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IT and the ACO

Adequate and timely access to information is crucial to the success of accountable care organizations (ACOs). Access to meaningful data can help organizations make faster and more informed decisions, improving patient care and outcomes. However, developing and implementing the necessary infrastructure can be challenging. This gatefold looks at the key IT components of the accountable care organization.

**Key IT components for accountable care organizations:**
- Electronic health records
- Population health management
- Disease registries
- Health information exchange
- Population health management
- Care coordination
- Decision support
- Business intelligence
- Patient engagement

**An ACO health IT framework from the Certification Commission for Health Information Technology**

**Components of an effective ACO health IT framework:**
1. **Organizational readiness:**
   - Understanding the strategic objectives of the ACO
   - Alignment with data governance

2. **Data management and analytics:**
   - Development of a data strategy
   - Integration of data across the continuum

3. **Clinical integration:**
   - Development of care pathways
   - Integration of clinical and financial data

4. **Engagement of the patient and family:**
   - Use of patient portals
   - Personalization of care based on patient preference

**GOALS OF ACCOUNTABLE CARE ORGANIZATIONS**
- Improve quality of care and patient outcomes
- Reduce costs
- Increase patient satisfaction

**SUPPORT ACCOUNTABLE CARE ORGANIZATIONS**
- Clinical decision support systems
- Electronic health records
- Disease registries
- Population health management systems
- Care coordination tools

**With what type of organizations do you exchange clinical information?**

**Use of disease registers**

- Yes, we have a chronic care registry for three or more conditions
- Yes, we have a chronic care registry for one condition
- No

**Hospital’s use of business intelligence tools**

- Yes, our organization uses business intelligence tools to help improve quality of care, reduce costs, and improve financial performance
- No

**Hospital’s use of clinical analytics**

- Yes, our organization uses clinical analytics to improve patient outcomes
- No

**Connectivity with RHIOs and HIEs**

- Yes, we participate in a regional health information exchange or a health information exchange
- No

**How are organizations leveraging IT within accountable care organizations?**

- Use of electronic health records
- Use of disease registries
- Use of decision support systems
- Use of patient portals

**Business case for health IT in accountable care organizations**

- Improved patient care
- Reduced costs
- Increased efficiency
- Enhanced patient satisfaction

**Accountable care depends on accurate and timely information across the continuum of care.**

**The patient portal:**

- A tool for patients to securely access and share their medical information
- Improves patient engagement and satisfaction
- Enhances communication between patients and providers

**Source:** Certification Commission for Health Information Technology, 2014
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