Primary Care Academics Transforming Healthcare (PATH)

PATH’s Mission
The mission of the UW Health PATH collaborative is to bridge primary care clinical transformation and rigorous scientific study in order to improve our health system for the benefit of patients and communities. We will disseminate learnings locally and nationally, emphasizing scholarly contributions.

We are a multidisciplinary coalition of physicians and change leaders. Primary care Academics Transforming Healthcare (PATH) members are experienced in clinical delivery and span all three primary care departments (family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics), Quality, Safety, and Innovations, Population Health, and the Center for Patient Partnerships.

We have been formally collaborating and meeting regularly since the beginning of 2013 to support publications and presentations about our primary care transformation journey. We have entered the national discourse on primary care redesign by highlighting some of UW Health’s important work to date.

Productivity
Since 2013, we’ve collectively disseminated on topics around patient engagement, innovation, quality, and theory through:
- 12 academic publications
- 1 editorial letter
- 12 manuscripts in progress
- 32 conference presentations (25 national, 3 regional, 4 local)
- 1 national toolkit disseminated

High Visibility Achievements
PATH has had several national achievements:
- Raised national attention towards UW Health as topic of special editorials in the Journal of General Internal Medicine and the Joint Commission’s Journal on Quality and Patient Safety
- Invited to speak at the Association of American Medical Colleges’ Integrating Quality Meeting to share innovative collaborative approach
- Toolkit dissemination efforts have reached 90+ health systems and organizations
## Collaborative Members

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Practice Redesign Papers

Patient Engagement


Innovation


Theory

Other Scholarly Work


Practice Redesign Presentations

Patient Engagement

- **National**: Pandhi N, Grob R. "Research Collaborations." Workshop at the National Collaborative for Improving Primary Care Through Industrial and Systems Engineering (I-PrACTISE) Conference, 2016, Madison, WI.

- **National**: Pandhi N, Davis S. “Patient Engagement with Primary Care Teams for Quality Improvement.” Keynote Speaker at the National Collaborative for Improving Primary Care Through Industrial and Systems Engineering (I-PrACTISE) Conference, 2015, Madison, WI

- **National**: Davis S, Pandhi N. "Engaging patients, staff, and community in quality improvement." Presentation at the Health Innovation Program - Association of American Medical Colleges "Building an Academic Learning Health System" conference, 2015, Madison, WI

- **Regional**: Pandhi N, Davis S, Berkson S, Spranger J. "Engaging Patients in Primary Care Team Continuous Improvement." Workshop at the Wisconsin Health Improvement and Research Partnerships Forum, 2014, Madison, WI

Quality

- **Local**: Hauschild L, Trowbridge E, Welnick R, Kamnetz S. “Variations in Primary Care.” Presentation at UW Health Quality and Safety Week, 2014, Madison, WI

Innovation

- **National**: Trowbridge E. "Beyond RVUs: Changing your primary care compensation plan from volume to value." Presentation at the ACLGIM Leon Hess Management Training and Leadership Institute, 2017, Washington, DC.

- **National**: Pandhi N, Karp Z, Kamnetz S, Trowbridge E. "Developing an effective writing collaborative to rapidly disseminate lessons from system redesign." Presentation at the Association of American Medical Colleges' Integrating Quality Meeting, 2016, Chicago, IL.

- **National**: Pandhi N, Trowbridge E. "Developing an effective writing collaborative to share learnings from primary care redesign." Presentation at the I-PrACTISE Conference, 2016, Madison, WI.

- **National**: Karp Z, Kamnetz S, Pandhi N. "Primary care team perceptions of team-based care and clinic design types across three practices." Presentation at the I-PrACTISE Conference, 2016, Madison, WI.

- **National**: Pandhi N, Trowbridge E, Karp Z, Kamnetz S. "Developing an effective writing collaborative to rapidly disseminate lessons from system redesign." Workshop at the AAMC Integrating Quality Meeting, 2016, Chicago, IL.

- **National**: Pandhi N, Trowbridge E. "Engaging clinical faculty in research and publishing." Presentation at the Health Innovation Program-Association of American Medical Colleges "Building An Academic Learning Health System" conference, 2015, Madison, WI
**National**: Karp Z, Kamnetz S, DeCheck N, Pandhi N. “Influences of the Primary Care Clinic Environment on Patients and Staff: Observational and Preliminary Focus Group Findings.” Presentation at the I-PrACTISE Conference, 2015, Madison, WI

**Local**: Pandhi N, Schrager S. “Finding Collaborators and Colleagues to Be Successful in Your Academic Work: Writing Groups.” Panel discussion at UW Office of Faculty Development’s Career Paths 201 Spring Seminar: Taking Charge of Your Career, 2015, Madison, WI

**National**: Lochner, J, Potter B, Arndt B. "Salaries, incentives, fairness: rethinking the structure of primary care physician compensation”. Presentation at the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Conference on Practice Improvement, 2015, Dallas, TX

**National**: Trowbridge E, Bindl L. “Beyond RVU’S: Changing Your Primary Care Compensation Plan from Volume to Value.” Webinar through the Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine (AAIM), 2014


**National**: Trowbridge E, Bindl L. “Beyond RVU’S: Changing Your Primary Care Compensation Plan from Volume to Value.” Presentation at the AAIM Academic Internal Medicine Week, 2014, Washington, DC


**National**: Kraft S, Pandhi N. “Connecting Dots: Creating a learning system linking clinical quality improvement, maintenance of certification and research.” Presentation at the American Board of Medical Specialties Annual Conference Innovate.Activate.Advance, 2014, Chicago, IL

**National**: Karp Z, Kamnetz S, Pandhi N. "Influences of the Primary Care Clinic Environment on Patients and Staff: Study Design." Poster presented at the I-PrACTISE Conference, 2014, Madison, WI

**Local**: Trowbridge E, Kraft S. “A Brave New World, Redesigning Primary Care.” Grand Rounds presentation at the UWSMPH Department of Medicine, 2014, Madison, WI

**National**: Trowbridge E, Bindl L. "Beyond RVU's: Changing Your Compensation Plan to Reflect PCPs Actual Work (The UW Health Primary Care Comp Plan)." Presentation at the Group Practice Improvement Network Meeting, 2013, San Antonio, TX

**Regional**: Trowbridge E. “Redesigning Primary Care: Partnering With Patients to Improve Health 2008-2013." Hot Topics in Internal Medicine presentation at the UWSMPH Department of Medicine, 2014, Madison, WI

**Regional**: Trowbridge E. “Primary Care Redesign: The UW Health Story.” Presentation at the State Primary Care Conference, Office of CME, UW School of Medicine and Public Health (UWSMPH), 2013, Madison, WI

**Local**: Kamnetz S, Trowbridge E, Koslov S. “Primary Care Redesign: A 5 Year Retrospective.” Presentation to the UW Medical Foundation’s Board of Directors, 2013, Madison, WI
Toolkits Disseminated


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