Physician Hospital Integration

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Old Model

- Adversarial
 - Docs & Hospital in Chess Game
 - Deal with Multiple Hospitals



Old Model

- Hospitals provide a facility
- Docs work at the hospital
- Incentives not aligned
- Everyone responsible for their aspect of patient care



New Model

- COOPERATIVE
- Docs & Hospitals on same side of the table
- Align Incentives



New Model

- If Hospital does well –
 physicians share benefit
- If physicians bring more patients - Hospital does well

New Model

- Requires a Paradigm Shift
- Both Sides Need to Change
- Need to Pick a Partner
- Requires a Level of Trust



Why do this?

- Improve Quality of Care & Outcome
- Revenue Stream from Inpatient Service Line

Physician Hospital Integration is a Spectrum

Low End

Medical Directorship & Staff Support

High End

Equity Ownership

In Between

Clinical Co-management Agreement

Gain Sharing



Medical Directorship

- Pros
 - Easy
 - Legal
 - Multiple Hospitals
 - 1st Stop
- Cons
 - Limited Control
 - Limited Quality Improvement
 - Limited Revenue
 - Revenue Only to Individual



Staff Support

Hospital pays for P.A. or other employee



Clinical Co-management (CCM) Goals

- Align Economic Incentives
- Improve Operating & Capital Efficiencies
- Improve Clinical Quality & Outcomes
- Improve Customer Satisfaction



Two Methods of Compensation

- Hourly Compensation for Program Supervision
- Performance Bonus Based on Meeting Clinical & Quality Benchmarks.



CCM - Pros

- More Physician Control Over Operations
- Increased Hospital Engagement
- Physicians Compensated for Effort
- Opportunity to Improve the Product
- Spread Revenue to Entire Group



CCM - Cons

- Complicated Legal Structure
- No Guarantee of Making Bonus
- No Equity Value
- Must Manage Cultural Values



These can work, and everyone benefits, especially the patient.

