

# Harmonizing Clinical, Research, and Teaching Aims: Team Care for Patients with Complex Needs

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# Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this session, the participants will be able to:

1. Describe a team-based approach to addressing complex patients' needs.
2. Develop engaged and experiential methods for teaching interprofessional learners about team-care for complex patients.
3. Demonstrate familiarity with an evaluation strategy and preliminary outcomes data for a team approach for complex patients.



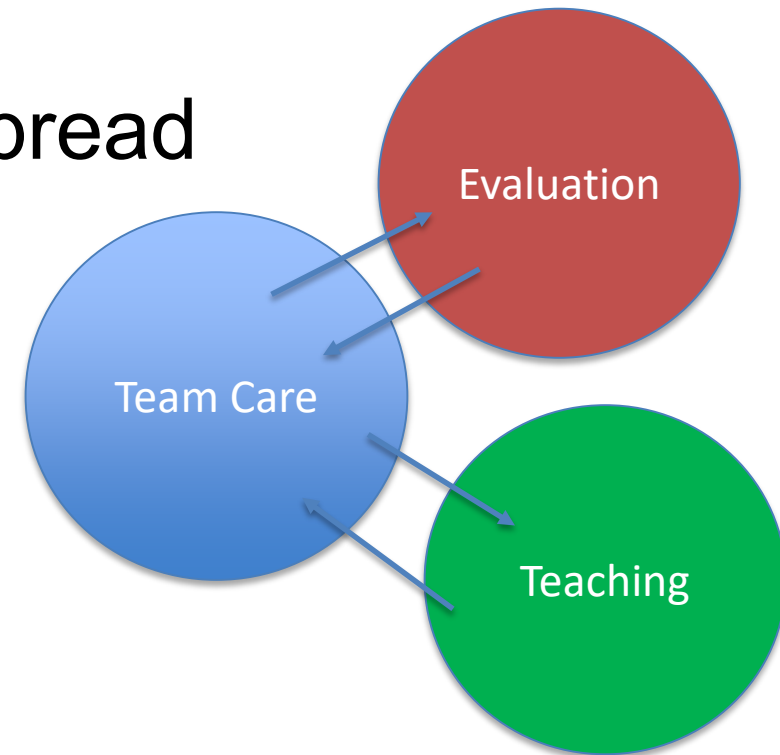
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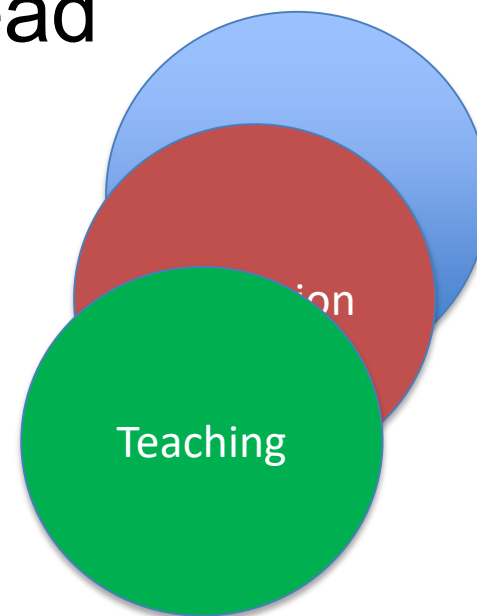


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- Efficiency in harmonizing those efforts



# Team Based Approach to Patients with Complex Health and Social Health Needs



# Patients with Complex Health and Social Health Needs

- Multiple chronic medical conditions
- Social support/determinants needs
- Polypharmacy
- Poor health-related behaviors
- Limited treatment recommendation adherence
- Multiple hospitalizations
- Guarded to poor prognosis without significant intervention



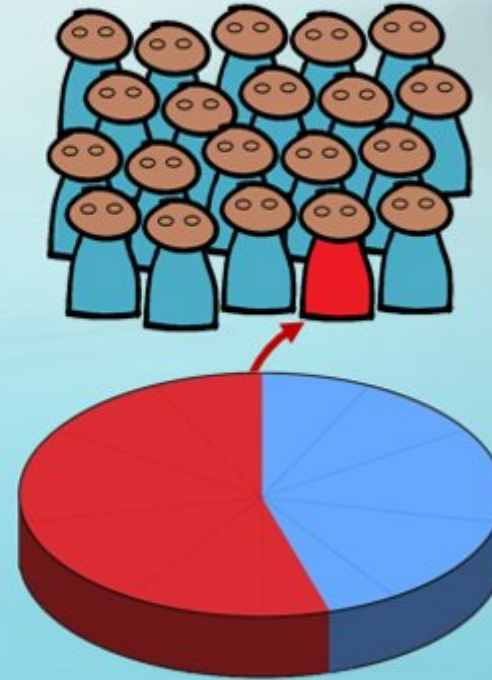


# Patients with Complex Health and Social Health Needs

## Super Utilizers of Health Care: By the Numbers:

The care for just  
**5%** of Medicaid  
enrollees  
accounts for

OVER  
**50%** of total  
Medicaid  
spending.



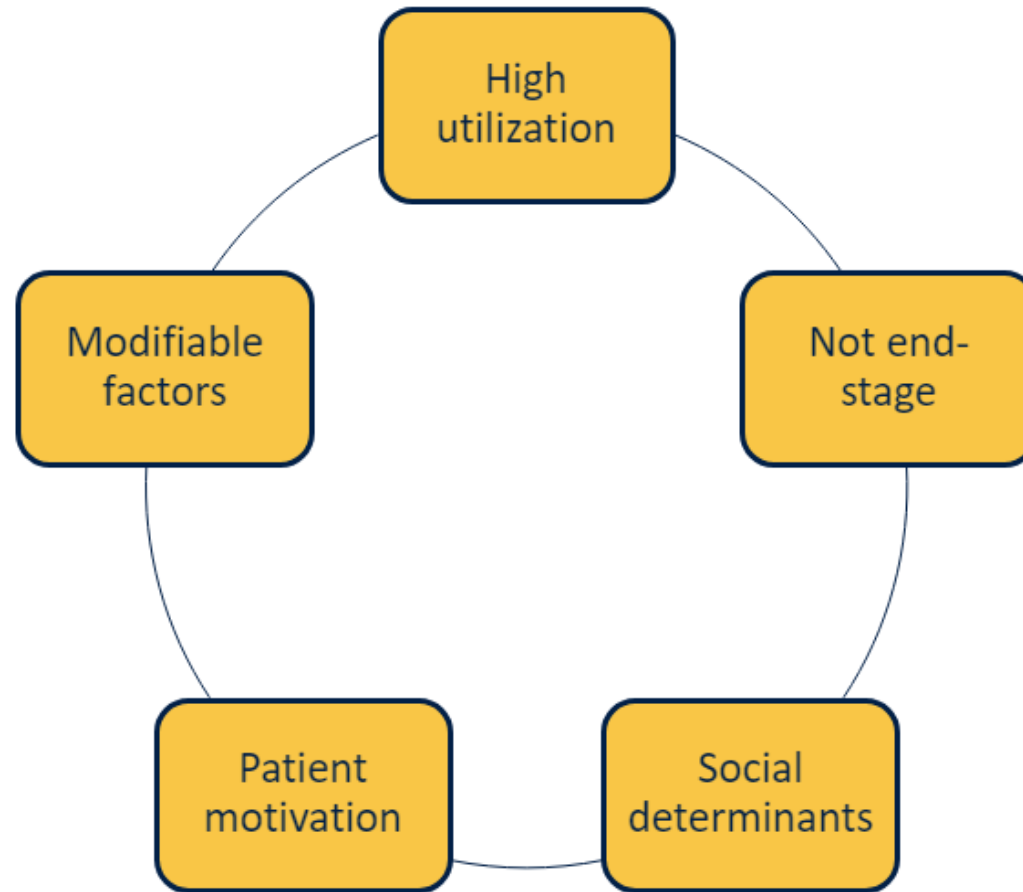
# Effect of Complex Needs on Quality of Life



# Enter... The Team



# Identifying Patients



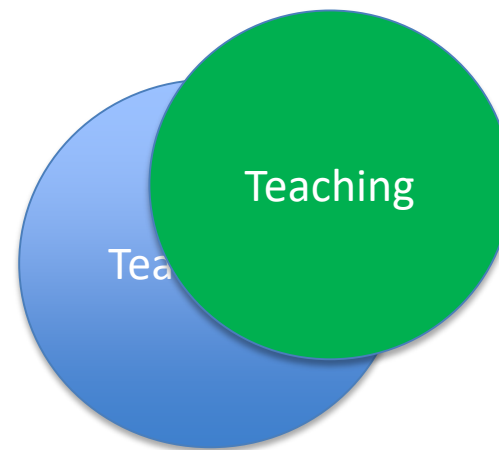


# Enhanced Care Treatment Approach

- Screening
- Pre-visit interprofessional huddle
- Interprofessional clinic visit (all members)
- Goal setting
- Follow-up (phone, visits)
- Registry
- Monthly collaborative team meetings



# Teaching Activity



# Activity

- Anticipate barriers and potential solutions to implementation of an interprofessional team-care approach



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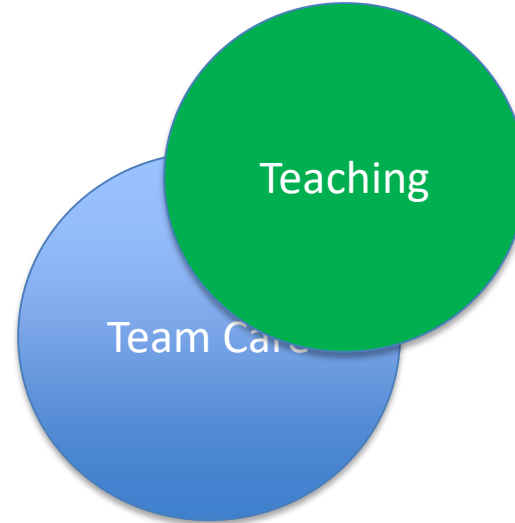
# Challenges and Solutions



# Barriers and Opportunities



# Harmonizing Teaching



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## Learning In Vivo

- Medical residents/students
- Pharmacy residents/students
- Behavioral health:
  - Psychology externs
  - MSW students
  - Counseling students





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# Harmonizing Teaching

## Learning in Didactics

- Third Year Medical Students
- New Residents and Students (across disciplines)
- New Faculty





# Institutional Teaching: IPE Grand Rounds

## **First IPE Grand Rounds audience comprised of:**

- The VP for Health Sciences and the Dean of Quillen COM
- Faculty and residents from Family Medicine and Pediatrics
- Faculty and students from the College of Medicine
- Faculty and students from the College of Pharmacy
- Faculty and students from Psychology
- Faculty and students from the College of Clinical and Rehabilitative Sciences
- Faculty from the College of Nursing
- Faculty and students from the College of Public Health



# Harmonizing Evaluation





# Hospitalizations

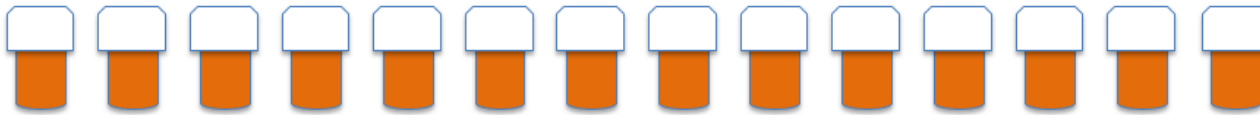
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hospitalizations  
in 2016-2017

- Unhealthy diet
- Complex social determinants
- Medication non-adherence



# 56 Total Medication Bottles



# Patient Example

## HPI

- 50-year-old white male
- CC: establishment with the enhanced care team.
- Fluctuations in blood sugar, weakness, persistent SOB, and occasional chest pain, which is relieved with nitroglycerin.
- Patient goal: lose weight.
  - Currently eating two large plates of carb-heavy foods for three meals per day.
- Personal stressors at home (social and financial)
- Hospitalized eight times in the past two years

## Specialists on Board

- Allergy/Immunology
- Cardiology
- Endocrinology
- Family Medicine
- Infectious disease
- Orthopedic surgery
- Ophthalmology
- Podiatry

## PMH

Angina pectoris  
Anxiety/Depression  
Coronary artery disease s/p  
stent x10 and CABG  
Cardiomyopathy  
COPD  
Heart failure with preserved  
ejection fraction  
Chronic urinary retention with  
self- catheterization  
Hyperlipidemia  
Hyperparathyroidism  
Hypertension  
Insomnia  
Type 2 diabetes mellitus  
Albuminuria  
Obstructive sleep apnea



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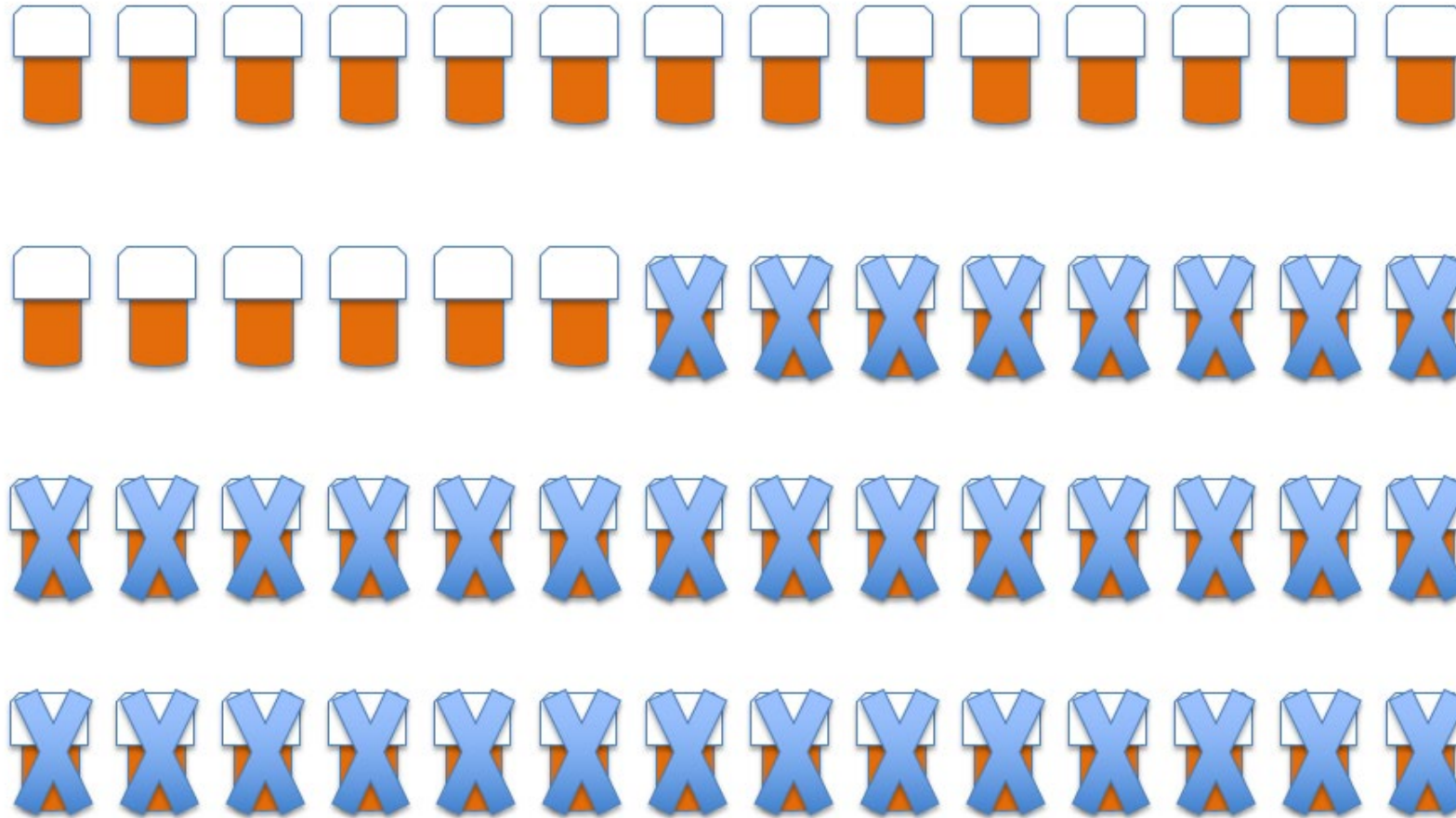
- Send home with only medications patient should take
- Calorie counting with My Fitness Pal app
- Patient to attend health coaching/healthy living support group
- Plan to adjust medications at future visits – to see pharmacist each week after health coaching
- Meetings with behavioral health consultants to improve coping
- Tracking visits/goals in registry



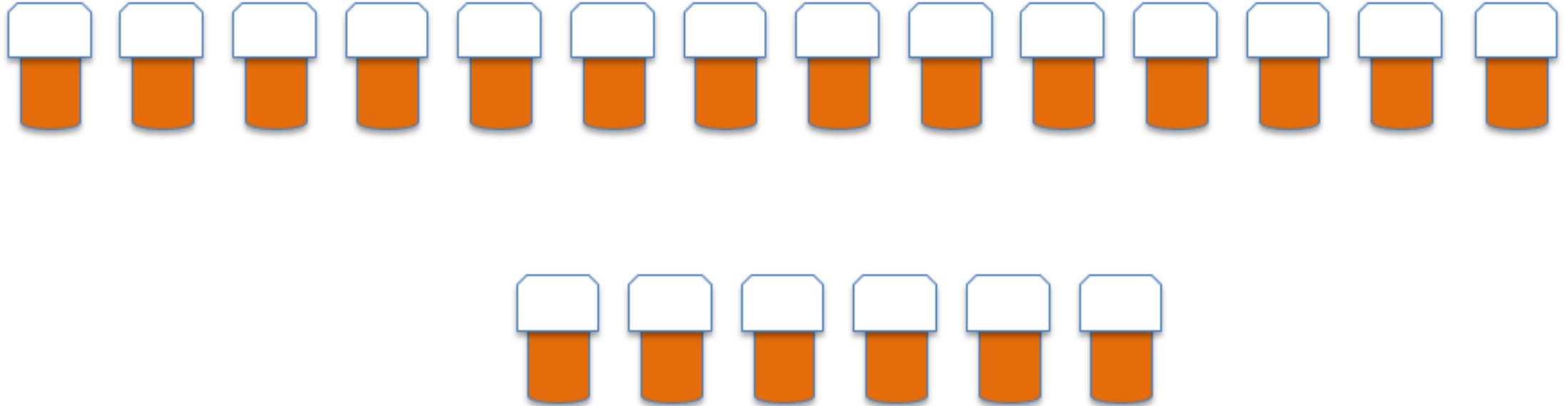
# Total Number of Med Bottles = 56



# Decreased Number of Medications by 36



# Result 20 medications vs 56



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**ZERO**

hospitalizations  
in 2018!!

- Healthier diet and 30 lbs lost!
- Stable home situation
- Adherent to meds





# Improved Quality of Life



# Harmonizing Evaluation

- Strong Quality Improvement Process
- Clinical Intervention based on literature
- Baked measures into clinical process



# Harmonizing Evaluation

- Pre/Post Measures
  - ED/hospital visits
  - Patient Centered Assessment Method (PCAM)
  - Patient Activation Measure (PAM)
  - Patient Health Status (SF-36)
- Process Measures
  - Sessions
  - Types of visits
  - Goals



# PCAM

Health and Well-being			
None 1	Mild/vague but no impact 5	Moderate to severe 12	Severe needs with significant impact 6
Social Environment			
None 0	Some inconsistency and dissatisfaction 1	Some concerns about safety, security, and restrictions 17	Unsafe, unstable environment with significant impact on mood and social functioning 3
Health Literacy and Communication			
None 2	Good communication but with barriers 6	Difficulties with communication 3	Serious difficulties 1
Service Coordination			
None 0	Services in place 2	Gaps in care 8	Significant fragmentation and missing care 2



# Patient Visits

- Number of visits per patient:  
Range: 1-21; Average: 13



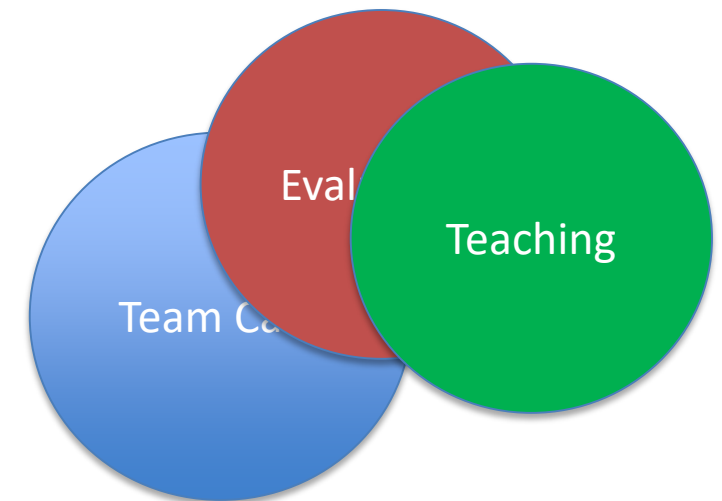
# Patient Goals

- Actively participate in care/goals and will attend all appointments
- Put self first, example: spa days twice a week
- Increase social activities
- Apply for resources-gas voucher and utility assistance
- Meet with BH at every visit
- Stop drinking
- Healthier food choices and increase energy-eat more veggies
- Increase energy-be able to play with grandchildren and go fishing
- I will keep all of my appointments-recording in planner.
- Increase social interaction by visiting friends
- Increase food supply by utilizing food pantries in area
- Increase socialization; get more comfortable getting out and going places alone
- Patient willing for additional assistance within home, apply for Choices
- Home visit to be done and meds to be limited and reviewed for better understanding.
- Manage DM better
- Manage Pain



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# Questions





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