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Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this discussion, participants should be able to:

- Identify their sports medicine team and effectively communicate between members of the team
- Successfully explain how athletic trainers are an influential piece to patient-focused health care
- Recognize successes and opportunities in building an integrative team whether in a health system or school model

Who are we?

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Physician Extender Care Navigation



Definitions

- Athletic Trainer Allied health care professionals who provide safety on the sidelines through preventative services, therapeutic intervention, and emergency care
- Care Navigator Athletic Trainer who advocates for nontraditional or out of season athletes
- Performance sport-specific, athletic development
- Club paid athletics outside of school participation
- Program vs. Department

Footprint

- Health system employees: 12,000+
- Sports Medicine employees: 150
- Square miles covered: 3,627
- 9 counties in northeast Indiana and northwest Ohio
- Service Population: 832,000
- Southeastern Student Athlete Population: 12,000+ Cass

Northeast Indiana **Unified School Districts**

outh Bend

ommunity

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North

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Rochester

Community

Fulton

Caston

35

Northwestern

Western

Community

Tipton Community

Community Schools

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Public



Wes-Del

Madison

Sports Medicine Locations

- SportONE/Parkview Fieldhouse
- Empowered Sports Club
- The Summit
- Ball Sports Academy
- TherapyONE Outpatient Therapy
- Ortho NorthEast Physician Offices



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Our Sports Medicine Team

- 3 non-operative sports medicine physicians
- 6 sport specialized orthopedic surgeons
- 72 athletic trainers
 - 26 high schools
 - 5 universities
 - 10 clubs
- 3 care navigators

- 2 outpatient physical therapy departments
- Performance
 - CSCS specialists
 - Registered dietician
- Ortho Walk-in Clinic
 - DXA
 - Concussion Clinic

How we started

 July 1990, program started at Ortho NorthEast as SportONE Athletic Training

 Early 2000s, growth began by placing one athletic trainer per school

 January 2015, acquired by Parkview Ortho Hospital to increase sports medicine awareness for Parkview Health

Why Integrate?

Budget

Capture Rate

Size

Referral Tracking

Market Share

Independent Departments



Effectiveness



Opportunities

- Common goal
- Communication
- Utilizing experts in different fields
- Clinician engagement
- Allowing other facilitators of care
- Proper growth of departments

Common Goal

 Parkview Sports Medicine was created to be all encompassing for sports medicine

• Patients preferred and chose services that offered coordinated care between their providers (Augustus)



Communication

 Formalize the policies and procedures so that they can be scaled up with program growth (Cottrell)

 Identifying patient needs early and providing adequate patient education leads to increased patient satisfaction and outcomes (Dewan)

Communication Differences

Then	Now
Utilized EMR system for orthopedic clinic only	All AT encounters documented in hospital EMR
No interface with any system outside of office	Interface with providers outside of orthopedics
Email, call, text parents, patients, physicians	Email, call, text parents, patients, physicians
AT calls to schedule appointment	Workflows
Reliance on patient to voice concerns or questions	Chart routing to other providers
Provider to reach out to AT with updates	Internal chart messaging



Communication Process



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Utilizing experts in different fields

- Concern existed regarding time availability for a more comprehensive navigator role of school ATs (Cottrell)
- The ATs serve as an ideal conduit between sport, medical care, therapy and performance (Cottrell)
- Individuals in a care navigator role allow providers to do what their job requires and allow someone else to focus on patient needs

Clinician Engagement

 With all team members in the same organizational structure, patient care from one location to another can be more consistent and streamlined

 Coordination of care allows for accountability of the provider and the patient (Weinberg)



Other Facilitators of care

 "In addition, the surgeons themselves encountered problems contacting other providers: "You don't even know who to get ahold of, and it takes a little while to figure out where the patient actually went...and get the telephone number, and then I have to negotiate the system...to find a person who was looking after them that actually has some authority or responsibility...and they may be busy or not there." (Weinberg)



- Is growth always good?
- How big is too big?

Infrastructure to support the growth



Successes

Communication

Education from additional sports medicine providers

Documentation/Reporting



Successes

Growth

Health system recognition

• Keeping 'big picture' top of mind



Current State

Workflow

Communication plan

Circle of care

Navigating appropriate care for each patient



What can we do better?

Always striving for excellence

Patient, Provider, and Staff feedback

Research and Innovation

• Telling our story



Future Goals

Expand Care Navigation

Standardized certifications

Technology



Future Goals

Growth

Integration beyond walls of sports medicine

• Seamless care experience



Considerations

- Current level of integration
- Leadership support
- Documentation process
- Communication with other entities
- Budget
- Build on your foundation
- Evidence prove you are better



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