

Value-Based Insurance Design (VBID) Model

Hospice Learning Workgroup Session IV: Addressing Health Disparities in End of Life Care

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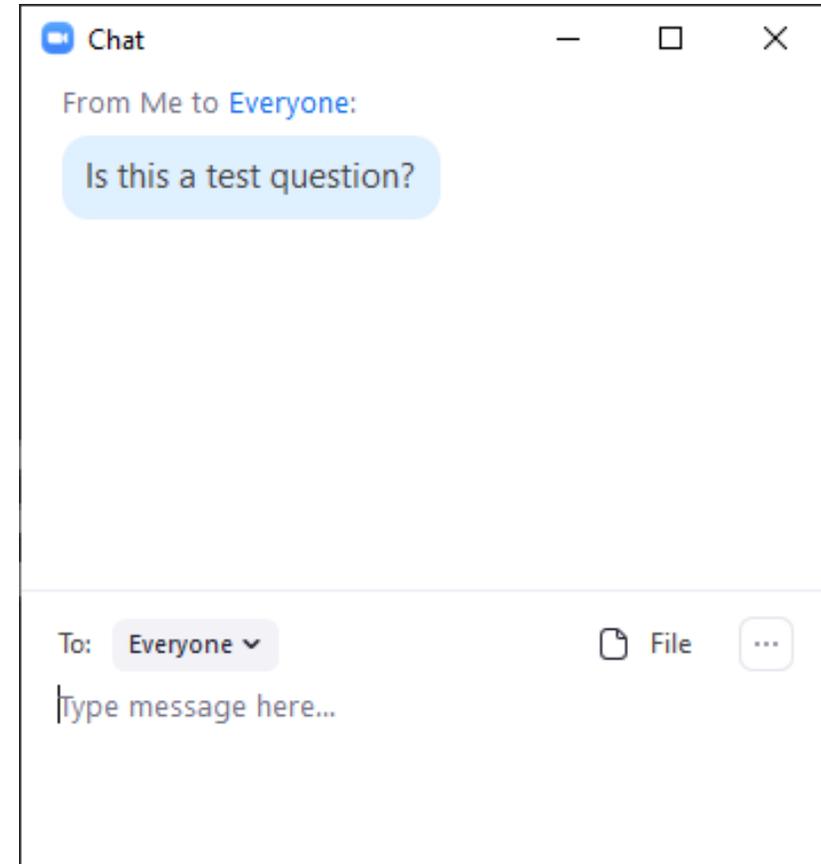
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Agenda

- Welcome
- Presentation by CAPC
- Discussion
- Next Steps

Addressing Health Disparities in End of Life Care

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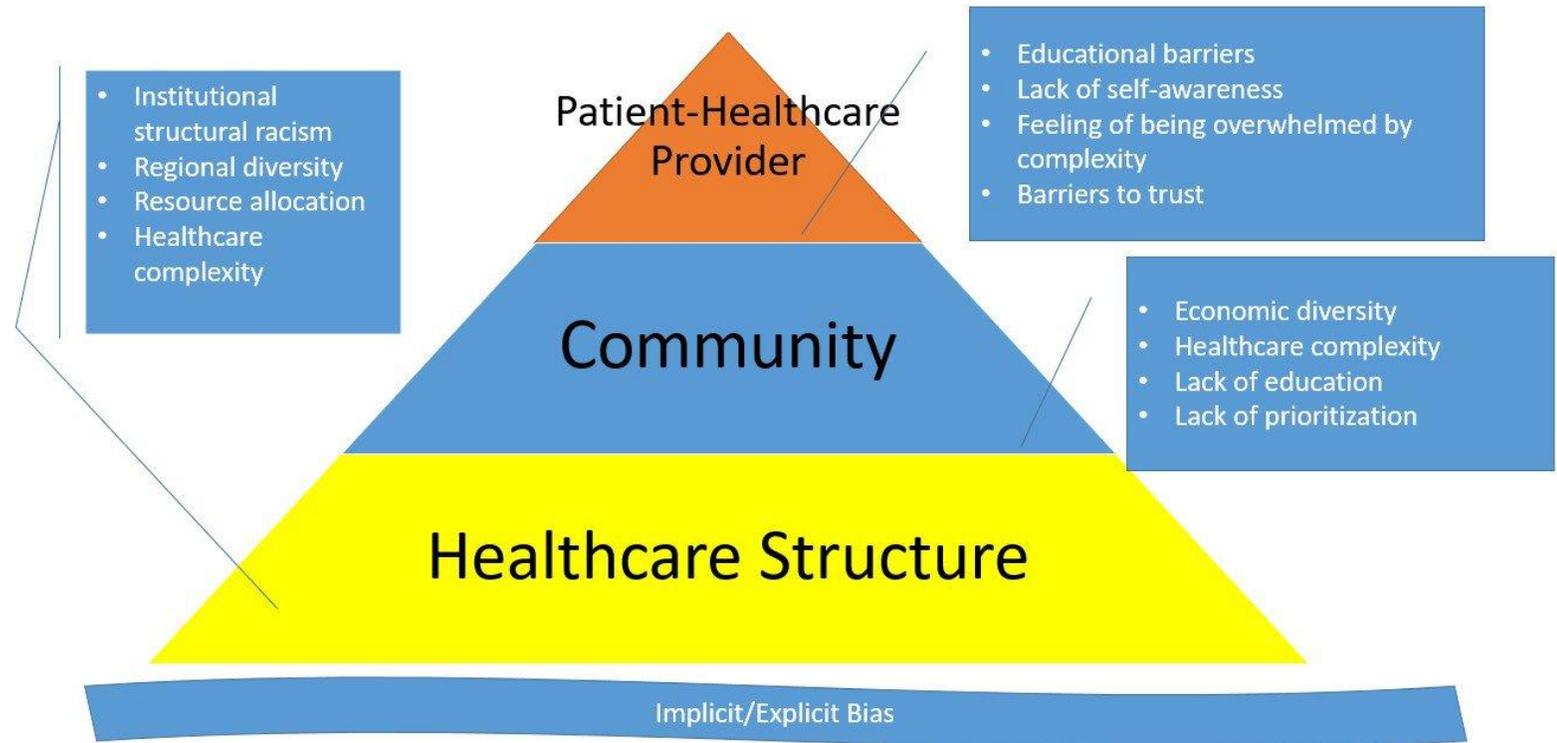
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Racial Disparities in Health Care

Health care disparities are widely documented for African Americans and Hispanics compared to Whites across a range of conditions (e.g. cancer, heart disease, etc.).



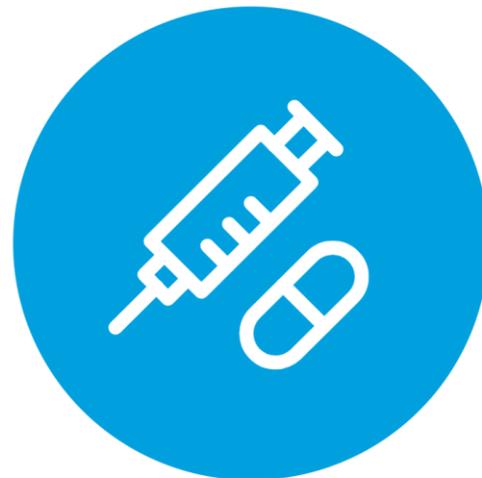
Credit: Dr. Kimberly Curseen, CAPC
Master Clinician Series, May 21, 2020

Symptom Management Disparities in Serious Illness Care

Compared with Whites, Seriously Ill African Americans are:

→ less likely to have their pain adequately assessed and treated

→ less likely to receive care consistent with preferences



Communication Disparities in Serious Illness Care

Compared with Whites, Seriously Ill African Americans are:

- less likely to participate in advance care planning
- less likely to discuss prognosis with providers
- more likely to have unmet needs for provider communication



Service Utilization Disparities in Serious Illness Care

Compared with Whites, Seriously Ill African Americans are:

→ less likely to use hospice and palliative care



Payer Strategies to Address Serious Illness Disparities

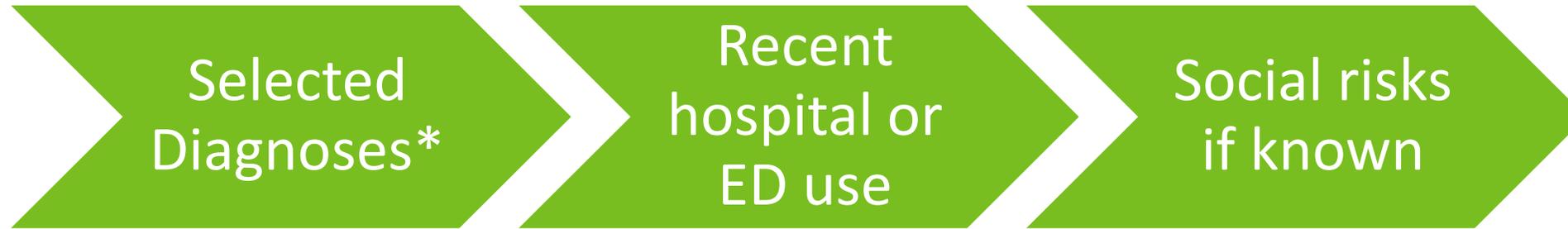
→ Proactive Identification

→ Care Manager Responsibilities

- Assessment for distress
- Communication with treating clinicians
- Skilled linkage to palliative care

→ Targeted Quality Monitoring/Incentives

Proactive Identification



* Racial bias in algorithms (Obermeyer 2019) – can compensate with lower cut-points for people of color

The Role of the Care Manager

Symptom Burden

→ [Revised Edmonton Symptom Assessment System \(ESAS\)](#)

Functional Impact

→ [Palliative Performance Scale \(PPS\)](#)

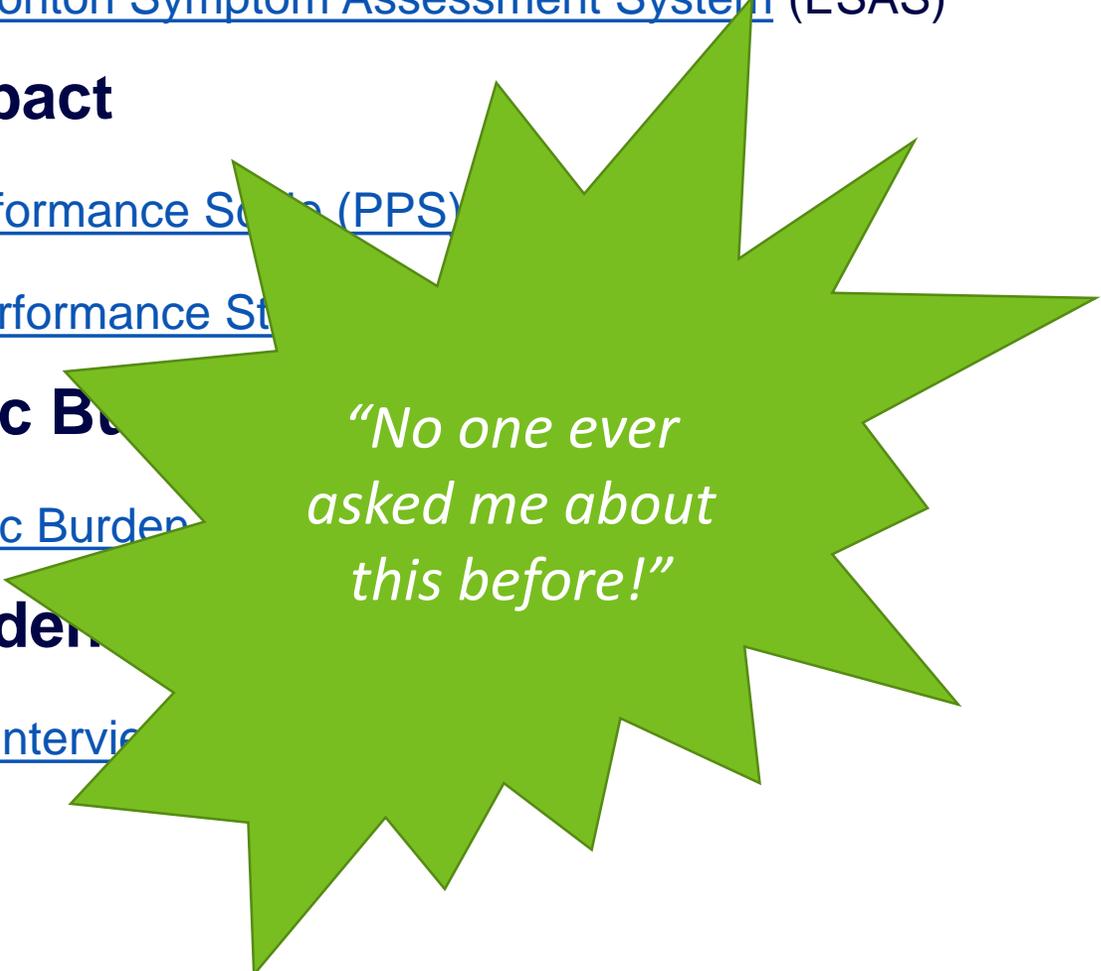
→ [Karnofsky Performance Scale](#)

Anticholinergic Burden

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Caregiver Burden

→ [Zarit Burden Interview](#)



“No one ever asked me about this before!”



Linkage to Palliative Care Specialists When Warranted

Respondents Who Provide Palliative Care in Office Practices or Clinics



Add expertise in symptom management and clarifying goal-aligned care

Incentivize Through Quality Measures?

→ Availability of palliative care in network hospitals

https://bettercareplaybook.org/_blog/2020/8/driving-improvements-hospital-care-through-palliative-care-quality-incentives

→ Patient-reported measures

- How much do you feel heard and understood?
- How much do you feel you got the help you wanted for pain?



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Discussion

Next Steps

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- Action Items
- Please fill out a short, anonymous [survey](#)
- Our next Hospice Learning Workgroup will be Thursday, July 22 at 3pm ET/ 12pm PT
 - Topic: Transitional Concurrent Care
- Keep the dialogue open
- Please feel free to reach out to us at VBID@cms.hhs.gov