Palliative Care: New Developments

- Joint Commission Certification: Fall 2011
- National Priorities Partnership/ National Quality Forum: Top Issue
- Dartmouth Atlas Data on Utilization
- National Palliative Care Registry
- Health Care Reform
- New Program Guidelines: standards/metrics

National Quality Forum: Palliative Care is One of Six Top Priorities for Action

A Vision for World-Class, Affordable Healthcare

The current economic crisis highlights the imperative to transform America’s healthcare system, and the opportunity to do so has never been greater. The National Priorities and Goals address the greatest challenges facing the healthcare system: eliminating harm, eradicating disparities, reducing disease burden, and removing waste.

Through the National Priorities and Goals, the Partners are working to bring about safer, more affordable patient-centered health care. The collective action of the Partners on these six

http://www.nationalprioritiespartnership.org/Priorities
Correlates to Access to Palliative Care: Dartmouth Atlas

Access to palliative care associated with:
• Lower in-hospital mortality
• Fewer ICU admissions and days during last 6 months
• Fewer ICU admissions in last hospital stay

www.dartmouthatlas.org

Health Care Reform Initiatives: Opportunities for Palliative Care?

• Primary Care Medical Homes
• Accountable Care Organizations
  – “Medicare Shared Savings Program” (2012)
• Medicare pilots on bundled payment (2013)
• Medicare Independence at Home demos (2012)
  ➢ All increase odds of more aligned payment & fewer barriers to collaboration across entities
## Quality Roadmap for Palliative Care

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<td>• Developed by consensus panels of PCLC experts, CAPC staff, and CAPC consultants led by David Weissman, MD</td>
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## Recent Palliative Care Research

- Improved quality of care
- Improved survival
- Reduced ICU length of stay
- Reduced cost
Resources

- Center to Advance Palliative Care
  http://www.capc.org
- National Palliative Care Registry
  https://registry.capc.org/
- Palliative Care Leadership Centers
  https://pclc.capc.org/
- Dartmouth Atlas
  http://www.nationalprioritiespartnership.org/
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