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Addressing Social Determinants of Health: Connecting Disadvantaged Primary Care Patients to United Way Community Resource Navigation

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Background & Problem

- About 1 of 3 U.S. adults (~75 million people) have hypertension¹
- Non-medical determinants can have a significant impact on patients with hypertension
- Many communities and health systems are experimenting with ways to address SDOH
- Few communities have implemented and evaluated a scalable model for use across multiple EHR systems



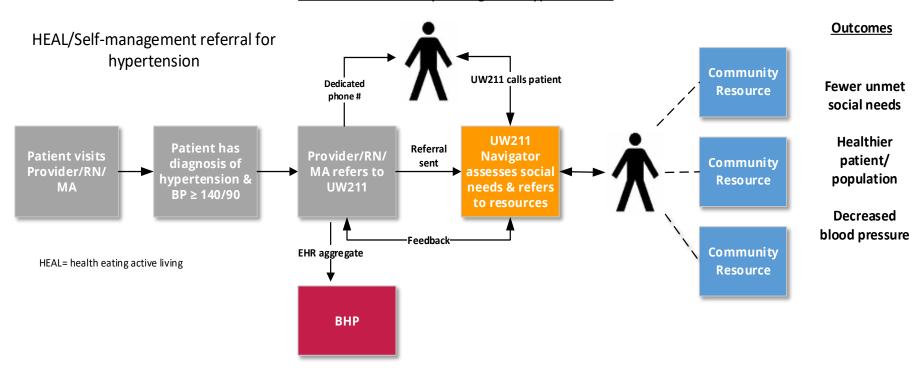






Program Description

Clinic to Community Linkage for Hypertension



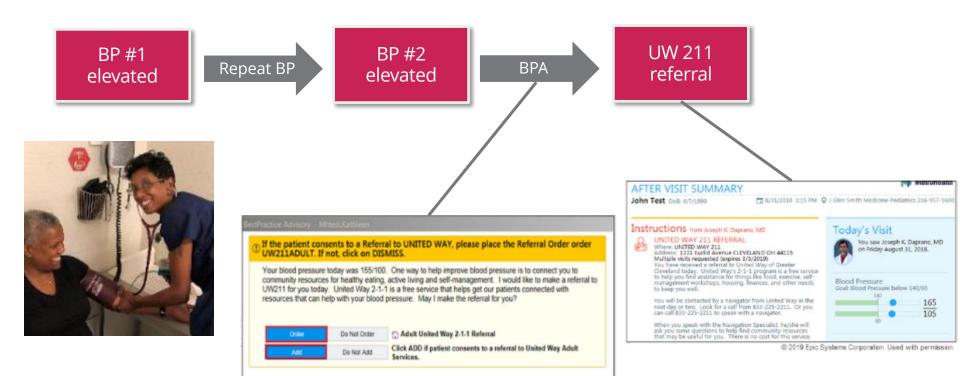








Workflow





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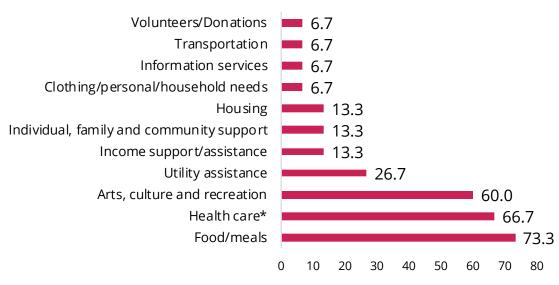




Key Outcomes

- 27% of eligible patients referred to date
- 15 patients reached
- 44 needs identified
- 124 total referrals provided
- 4 (Range 1-8) = Average number of needs per patient
- 8 (SD 4) = Average number of referrals to community resources

% of Patients by Need (N=44) for first 15 Patients (9/24/18-10/28/18)



^{*} includes healthcare & nutrition education/self management, BP screening, & prescription assistance









Summary

- Patients with elevated blood pressure are interested in being referred to UW2-1-1
- Patients reported an extensive set of needs
 Majority included food insecurity, health education, physical fitness opportunities, and utility assistance
- Whether addressing these needs impacts overall health is not yet known, but something we will be evaluating
- This serves as a scalable model across EHRs to connect patients with community resources to better address the social determinants of health









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