August Featured Content

Franklin County Hospital Systems Provide New and Updated Content via "Health Information Translations" Website

Central Ohio residents and clinicians can access new healthcare educational materials, translated into 14 different languages, through a free service provided by the four Franklin County hospital systems. Dating back to 2005, the Franklin County hospital systems have worked together to address health education needs for low literacy and limited English-speaking patients by launching www.healthinfotranslations.org. The Health Information Translations website offers free patient education materials that are easy to read in English and 14 different foreign languages. Titles new to the site include those addressing:

Infant Health:
- Safe Sleep for Your Baby
- Smoking and Your Baby
- Soothe a Crying Baby and Prevent Shaken Baby Syndrome

Opiate Addiction:
- Administer Naloxone for Opioid Overdose

Behavioral Health:
- Bullying Information for Parents

Read more on Central Ohio Hospital Council's Website
Editorial introduces insights from HCGC Blog, an HCGC led project that celebrates its third year amidst the pandemic, announcing a virtual restart. A background and update on Patient Family Advisory Councils (PFACs) are provided by Heidi Christman, Director of Communications, HCGC. The project has been managing, leading, and facilitating PFACs in partnership with Central Ohio Primary Care (COPC) since 2017. PFACs are regular meetings with both staff and volunteer patients and families of a medical practice, within the COPC family of primary care practices. Members of the PFAC collaborate with employees to provide guidance on improving patient and family experiences. The goal is to enhance experience for all patients and families at COPC through patient-and-family-centered care (PFCC) using constructive input.

The Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute Featured Article explores the use of a decision aid in the emergency room to help parents understand options for diagnosing brain injury in children. They need to decide on whether a computed tomography (CT) scan or home monitoring is suitable for their child. A CT scan is quick but exposes the child to radiation, whereas home monitoring is risk-free but may take longer. The decision aid aids in making informed decisions.

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When a child has head trauma, parents in the emergency room (ER) need to decide, with their doctor, how to check if the child has a traumatic brain injury (TBI). A TBI occurs when an injury causes bleeding in or around the brain. One way to check for a TBI is a computed tomography (CT) scan, which takes pictures of the brain. Another way is home monitoring, where parents wait and see if their child develops TBI symptoms.

For children at low risk of TBI, doctors recommend home monitoring. For children at high risk, doctors recommend a CT scan. However, for a child at medium risk, deciding which way to check for a TBI can be hard. A CT scan shows quickly if a child has a TBI, but it exposes the child to radiation, may require a long wait in the ER, and may cost more than home monitoring. Home monitoring takes longer to see if a child has a TBI, and parents may have to come back to the ER if their child’s symptoms get worse.

The research team created a decision aid to help doctors talk with parents about whether their children should get CT scans or have home monitoring. A decision aid can help parents choose between two or more healthcare options based on what is most important to them. The team wanted to know if the decision aid helped parents learn and make decisions about care for their child.
Articles of Interest & Upcoming Partner Events

Battelle Webinar: Understanding Clinical Quality Measures: How CMS is Modernizing its Approach to Digital Measurement (Two offerings: September 15 or September 17)

PCC Webinar: What Do Patients Want From Primary Care – Both During and After COVID-19?

Ohio AAP Teen Vaping and Lead Screening Trainings

Columbus Women’s Commission: Navigating COVID-19 with a Gender Lens

COVID + Influenza: This Is a Good Year to Get a Flu Shot, Experts Advise

Center for Community Solutions: Minority health matters

Center for Community Solutions Friday Webinar: Prices for Common Procedures in Ohio’s Hospitals Vary Widely

IHI: Why Is “Psychological PPE” Important for the Health Care Workforce?

Monthly Meeting Resources

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