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Public Reporting of Patients' Comments with Quality Measures: How Can We Make It Work?

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What is CAHPS?

- Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) Program
 - Funded primarily by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
 - Develops standardized surveys to assess patients' experiences with care in multiple settings
 - Conducts research and develops guidance on methods for reporting and using CAHPS survey results to improve: 1) consumer choice and 2) the delivery of patient-centered care



Our Focus Today

- CAHPS reporting research on patient experience narratives (or comments)
 - Reporting of comments
 - Elicitation (collection) of comments
 - Integration of comments into public reporting websites
- Research supported by AHRQ through
 - CAHPS grantee funds to RAND and Yale
 - R21 grant to Yale



Why is this research important?

 Physician reporting websites posting patient comments are growing rapidly



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Consumer information seeking for comments is also increasing

Spike in U.S. traffic to healthtalkonline.org in the U.K.



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- Recent surge in public reporting and search for comments highlights consumer interest but also poses concerns:
 - Posted comments are typically not drawn from a representative sample of patients
 - Posted comments provide only a partial picture of physician performance
- How can the collection and reporting of patient comments with other measures be improved?



Today's Speakers

- Dale Shaller, Managing Director, CAHPS Database; Shaller Consulting Group, Stillwater, MN (Moderator)
- Steven Martino, PhD, Behavioral Scientist, RAND, Pittsburgh, PA
- Rachel Grob, PhD, Senior Scientist, Center for Patient Partnerships and Department of Family Medicine, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI
- Mark Schlesinger, PhD, Professor of Health Policy, Yale School of Public Health, New Haven, CT



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