To: Healthcare providers  
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Re: Preventing medical error through the Provencare system

Medical errors can adversely affect a medical facility character and service. An excessive number of overtly recounted errors can result in an undesirable reputation for the healthcare provider and the entire organization. Additionally, medical errors are pricy.

- The Institute of Medicine’s (IOM) seminal study of preventable medical errors projected as many as 98,000 deaths each year at a cost of $29 billion.
- Nationally, serious preventable medication errors occur in 3.8 million impatient admissions and 3.3 million outpatient visits each year.
- 7,000 deaths each year from medical error.

Improving quality and reducing medical errors

To efficiently address this issue, there first needs to be a paradigm shift in patient-provider relationship. Geisinger’s provencare healthcare plan is centered on the idea of assuring collaborations between the providers and patients.

- This change has to be focused on permitting patients the ability to actively become a part of their own medical care.
- Associating payment to quality care outcomes
- Reducing paperwork and administrative costs via using electronic health records

Benefits of the Geisenger’s Provencare system

- Allow physicians to generate data that fosters predictive modeling of patient’s illness
- Will computerized health records which are open to the patients for inputs on the accuracy of their physician’s information about their illnesses in order to reduce any medical errors.
- Make hospitals more efficient and avoid bottlenecks in emergency and operating rooms
- Improved medium of dialogue between the physicians and patients as well as initiate conversations to uncover potential conditions that might lead to medical errors
Additional Information:
