

March 2019 Newsletter

Webinar Opportunity!



Suicide Prevention and Intervention in the ED

Friday, March 22, 2019

12:15-1:00 p.m.

Register [here!](#)

People in MN die by suicide at a rate that is 40% higher than other states. How can we better support people in crisis and the people who serve them? One place to start is by improving interventions in the Emergency Department (ED) to better support both at-risk patients and the people who care for them.

Join ED physician leaders Dr. Michael Schwemm of Allina Health and Dr. Chris Palmer of North Memorial Health for this lunch-time webinar. They'll share the details on recommendations developed together by ED and psychiatry physicians and leaders, which are being implemented across Minnesota as part of the MN Health Collaborative.



Dr. Chris Palmer, ED Medical Director at North Memorial Health Hospital, EPPA Emergency Physician



Dr. Michael Schwemm, ED Medical Director at Mercy Hospital, Allina Health Chair, Emergency Medicine Practice Committee, Allina Health, EPPA Emergency Physician

These recommendations on suicide prevention and intervention in the ED provide guidance to health systems that is evidence-based, adaptable to local context, and aligns with CMS and new Joint Commission requirements.

The MN Health Collaborative is an influential group of health leaders from 15 organizations working together to find solutions to healthcare's toughest challenges, including opioid misuse and addiction, and system improvements for broader mental health needs.

Minnesota Moves from Dialogue to Action: Accelerating Health Care Affordability

As a result of the multi stakeholder Accelerating Affordability event in November 2018 this [learning brief](#) was created. Affordability represents one of the most urgent problems impacting health care today, in Minnesota and across the United States. It's important to reiterate that health care spending per person has doubled in recent years, while the state's economic growth and per capita income have not grown nearly as rapidly.

Three key priorities were identified that could drive affordability improvements through collaboration. The priorities were articulated as: First, we need better sharing of data within and across systems to achieve improved health outcomes. Second, we need to build common or shared administrative systems and practices to eliminate duplication and waste and ease the burden for patients as they navigate the health care system, while allowing each health care and payer organization to maintain controls needed for internal operations. Third, stakeholders of all types tell us that the push toward paying for value rather than paying for volume must not only continue but must accelerate.

Minnesota has a long history of collaborating to solve important problems related to health care access, quality, and cost. We look forward to the ongoing dialogue to action, and hope you will join us at [NRHI's 3rd Annual National Affordability Summit](#) on October 16, 2019 at McNamara Alumni Center, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

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