**Goals:**

**INTERPROFESSIONAL TEAM LEADERSHIP PROJECT**

**Purpose:** To provide effective and appropriate opioid alternatives to manage chronic pain in the older adult and in so doing implement a practice model change.

**Background:** Inappropriate use of opioid medication for the management of chronic pain by older adults is fraught with challenges for the patient as well as healthcare providers. With the recently changed scheduling of hydrocodone combination products an opportunity developed to change pain management prescribing patterns and their use for the Rosa Parks WISH patients.

**Aims:**
- Compare the opioid utilization rates before and after the practice change
- Evaluate provider opinions and knowledge of a new systematic approach
- Educate patients about alternative therapy options and evaluate opinions

**Methods**
- Retrospective, single center study
- IRB approved
- Quality Improvement
- Inclusion: >12 weeks of opioid use
- Exclusion: cancer patients

**Outcomes**
- Measurable change in opioid utilization will require addition time
- Similar opioid selection trends before and after practice change
- Improved understanding of clinic protocol implementation by providers
- Increase in patient awareness of pain management alternatives
- Overall increase in quality as well as safety of the care provide to the opioid using patient

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**Sustainability**
- Evidence based practice
- Pain assessment tool
- Mentor through teamwork
- New policy development
- Disseminate information
- Advocacy for patient safety
- Education of others

**EXPANDED SCOPE OF INFLUENCE**

**Outcomes:**
- Clinic policies and procedures changed
- Chronic pain management expert
- Key note speaker for Nurses Week/Nursing Grand Rounds
- Speaker at Geriatric Pharmacology to EMT Conference
- Grant funding from Physicians Institute for Excellence in Medicine to provide education to internal medicine residents
- Speaker at Internal Medicine Grand Rounds

**Community:**
- GWEP Grant submission
- Coordinator for Senior Citizen Outreach Program
- Key Leaders Roundtable
- Met with U.S. Attorney General McQuade for the Eastern District regarding opiate use and abuse in our community

**Profession:**
- Precept GNP students
- Poster Presentation at Conference on Pain: Beyond Boundaries
- Descriptive manuscript submitted
- Award winning poster presentation at Annual NICHE Conference
- Offered Faculty position in the Wayne State University School of Medicine

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