

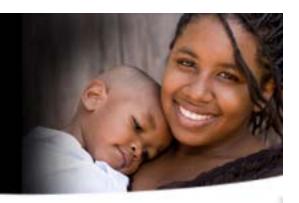
Measures that Matter: NCVHS Hearing on Patient Quality Measures

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The National Partnership for Women & Families



Nonprofit consumer organization with 40 years of experience working on issues important to women and families

National level, as well as in states and communities

Priorities

- Improve access to quality, affordable health care
- Promote fairness in the workplace
- Advance policies that help women and men meet the dual demands of work and family

Relevant Major Initiatives

- Consumer Purchaser Disclosure Project
- Americans for Quality Health Care
- Campaign for Better Care
- Consumer Partnership for eHealth

Roadmap



- ▶ **Panel 1:** What kinds of decisions do consumers/patients seek to make regarding their health and care? What do they currently use and how do they access it?
 - My Story of Health Information Seeking: Finding a doctor
 - Five years ago compared to today
 - How well do proxy measures work?
- Panel 1: What are key shortcomings in supporting decision making?
 - Lessons/Takeaways
- Panel 2: What measures would be meaningful in supporting consumer/patient health and care decisions? What are the gaps?
 - Measures that Matter in Patient Centered Care
 - Ten Criteria for Measures that Matter

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Time To Find a Doctor



▶ Tools of Five Years Ago

- Health Grades
- CHECKBOOK
- Google
- Health Plan Listings
- Phone Calls
- Professional Contacts: AMA, ACP, AAFP, etc.

A Lot of Work But Hope and Promise



Happened Upon A Family Practice That

- Offered multiple services on site (OB/GYN, labs, basic x-rays, etc.)
- Had EHR
- Working on Medical Home qualification
- Two offices, including one close to home
- Accepted my insurance

What Happened

















Starting Over



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Despite my "proxy measures" experience was poor

- Use of EHR as medical record only (electrified paper)
- Poor access and responsiveness
- Practice required "visits every 6 months"
- Culture of doctor-centeredness
 - Patient feedback/involvement not welcome
 - Poor tools for self-management, no coordination with team outside office

What Do I Want Today?

- Patient-centered quality care (Medical Home?)
- Not too far from home
- ▶ Electronic Health Record: Online access, secure messaging, conveniences
- Positive Patient Experience/Ratings
- Insurance?

Today's Tools



Websites (free)

- Angie's List
- CMS Meaningful Use Attestations
- Consumer Reports
- Findadoctor.com
- Vitals.com

Mobile Apps

- Find A Doctor
- Doctor Search
- Health4Me
- SpeakWithDoc
- Individual health plans, health systems

Website Examples







Insurance Company



Epstein, Jack R MD 121 Congressional Ln Ste 318 Rockville, MD 20852 (301) 984-8689 1.96 miles away (Map and Directions)

Rosenman, Neil I MD 14955 Shady Grove Rd Ste 100 Rockville, MD 20850 (301) 990-3190 2.37 miles away (Map and Directions)

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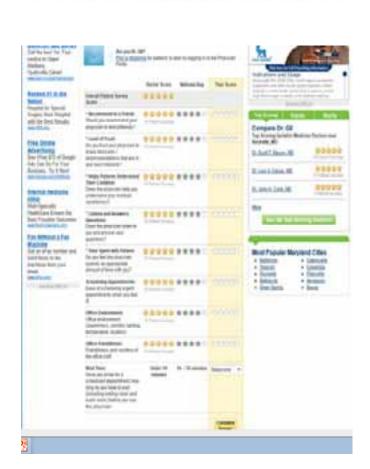


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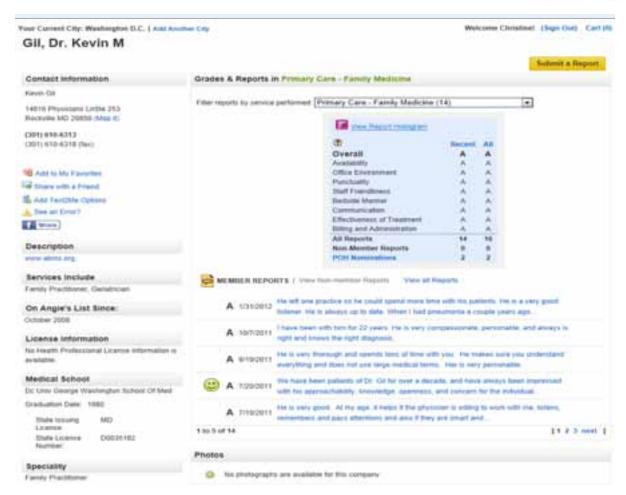
Health Grades





Angie's List





Meaningful Users of EHRs



Vitals.com



Compansionate Doctor Recognition: 2010



Info includes

- ▶ Name, education, specialty
- Patient ratings
- Average office wait times
- Hospital affiliation
- Insurance
- Awards (Patient Choice, etc)
- Personal statement from doc
- Clinical interests

Mobile Apps



- Found about 20 on the iPhone
- Most are health-plan, health-system, or state/countryspecific
 - CA, HI, NM, OK, India
- Common features similar to websites
 - Name, location, specialty, insurance, gender
 - Some offered appointment scheduling, claims/health history, health reminders, games
 - Very few offered ratings service, and those that did had no users
 - No clinical quality data

Mobile App: SpeakWithDoc







Key Takeaways



What's Easy to Find

- Name
- Location
- Specialty
- Licensure
- Insurance
- Malpractice or other complaints
- Some patient reviews/experience (sources and numbers of reviews all different)

What I Don't Know

- Clinical quality data
 - We spend so much time considering measures, where are they in the ambulatory space?
- Services offered (online conveniences, etc)
- Services at location (labs, basic x-rays, etc)
- Special designations (medical home, NCQA, etc) with details on what it means

Key Takeaways



- Many options for "Finding a doctor" or "Doctor Reviews" who do I trust?
 - Who do I trust?
 - Requires digging through functions/features/categories of info
 - Data not "deep"
 - Next steps: phone calls and asking friends
- Today's options still don't have clinical quality measures (except some patient experience):
 - Some have patient reviews
 - Some have patient experience surveys, but low Ns
- Online technology starting to open up communication between patient and doctor
 - Even if it isn't "my" doctor!