



What is Patient and Family Engagement?

"Patients, families, their representatives, and health professionals working in active partnership at various levels across the health care system—direct care, organizational design and governance, and policy making—to improve health and health care."

- Engaging Patients and Families in the Medical Home, cited in Safety is Personal: Partnering with Patients and Families for the Safest Care" (The National Patient Safety Foundation's Lucian Leape Institute)



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Why Engage Patients and Families?

- They know their symptoms and their responses to treatments better than anyone else.
- They are **highly invested** in their own well-being and outcomes.
- They are always "present" in their own care, unless impaired by factors beyond their control; they are the first to know when a symptom changes or about the impact of treatments, and can communicate this to their care feam.
- Their courage and resilience can inspire and energize their care team
- They often have insights into the processes of care that professionals lack because they are focusing on getting the job done



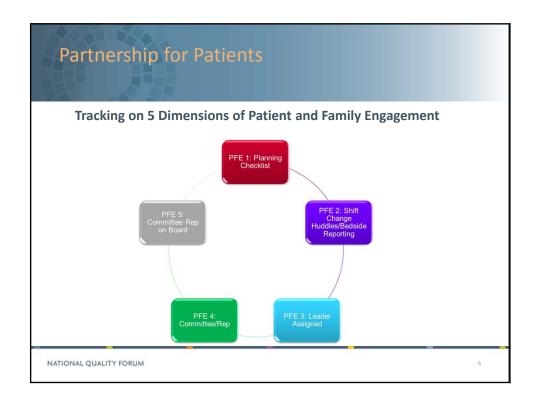
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Partnership for Patients Work on Patient and Family Engagement (PFE)

Areas of Focus

- Authentically engage patients in our work: model and create momentum
- Identify organizations that reflect best practices
- Replicate and spread effective practices
- Track progress on PFE across hospitals and increase transparency.
 Tracking on 5 PFE areas.
- Team with and support others involved in and leading this work

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Who is the NQF Patient and Family **Engagement Action Team?**

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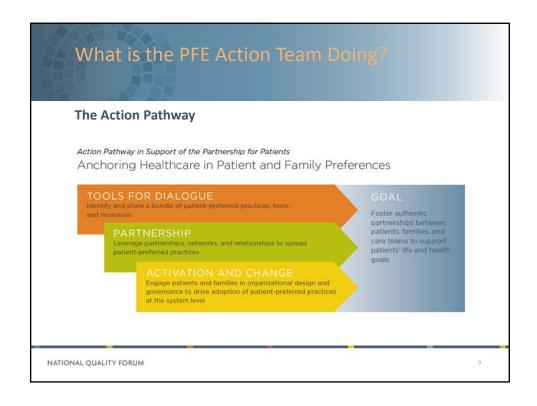
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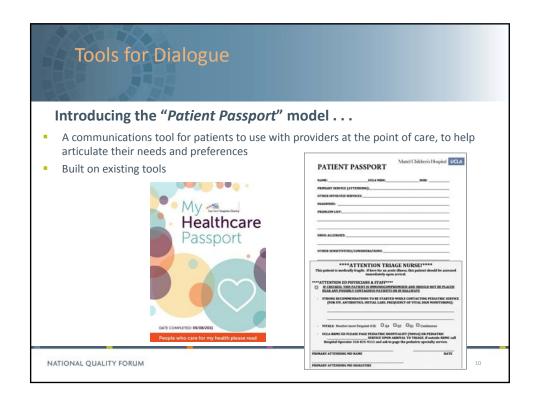
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PFE Action Team 2014 Word Cloud



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Tools for Dialogue

The Patient Passport prototype focuses on the following domains:

- Patient Identification (name, photo, preferred language)
- Critical Health Information (e.g. allergies, medications, disability, relevant care plans, primary contact, caregiver information)
- Health Team (PCP, other doctors)
- Health History and Goals (significant health events, previous hospitalizations, coping with my health conditions – good days and bad days, health goals for when I get out of the hospital)
- What I Need While I'm Here (major concerns, what would make me feel comfortable, what I need extra help with, etc.)
- Personalized Photo
- Discharge (what to do when I get home)
- Advance Care Directives and End of Life Preferences

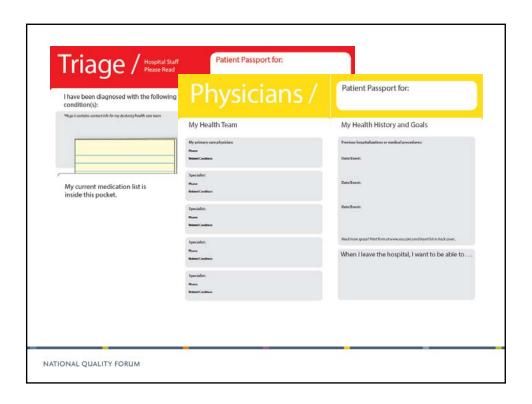
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Community-level Goals

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- Increase delivery of appropriate healthcare services that honor patient preferences, including but not limited to end-of-life care
- Develop shared decision-making partnerships between patients and their physicians
- Improve population health
- Increase engagement and activation of patients and families



Partnership: St. Vincent Indianapolis

Using the *Patient Passport* and St. Vincent's Patient Portal to help patients communicate with their healthcare team from any computer, smartphone or tablet.



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Why the Patient Passport?

- Addresses absence of/quality of communication between the patient and provider at the point of care
- Helps patients mentally and emotionally prepare for hospital visit, and provide concise, meaningful information to the clinical staff
- Addresses critical aspects such as diagnoses, medications, allergies, healthcare team, discharge planning, and holistic needs of the patient while in the hospital's care (e.g. "human touch is comforting when I'm in pain"; "it's ok if I have to wait, please just keep me informed about what's going on")

Potential Impact: Fewer hospital stays, fewer hospital days, fewer adverse events, increased patient satisfaction and activation; increased sense of connectedness and efficacy in hospital staff

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Making it Real

- If you're a patient and consumer
- If you're a practicing clinician
- If you're an administrator inside a hospital or health system





Activation and Change

PATIENTS / CONSUMERS: Next Steps

- Use the Patient Passport domains/model to help you communicate with nurses and doctors during your hospital visit
- Work with your Patient and Family Advisory/Partner Council to explore using the Patient Passport model inside your local hospital
- Adapt the passport model to specific local and demographic needs

Questions for Discussion:

- Could the Patient Passport help you communicate with providers?
- How can we help you use it?
- Additional feedback?

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CLINICIANS: Next Steps

- Discuss the idea with your heads of medicine and express support
- If a patient comes in with a Patient Passport, read it. Listen to the patient. Talk to the patient.

Questions for Discussion:

- What tips do you suggest for successful implementation of the Patient Passport?
- What else do you need to make this practical for you and your patients?

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HEALTH ADMINISTRATORS: Next Steps

- Provide your patients with the Patient Passport; gather feedback
- Discuss the idea with your heads of medicine and express support
- Create signage in your hospital that demonstrates support for the passport, such as "We are a Patient Passport friendly hospital"

Questions for Discussion:

- What tips do you suggest for successful implementation of the Patient Passport?
- Is there a connection between the passport domains and the goals of your health system? Does it address any significant gaps? (e.g. understanding the patient's home life and care team, discharge planning, end of life preferences, health goals)
- What else do you need to make this practical for you and your patients?

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Thank you!

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