

Electronic Medical Records and Patient-Centered Care: Twenty Years in the Emergency Department

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BACKGROUND

- Twenty years, four models:
- Narrative note, dictated and transcribed to EMR
- Paper template
- Niche system for ED use
- Fully-integrated EMR system

PROJECT AIM

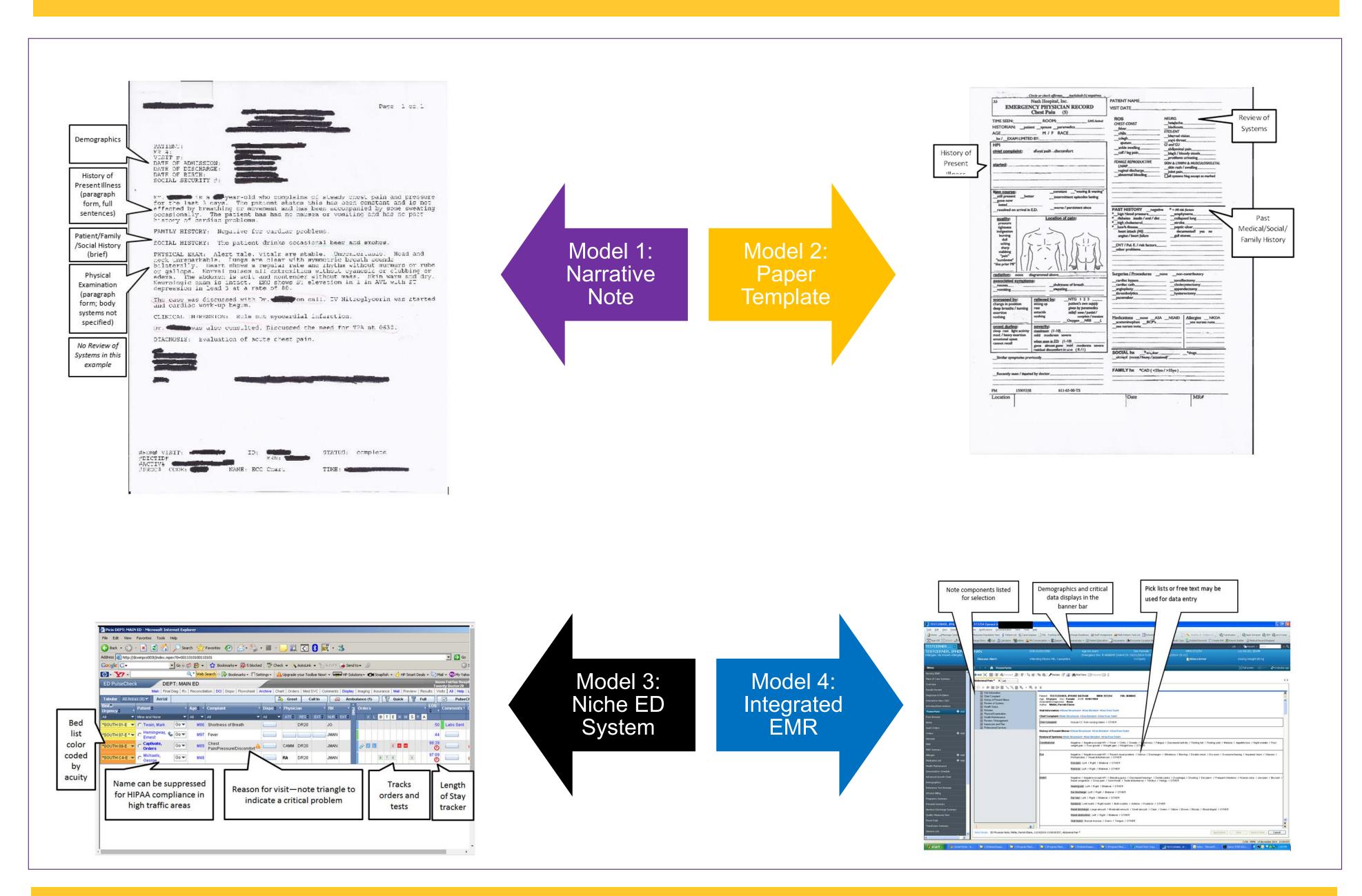
To evaluate how elements essential to patient-centered care are addressed in four unique documentation models

PROJECT DESIGN/STRATEGY

- Patient records selected for inclusion based on chief complaint of "chest pain" and inpatient admission
- Sampling by documentation model, gender, time of day, and day of week
- Textual analysis
- Patient-centered elements based on work of Gerteis et al
- Patient preferences
- Coordination of care
- Information/communication needs
- Emotional needs
- Involving family/friends

RESULTS/OUTCOMES

Four Models



Patient-centered Care Elements



LESSONS LEARNED

- Little information about patients' lives found beyond tobacco/alcohol/drug use
- Interdisciplinary communication is neither noted nor facilitated by the record
- Little personalization of individual education needs is observed
- Technological forcing functions are likely contributors to specific documentation types
- Emotional needs infrequently addressed in the record
- Involvement of family/friends in care was documented in both the oldest and newest models – increased awareness of patient-centricity at the subject hospital?

NEXT STEPS

- Areas for additional study
 - Other chief complaints
- Other professionals' documentation
- New system design considerations
 - Increasing patient agency through improved patient-centeredness
 - Increasing awareness of how tools influence documentation and practice

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