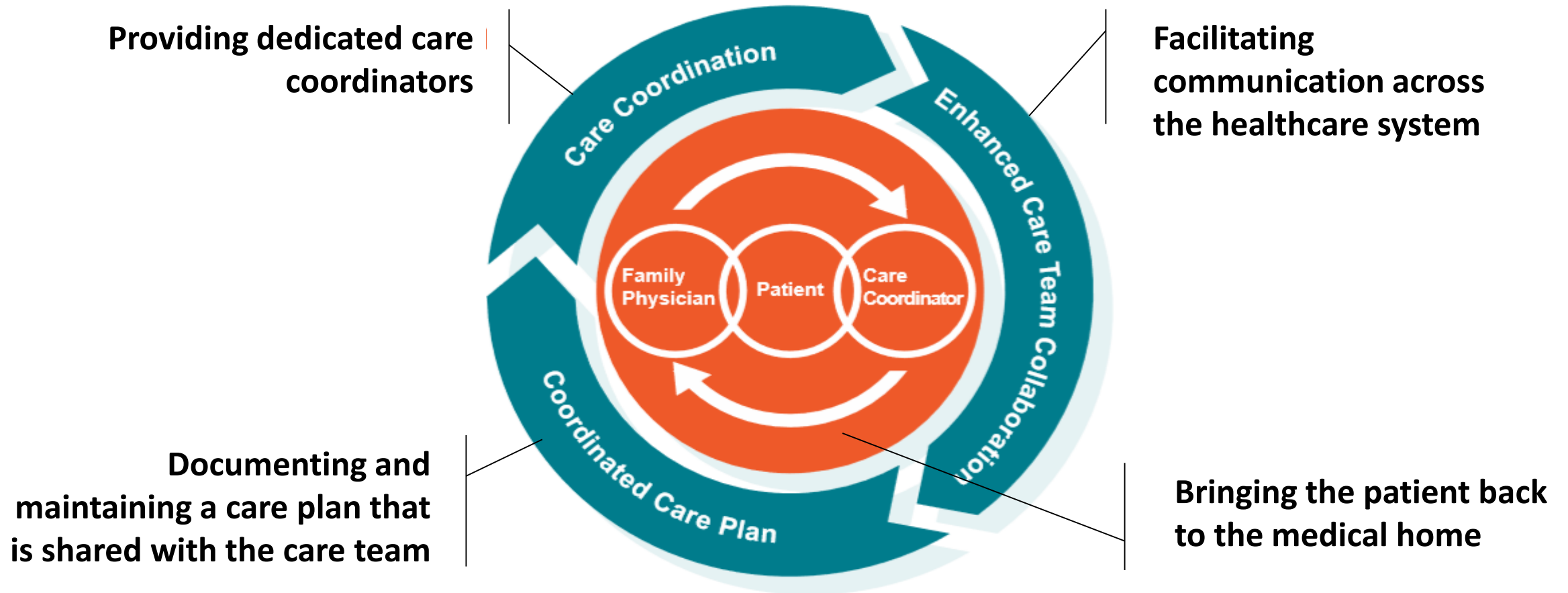
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# North York Central Health Link is a partnership across many sectors

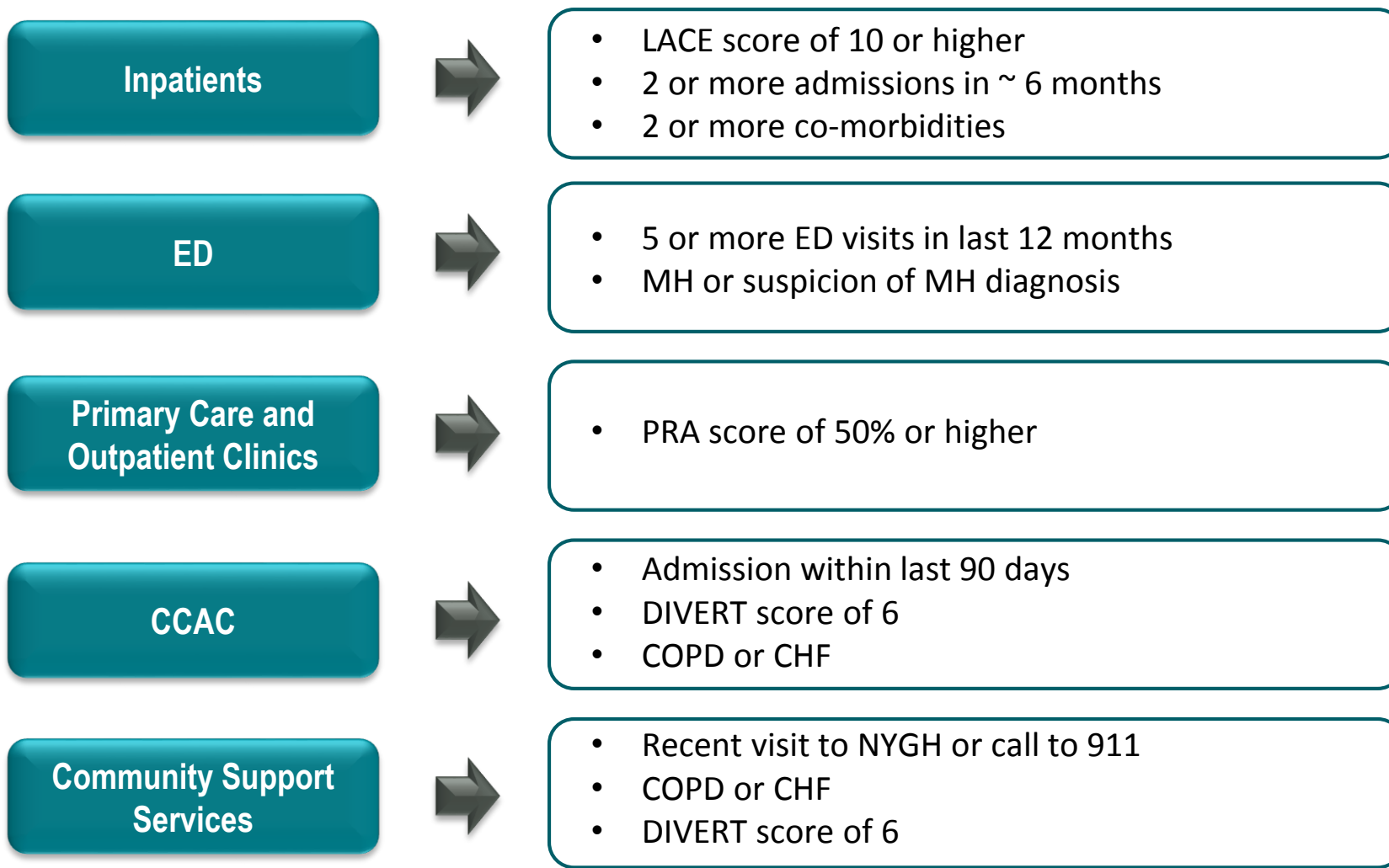
- Organizations have come together to improve care to individuals with complex care needs living in our community
- Partners include NYGH, Central CCAC, FHT, Toronto EMS, Community Support and Mental Health and Addiction agencies



# NYCHL delivers intensive care coordination supporting an enhanced medical home model

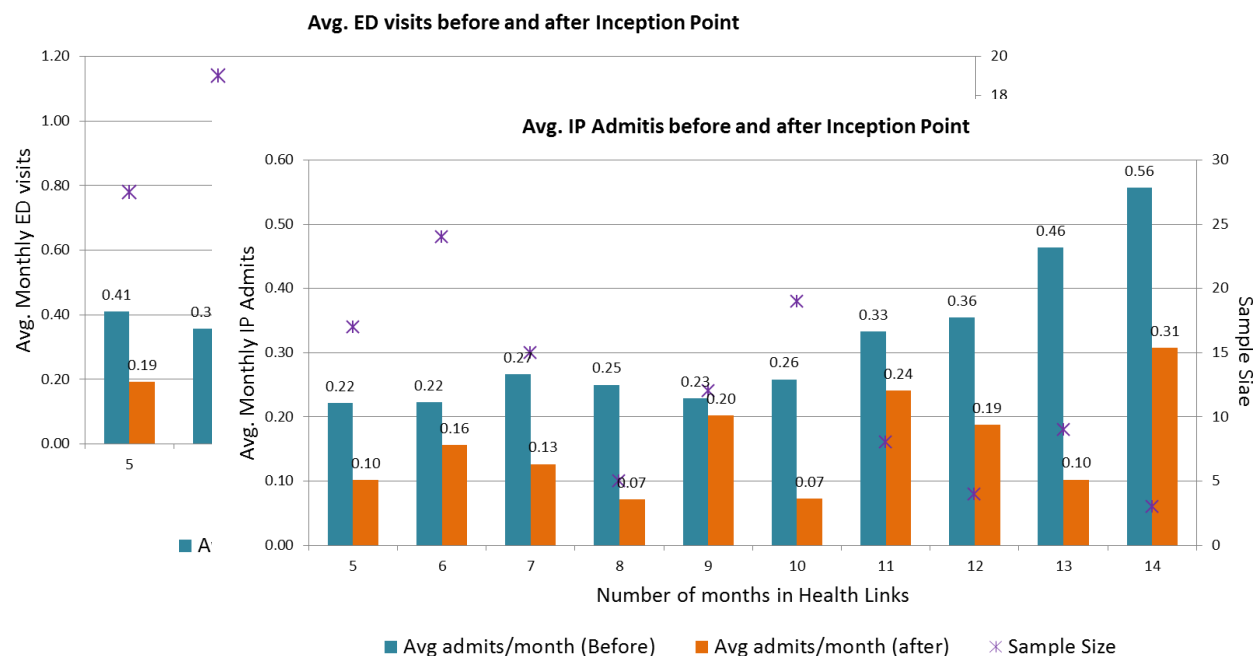


# NYCHL patients are identified in real-time



# NYCHL is improving hospital use, patient and provider experience

Decreased **ED visits** by ~4 visits and **admissions** by ~2.25 annually per patient across the Central LHIN Health Links



## Patient Feedback

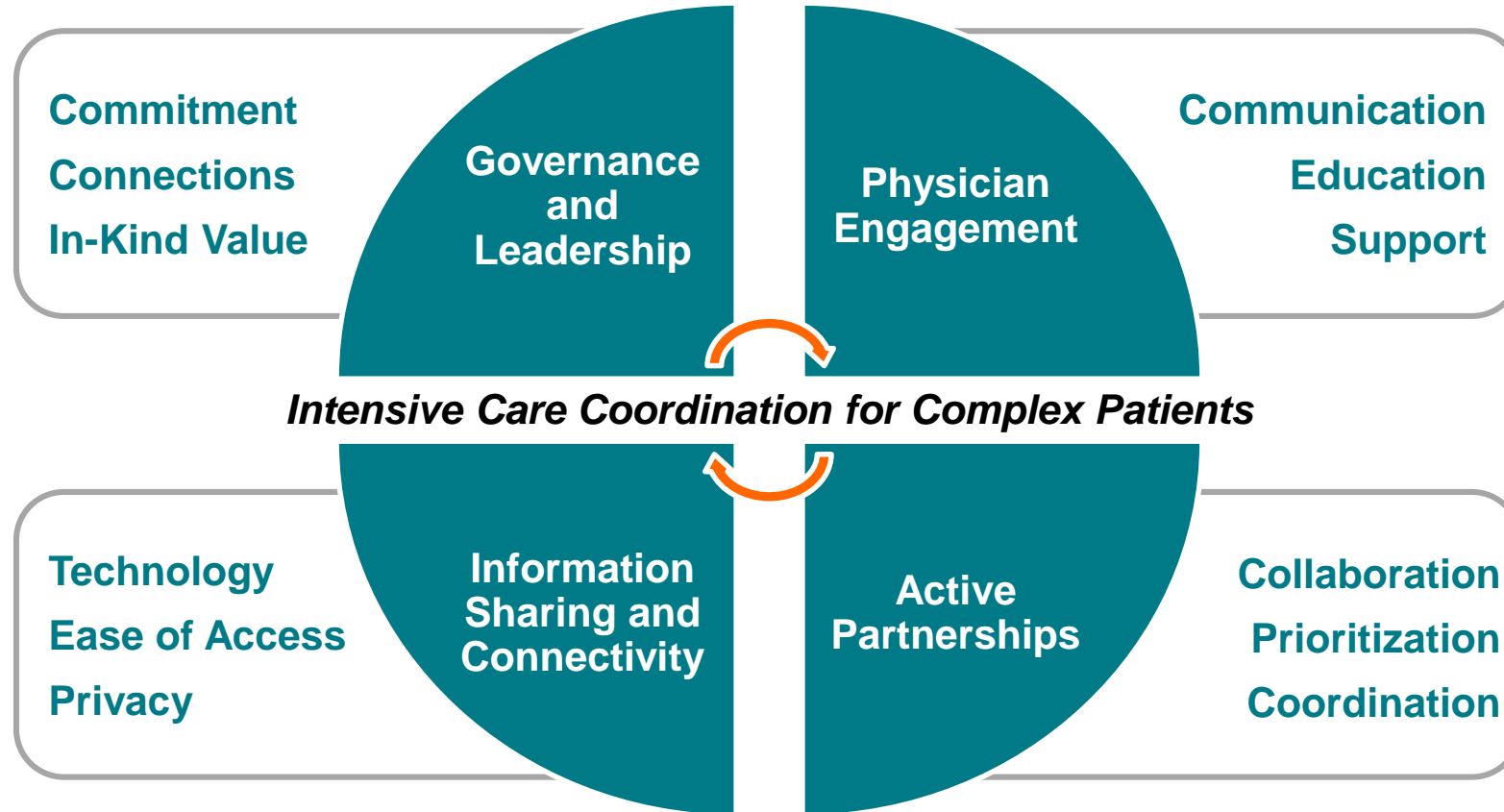
- After 4 months of being on the program they feel more valued and supported by health care team
- More assured that health care providers are working as a team

## Physicians Feedback

- Over 80% find Health Links helps in managing patient care
- Rate case conferences as the most beneficial aspect of Health Links



# NYCHL is focused on the following areas to mature the Health Link



# THANK YOU

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# Connecting with Primary Care for Complex Patients

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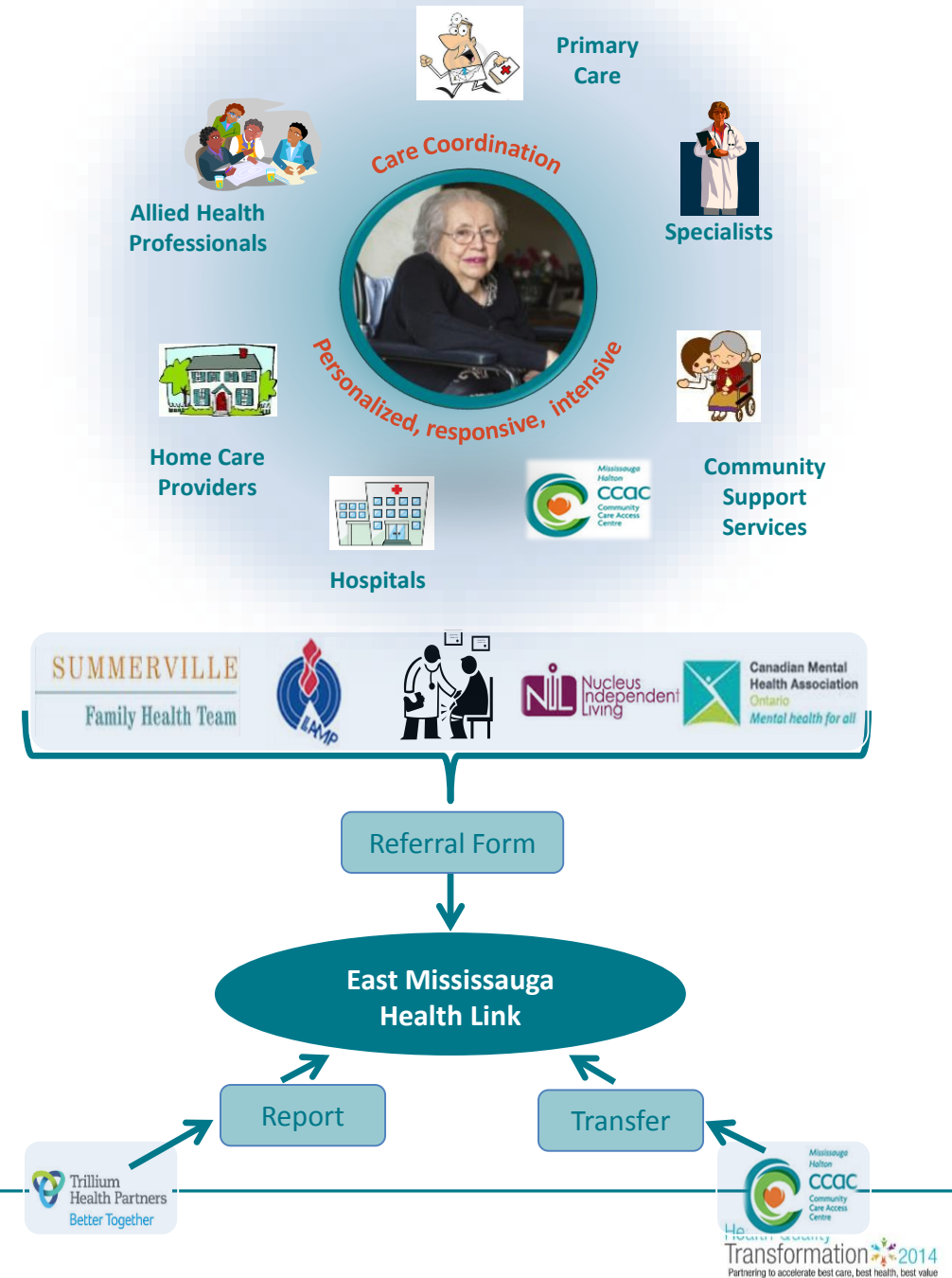
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**East Mississauga Health Link**

**November 20, 2014**

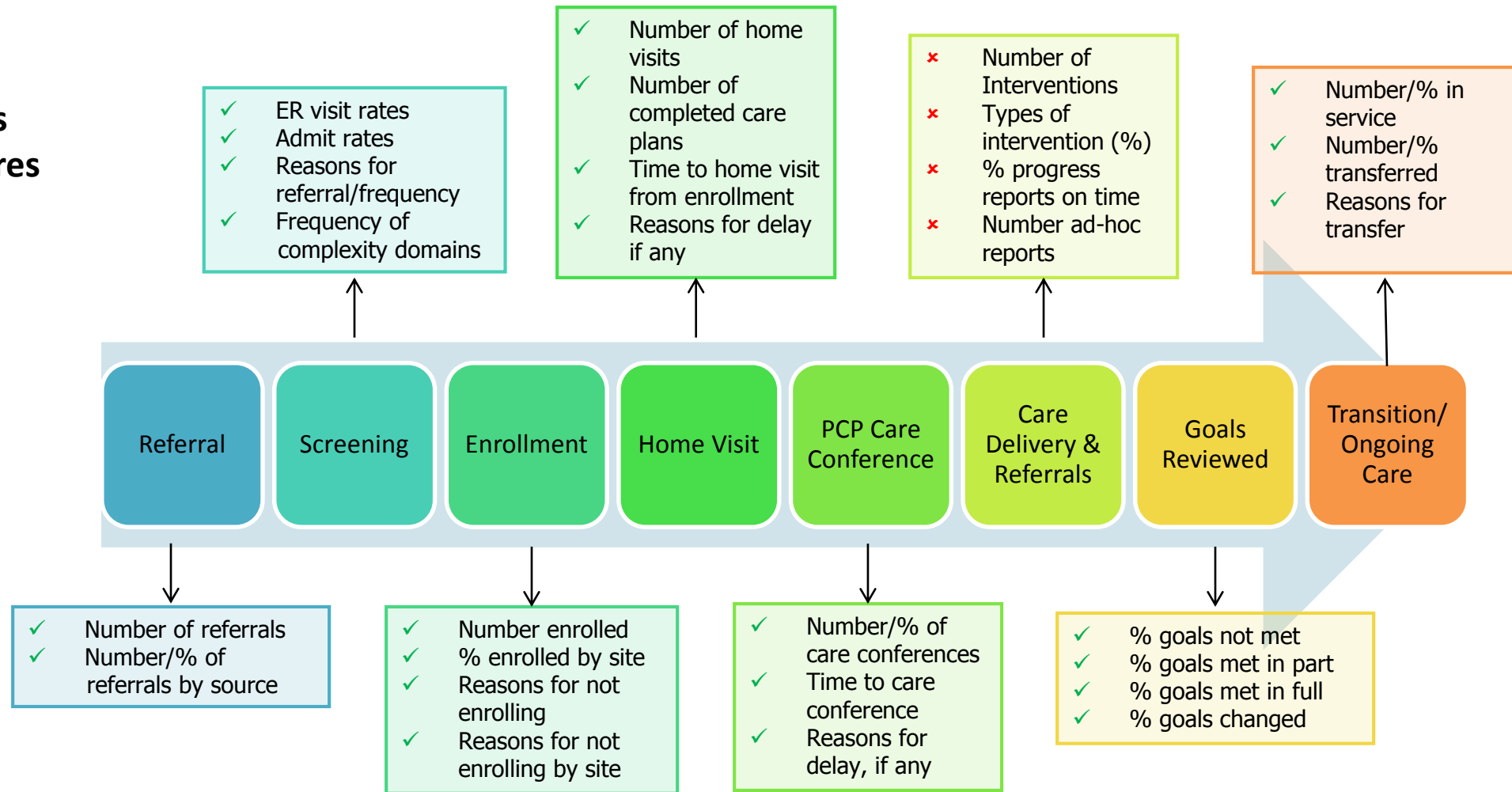
# East Mississauga Health Link

- One of the early adopters of Health Link, co-lead by Summerville Family Health Team and Trillium Health Partners
- Intensive care coordination role within the Mississauga Halton CCAC
- Patients served include:
  - ✓ Adults who are medically and/or socially complex (may include mental health conditions)
  - ✓ 3 or more visits to the ED or admissions to hospital in the last 6 months
  - ✓ **Needing intensive care coordination to avert further ED visits or admissions**
- Referrals accepted from hospital, primary care and community service providers



# Clinical Pathway and Model for Evaluation

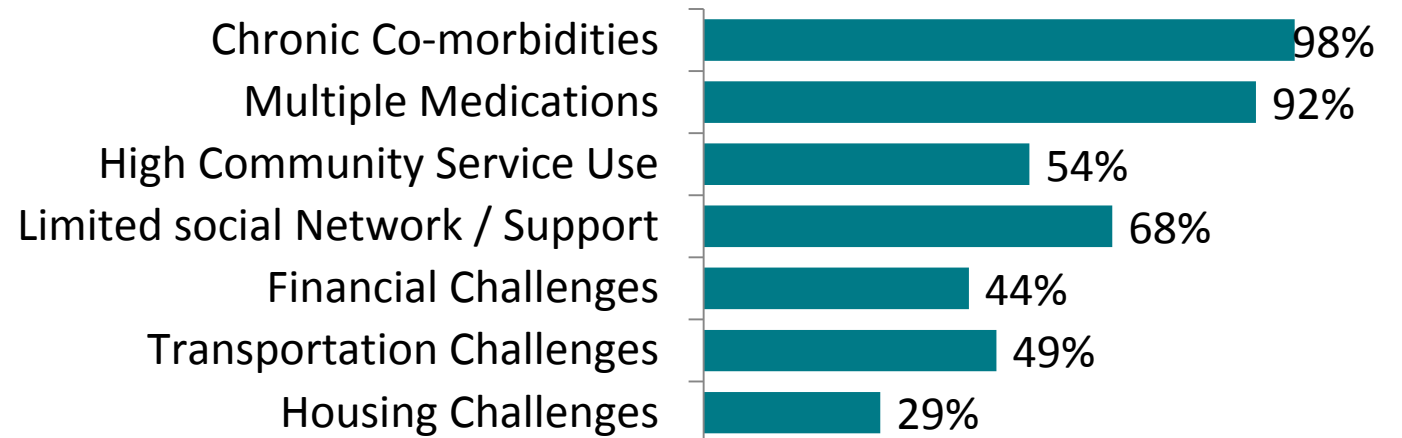
## Process measures



**Outcome measures:** Utilization pre and post, Patient experience, Provider satisfaction

# Characteristics of Enrolled Patients

Characteristic	September 30, 2014
Age (range)	73.7 (20-99)
Female (%)	59 (54%)
Co-morbidities (Range)	7.4 (2-19)
LACE score (expected probability of readmission or death within 30 days)	13.8 (21%)



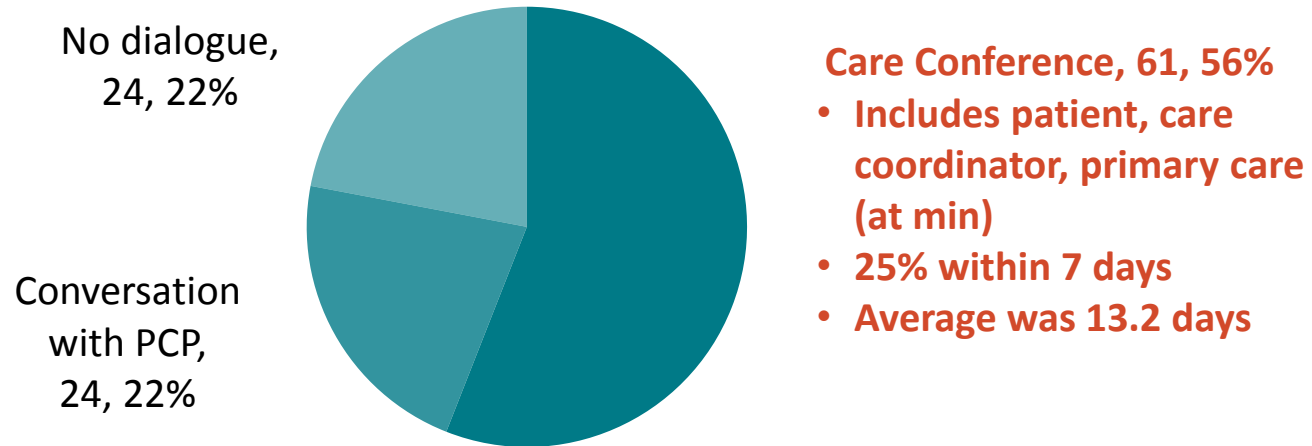
Acute care utilization in 6 months prior to referral

- ✓ 2.88 ED visits/6 month
- ✓ 1.35 Admissions/6 month

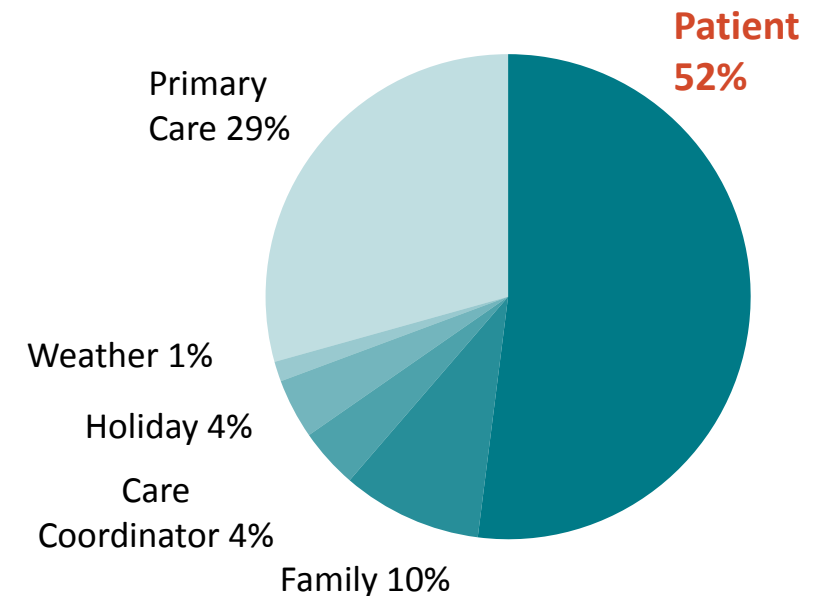
# Results

September 30, 2014, N=109

## Communication with Primary Care



## Reasons for Case Conference Delay



## Time to Service



Home visit **Days 4.1 Business Days 2.9**



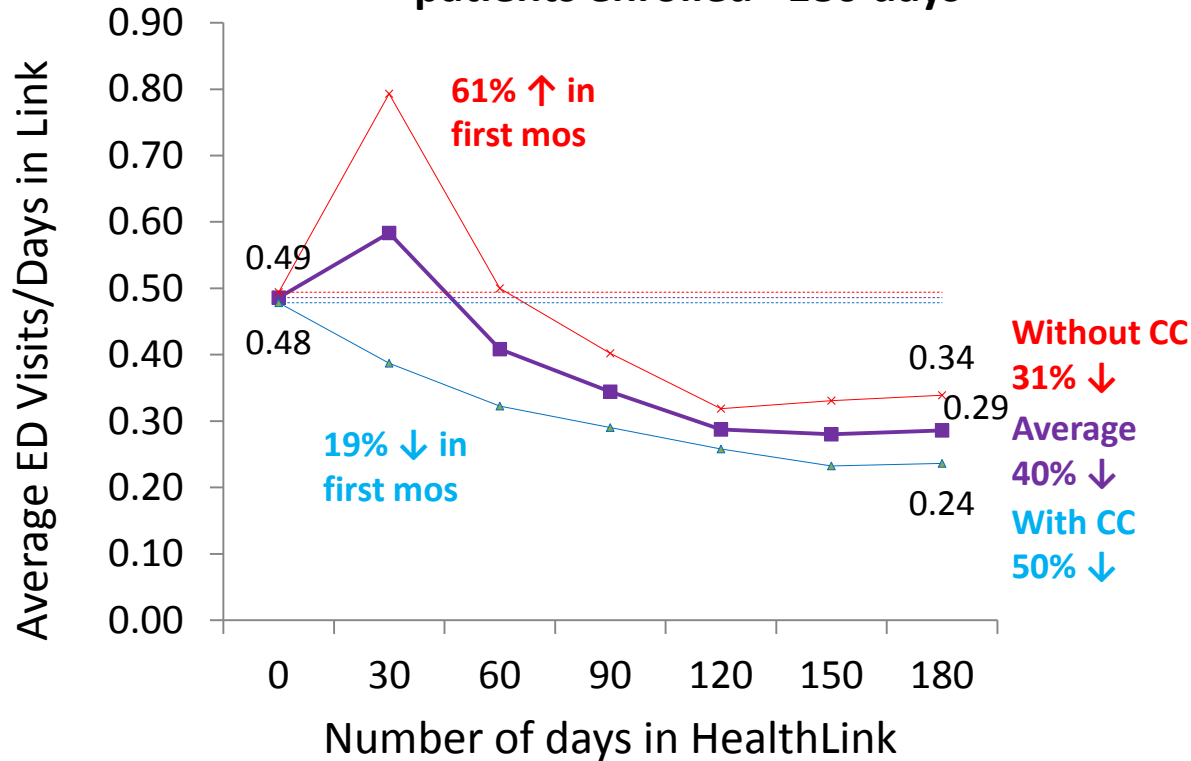
Case conference with Primary Care **Days 13.2**



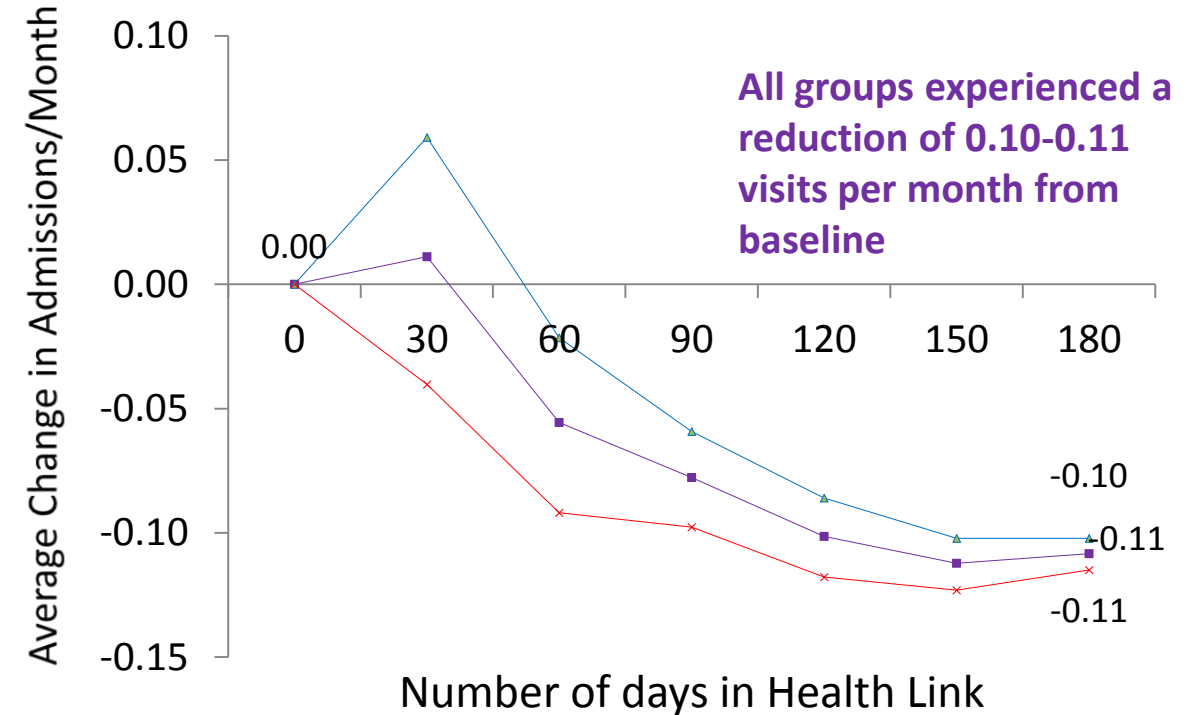
Conversation with Primary Care **Days 13.1**

# Utilization Outcomes by Care Conferencing

Average **Monthly ED Visits** over time for patients enrolled >180 days



Average **Monthly Admissions** vs. Baseline over time for patients enrolled >180 days



----- Group Baseline  
 ----- With Case conference group baseline  
 ----- Without Case Conference baseline

■ Group Admissions (N=60)  
 ▲ With Case Conference (N=32)  
 × Without Case Conference (N=28)



# Care Conferencing

- Significant effort is required to achieve care conferences involving care coordinators, family, patient and family physician
- Our model of intensive care coordination reduces both ER visits and in-patient admissions
- Early care conferences appear to further reduce ER visits but not in-patient admissions

## **Telehomecare: Improving Care Transitions across Health Care Sectors and Reducing Health System Utilization through Remote Monitoring and Health Coaching for Patients with Chronic Diseases**

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# Ontario Telemedicine Network: TELEHOMECARE



- Independent not for-profit corporation funded by the Government of Ontario
- Provincial telemedicine network supports the delivery of care and collaboration between providers and patients, enabled by various technologies
- Telehomecare: chronic disease management intervention with a focus on remote home-based patient monitoring, health coaching and self-management support for COPD and CHF patients

## MISSION

To develop and support telemedicine solutions that enhance access and quality of health care in Ontario, and inspire adoption by health care providers, organizations, and the public

## VISION

To be a mainstream channel for health care delivery and education

# Telehomecare: A Patient Centred Model



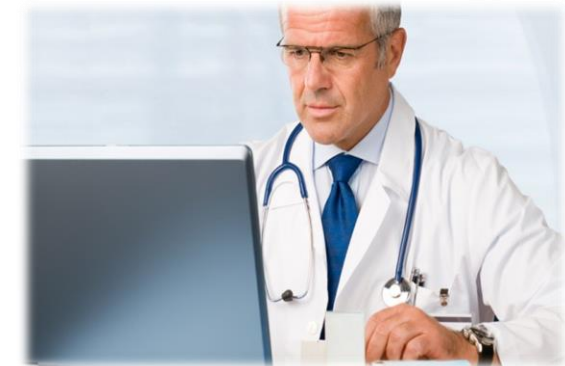
**Clinician Health Coaching:**  
Teaching the Patient how to self-manage & meet their goals



**Remote Patient Monitoring:**  
Weekday Feeds & Alerts



**Patient Empowerment:**  
At home; Sets Personal Goals;  
Submits vitals/ health responses



**Most Responsible Provider Engagement:**  
Clinician provides regular updates, consults as required



**Simple Technology in Home:**  
Tablet, BP Cuff, Scale & Pulse oximeter

## How OTN Supports Telehomecare Practice

### Clinical Process & Quality Leadership

- RNAO Best Practice Spotlight Organization
- Implementation and evaluation of relevant clinical best practices
- Collaboration with host organization partners to create quality framework, plan & deliverables
- Incorporation of best practices in provincial software (documentation & reporting)

### Training and Professional Development Curriculum

- Mandatory Telehomecare Providers Training Curriculum
- Professional Development Curriculum (i.e. Knowledge Boosters)
- Telehomecare Adaptation Framework

## How Telehomecare Clinicians Support Patients

### Remote Monitoring Alerts Management

#### Physiological Parameters

- Weight
- O2 Saturation
- HR
- BP

#### Health Questions

- Signs and Symptoms
- Medications
- Lifestyle and Behaviours
- Screening for Depression

### Health Coaching & Self-Management Support Self-Care Education, Goal-Setting, Problem-Solving

#### Self-monitoring and Symptom Management

#### Medication Management *(incl. bronchodilator therapy, class of medications)*

#### Nutrition

*(incl. meal planning, sodium/fluid/potassium intake)*

#### Physical Activity

#### Promote pulmonary/cardiac rehabilitation

#### Smoking cessation, alcohol and other substances

#### Screening for Depression

#### Anxiety, Stress Management and Sleep

#### Goal-Setting, Action-Planning, and Problem-Solving

#### Promote Vaccinations – Flu, Pneumococcal

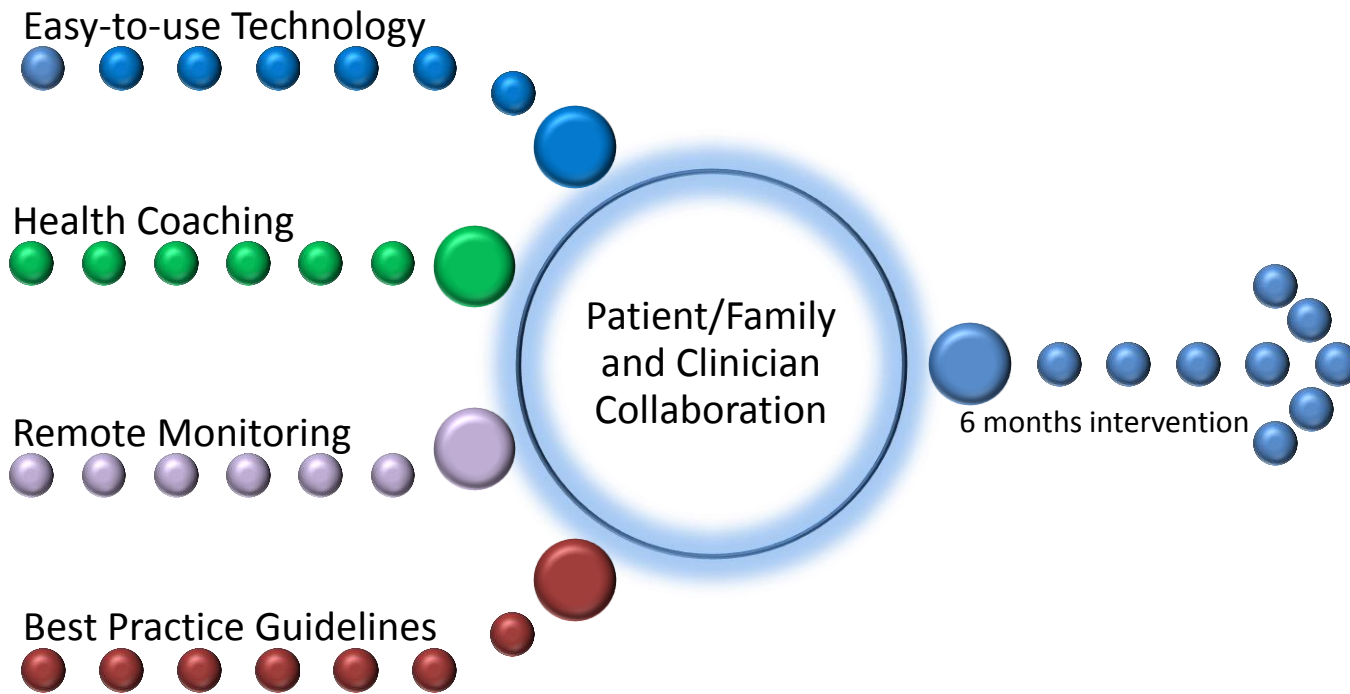
### Care Navigation

#### Circle of Care

#### Primary Care

#### Community Programs

# Quality Measures and Outcomes



## THETA EVALUATION OBJECTIVES

- Using a multi-level framework:
- Explore the org factors which facilitate or impede the *adoption* and *implementation* of THC
- Assess how various models of THC enabled patient self management *impact* patient outcomes, participant's experiences and system costs for chronic disease management (CHF and COPD)

- ✓ Hospital Inpatient Admission Incidence Rate
- ✓ Emergency Department Visits Incidence Rate
- ✓ Patient Self-Management Survey
- ✓ Patient Satisfaction Survey
- ✓ Provider Satisfaction Survey
- ✓ Process/ Outcomes Measures

Ongoing Quality Improvement  
Quality Framework, Quality Plan  
and Evidence Base Research



# Key Learnings

## Target the right patients

- Target chronic disease patients that can have measurable benefits; this includes severity of disease and ability to participate in a self-management program

## Make it easy for providers

- Work directly with clinical leaders to **integrate** Telehomecare into care delivery for CDM patients. Embedding Telehomecare in care pathways, patient order sets etc. assists in better transitions of care

## Partner with the health care system and related orgs

- Develop partnerships with organizations for alignment with system priorities
- Work collaboratively with other organizations that serve similar populations

**Introducing a new type of patient care that depends on integration within a complex, multi-stakeholder health system requires a coordinated, multi-faceted approach that is managed and adapted over time.**

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THANK YOU!



# Moderator Discussion Questions

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# Selecting Patients

Please discuss your approach, importance, and any associated challenges to selecting patients/clients for your initiative.

# Connecting with other Providers

To what extent did you have to connect with other providers?

What was the most significant barrier to connecting and how did you resolve that barrier?

# Case Conferencing

Case conferencing is a common theme in these initiatives.

How did you use case conferencing and how was it a facilitator?

# Enabling Technology

What is the role of enabling technology in your intervention?

What form of technology is most important for your intervention?

# Robust Evaluation

How are you evaluating the intervention?

How robust can your evaluation be?

What role does that evaluation play in the future of the intervention?

# Audience Questions

## Questions?

Thank you