
HIGH-RISK PATIENT EDUCATION PROGRAM



OPIOID CRISIS

- Public Health Emergency – 11/21/2016

THE PILOT

- Carilion New River Valley Pharmacist
- ID patients on opioids
- “Do you understand the risks of the opioids you are using?”

DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE RISKS???

- 30% of the patient population were using opioids to manage chronic pain
- Many patients did not realize that the pain medication they had been prescribed was an opioid.
- Many patients had not been informed of the risks associated with their opioid chronic pain medications.

CAN YOU MANAGE THE RISK?

- Patients believed that recovery medications were too expensive to purchase.
- Patients did not know how to access programs which would provide recovery medications at a low cost (\$17 vs. \$125)
- Patients knew someone who had experienced an overdose.
- Many of the patients also had family members who were at risk.

RURAL HEALTH OPIOID PROJECT

- Grants from HRSA Federal Office of Rural Health Policy
- 3-year funding cycle
- 10 awards nation-wide

HIGH-RISK PATIENT EDUCATION PROGRAM

- Develop curriculum and training protocol for one-on-one interaction in a clinical setting
- Roll out to Virginia's rural hospitals and clinics
- Facilities select appropriate staff for implementation
- Train-the-trainer: programs can be maintained in-house

CURRICULUM

- Identify high-risk patients
- Provide education on opioids and their risks
- Medication assistance
- Make referrals
- REVIVE!

RESOURCES

- iPads to support education and curriculum updates
- Rescue kits for patients

LEADERSHIP TEAM

- Carilion New River Valley
- Page Memorial Hospital
- Bath Community Hospital
- Carilion Tazewell Memorial Hospital
- Dickenson Community Hospital

MORE INFO

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