

# Overview of Collaborative Care

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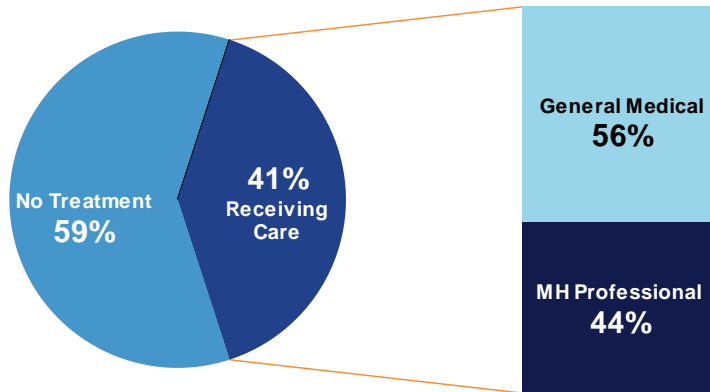
# Presentation Objectives

Participants will:

- Demonstrate a greater understanding of the Collaborative Care model
- Be able to identify Collaborative Care team member roles
- To implement a Collaborative Care course of treatment

# Primary Care is De Facto Mental Health System

## National Comorbidity Survey Replication Provision of Behavioral Health Care: Setting of Service



Only 2/10 of  
patients with  
diagnosable mental  
health problems  
see a mental health  
specialist

Wang P et al., Twelve-Month Use of Mental Health Services  
in the United States, *Arch Gen Psychiatry*, 62, June 2005

# Mental Disorders are Rarely the Only Health Problem



Chronic  
Physical Pain  
**25-50%**



Cancer  
**10-20%**



Smoking, Obesity,  
Physical Inactivity  
**40-70%**

## Mental Health / Substance Abuse



Neurologic  
Disorders  
**10-20%**

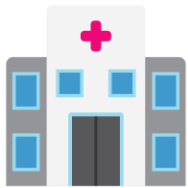


Heart Disease  
**10-30%**



Diabetes  
**10-30%**

# Services Poorly Coordinated, Not Patient-Centered



Primary  
Care



Community  
Mental Health  
Centers



Alcohol &  
Substance  
Abuse  
Treatment



Social  
Services  
  
Vocational  
Rehab



Other  
Community  
Based Social  
Services

# Depression Care

- 1/10 see psychiatrist
- 4/10 receive treatment in primary care
- ~30 Million with an antidepressant Rx **but only 20% improve**
- 2/3 PCPs report poor access to mental health for their patients



# Good ideas that DON'T WORK

## Screening in primary care without adequate treatment / follow-up

- 20 years of negative studies

## Provider education

- Knowledge is not enough
- Providers need systems and help to do the right thing

## Telephone-based disease management

- 16 negative studies with ~300,000 Medicare recipients
  - McCall N, Cromwell J: N Engl J Med. 2011;365:1704-12.
  - Peikes D et al: JAMA. 2009;301(6):603-618.



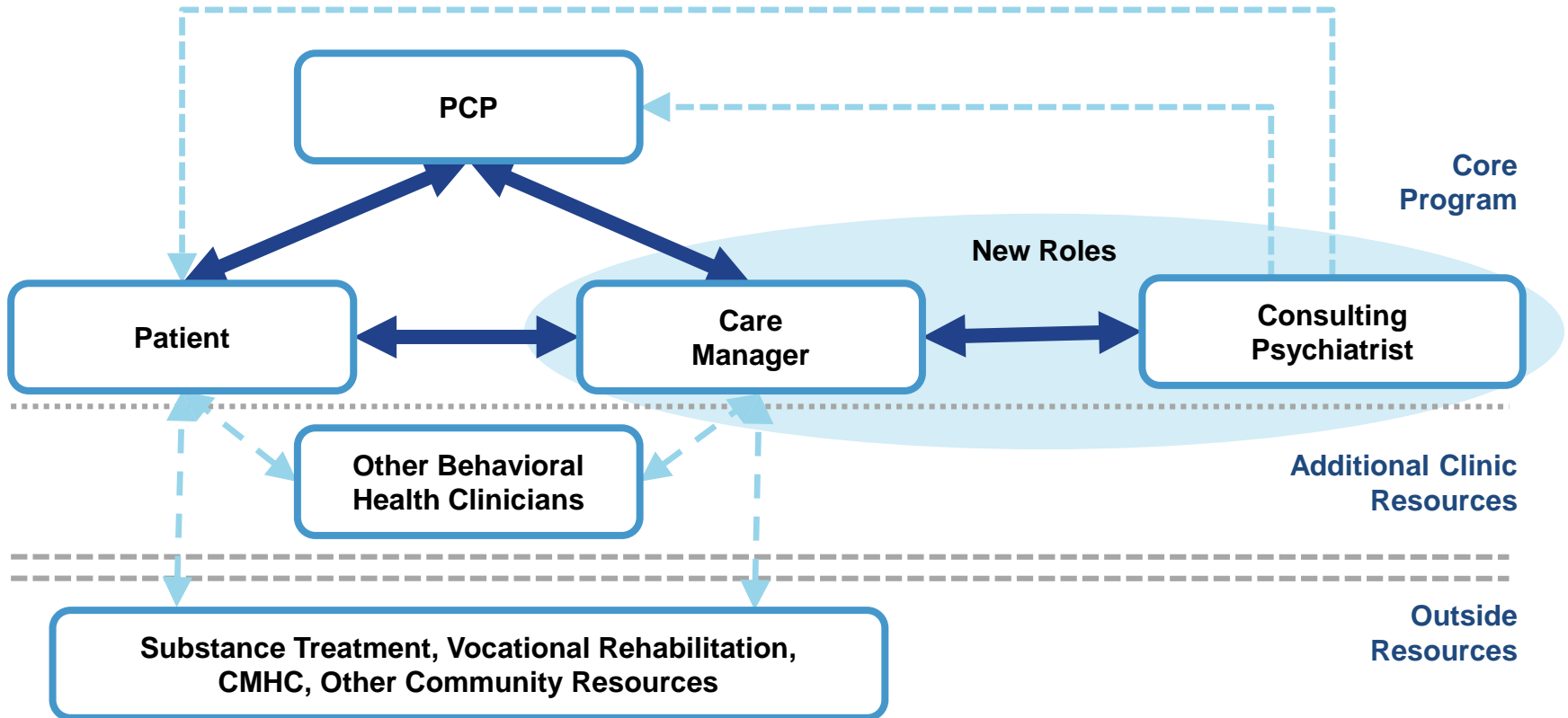
# What is Collaborative Care?

# IMPACT

- Improving Mood Promoting Access to Collaborative Treatment
- Featured roles: PCP, Depression Care Manager and Consulting Psychiatrist
- PCP oversees patient's depression care



# Collaborative Care Team Approach



## The results are in...

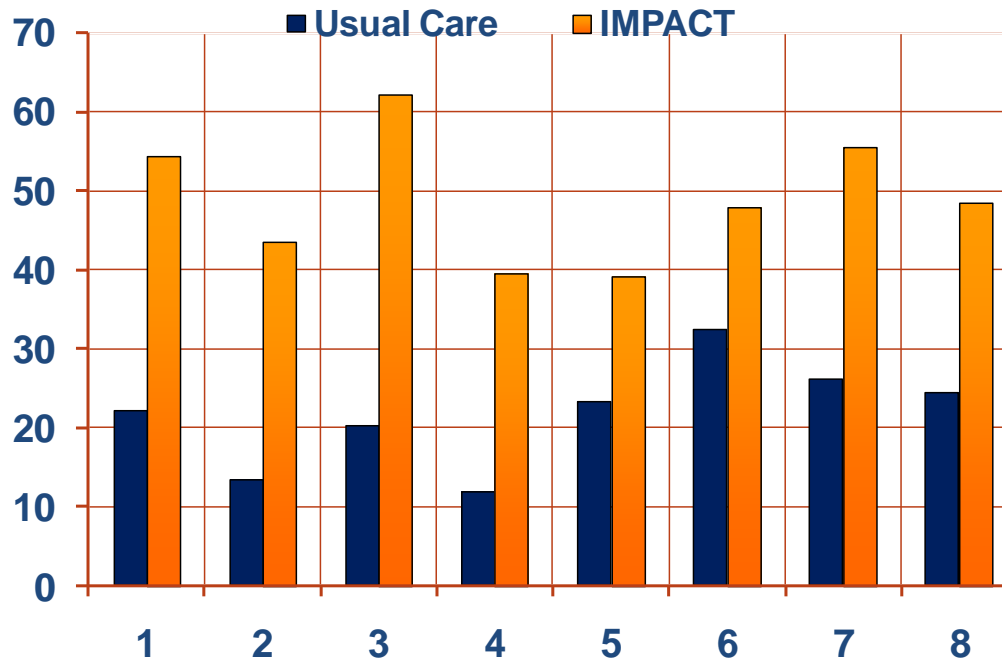
### **Collaborative Care is more effective than care as usual in primary care (over 80 randomized controlled trials)**

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### **Collaborative Care also more cost-effective**

- Gilbody et al. BJ Psychiatry. 2006; 189:297-308.
- Unutzer et al. Am J Managed Care. 2008; 14:95-100.
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# Collaborative Care doubles effectiveness of depression care



Unützer et al., *JAMA* 2002; *Psych Clin NA* 2004.

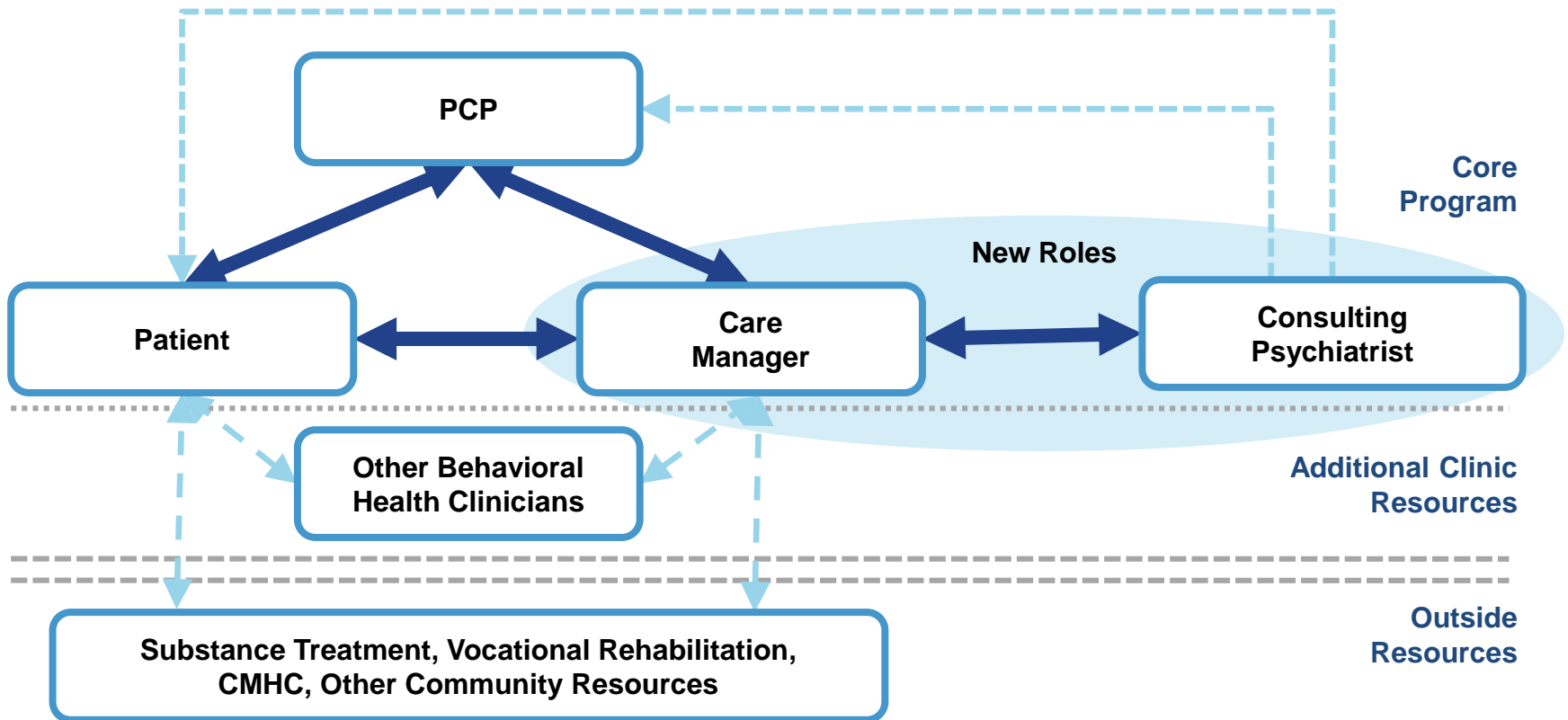
## IMPACT: Summary

- Less depression  
IMPACT more than doubles effectiveness of usual care
- Less physical pain
- Better functioning
- Higher quality of life
- Greater patient and provider satisfaction
- More cost-effective

“ I got my  
life back ”

THE TRIPLE AIM

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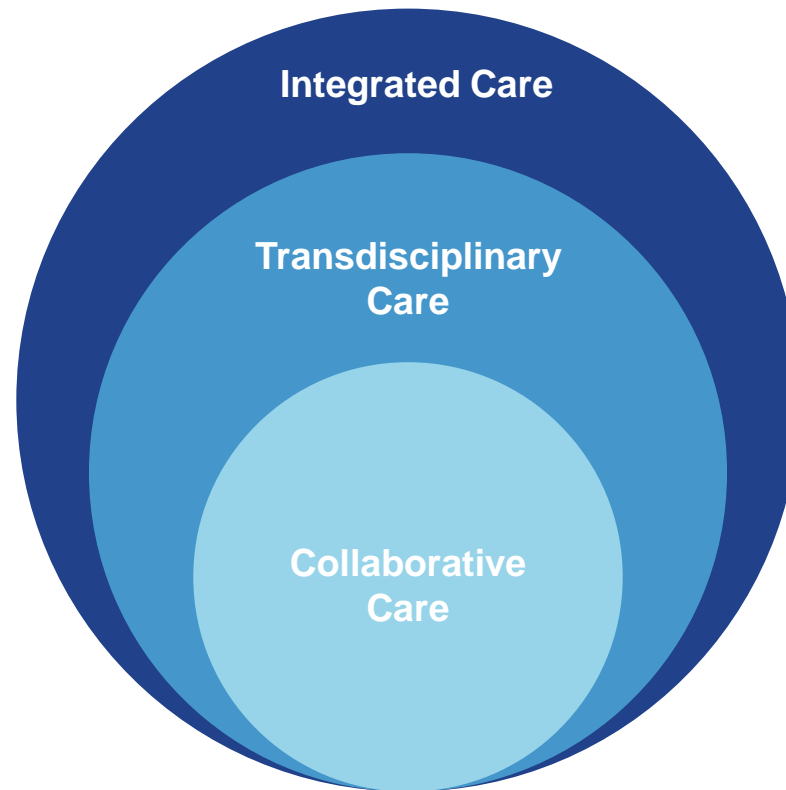


## Integration –All the BUZZ

- Integrated Care
- Interdisciplinary Care
- **Collaborative Care**
- Multidisciplinary Care
- **Transdisciplinary Care**
- Co-located Care



# Integration



# Core Principles of Collaborative Care



## Patient-Centered Care

Primary care and mental health providers collaborate effectively using shared care plans.



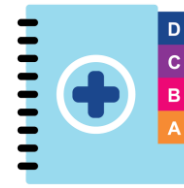
## Population-Based Care

A defined group of patients is tracked in a registry so that no one falls through the cracks.



## Treatment to Target

Progress is measured regularly and treatments are actively changed until clinical goals are achieved.



## Evidence-Based Care

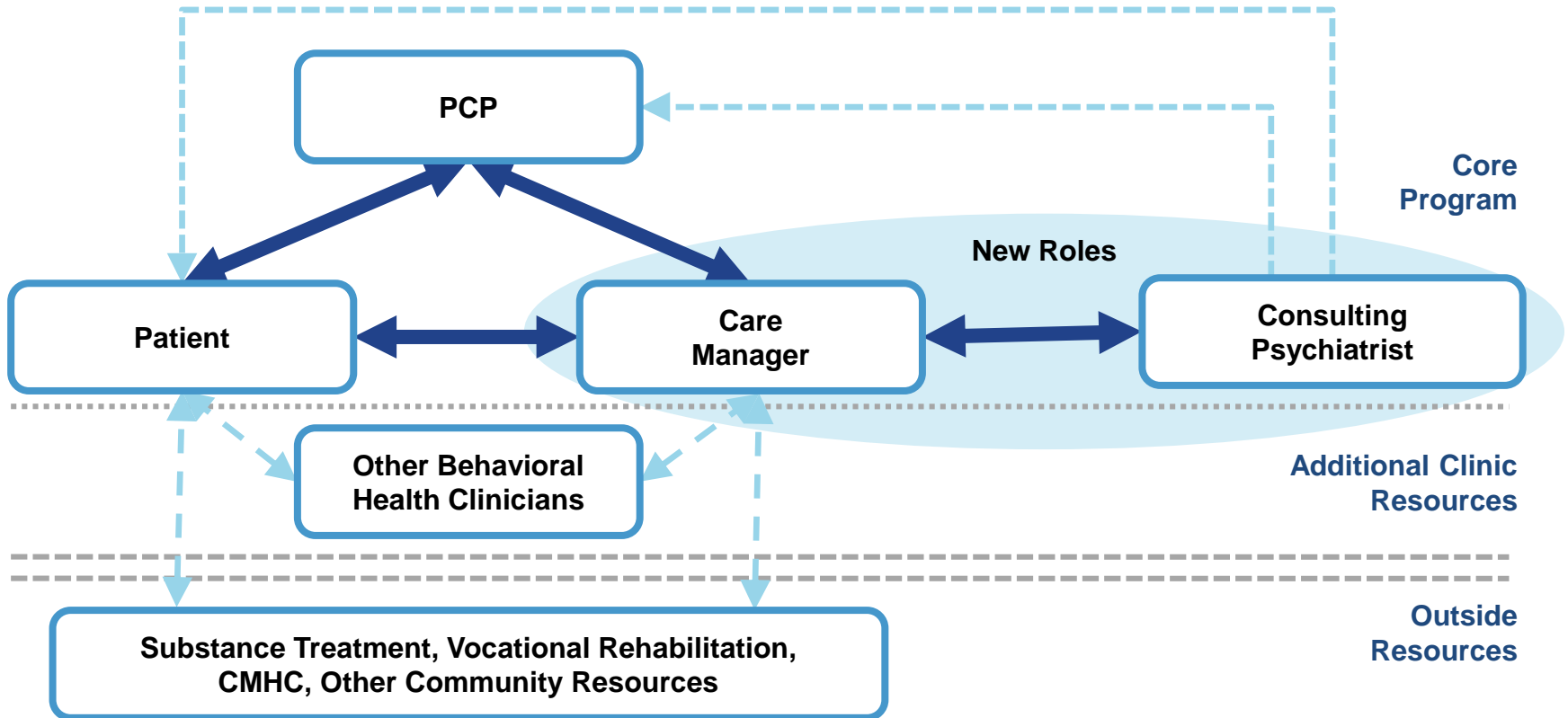
Providers use treatments that have research evidence for effectiveness.



## Accountable Care

Providers are accountable and reimbursed for quality of care and clinical outcomes, not just volume of care.

# Collaborative Care Team Approach



# Collaborative Care Team Model

TWO PROCESSES	TWO NEW 'TEAM MEMBERS'	
	BH Care Manager	Consulting Psychiatrist
<p><b>1. Systematic diagnosis and outcomes tracking</b> PHQ-2/9 &amp; GAD-2/7 to facilitate diagnosis and track outcomes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient education / self management support</li> <li>• Close follow-up to make sure patients don't 'fall through the cracks'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly caseload consultation for care manager and PCP (population-based)</li> <li>• Diagnostic consultation on difficult cases</li> </ul>
<p><b>2. Stepped Care</b></p> <p>a. Change treatment according to evidence-based algorithm if patient is not improving</p> <p>b. Relapse prevention once patient is improved</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support anti-depressant Rx by PCP</li> <li>• Brief talk treatment (behavioral activation, PST-PC, CBT, IPT)</li> <li>• Facilitate treatment change / referral to specialty behavioral health, as needed</li> <li>• Relapse prevention</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation focused on patients not improving as expected</li> <li>• Recommendations for additional treatment / referral according to evidence-based guidelines</li> </ul>

## Consulting Psychiatrist Role

- Provides regular (weekly) consultation on patients followed in primary care, focusing on those not improving
- Provides ad hoc consultation to CM or PCP as needed for urgent cases
- In-person or telemedicine consultation or referral to specialty care for complex patients (typically < 10% of patients)
- Provides support and training for primary care-based providers

## Seek Consultation with Psychiatrist when Patient...

- Is severely depressed (PHQ-9 score  $\geq 20$ )
- Fails to respond to treatment
- Has complicating mental health diagnosis, such as personality disorder or substance abuse
- Is bipolar or psychotic
- Has current substance dependence
- Is suicidal or homicidal

## Q: What clients are appropriate for referral to Collaborative Care?

### A: Any client with a PHQ-9/GAD-7 greater than 9

1. Who is not already engaged in care with behavioral health i.e., not seeing a psychiatrist or a therapist
2. Does not present as high risk – e.g., recent psychiatric hospitalization, active suicidality with intent and/or plan, active homicidality
3. Does not have a previous bipolar disorder diagnosis or active psychosis

# Primary Care Provider Role

- Oversees all aspects of patient's care
- Diagnoses common mental disorders
  - Reviews screeners: (e.g., PHQ-2/9, GAD-2/7)
- Starts & prescribes pharmacotherapy
- Introduces collaborative care team and care manager
- Collaborates with care manager and psychiatric consultant to make treatment adjustments as needed

## Presenting Warm-Handoff<sup>2</sup>

**When presenting to a patient, it is helpful to use terms like:**

- Coworker
- Colleague
- Someone who specializes in...
- I work with \*name\* who is part of our team. I'd like to introduce you to them before you go."



**To reduce fear/stigma, avoid terms like:**

- Therapist
- Social Worker

<sup>2</sup>Warm Hand-Off Referrals By the Primary Care Provider To the Behavioralist. (n.d.). Retrieved 2016, from California Mental Health Services Authority: <http://www.ibhp.org/?section=pages&cid=122>

# Collaborative Care Workflow

## SYSTEM LEVEL SUPPORTS



**Identify &  
Engage**

**Establish a  
Diagnosis**

**Initiate  
Treatment**

**Follow-up  
Care & Treat  
to Target**

**Complete  
Treatment &  
Relapse  
Prevention**

# Discussing Treatment Options



**Telephonic  
interventions**



**Medication  
Management**



**Talk  
Treatment**

# Follow-Up Contacts

## **Weekly or every other week during acute treatment phase**

- In person or by telephone to evaluate symptom severity (PHQ-9, GAD-7) and treatment response

## **Initial focus on**

- Adherence to medications
- Side effects
- Follow-up on activation and PST plans

## **Later focus on**

- Complete resolution of symptoms and restoration of functioning
- Long-term treatment adherence

# Outcome Targets & Definitions

## Demonstrated improvement

- 50% reduction in PHQ-9 and/or GAD-7 scores from baseline OR
- Sub-clinical PHQ-9 and/or GAD-7 scores

## “Remission”

- PHQ-9 score < 5 for 3 months



## Treat to Target

### **REMEMBER: Most Patients Will Need Treatment Adjustments**

- Over 30 – 50% of patients will have a complete response to initial treatment
- 50 – 70% will require at least one change in treatment to get better

# Comparison of Contacts in Usual Care vs. Collaborative Care

**USUAL CARE**  
3.5 PCP Contacts per year

**months**



**20% - 40% treatment response/improvement**

Based on HRSA report of average PCP visit rates for FQHCs

# Comparison of Contacts in Usual Care vs. Collaborative Care



**50% - 70% treatment response/improvement**

## Collaborative CARE

- 3.5 PCP Contacts per year
- 10 contacts with CM (on average)
- 2 case consultations from psychiatrist to CM/PCP (on average)

## Questions

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