# DM Group Visits at Phillips Family and Mt. Hope Family Practice

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# Objectives

- Present an overview of diabetes group visits at the Institute for Family Health
- Demonstrate example of group visits held at Phillips
   Family Practice as part of a residency training program
- Review step by step approach to organizing group visits at busy primary care practice
- Highlight successes patient representative

# Spring 2007

- Started group visits at Phillips Family Practice with support from Dr. Andreas Cohrssen, residency director
- Began by inviting patients from panel of two physicians, focusing on:
  - Spanish speaking patients
  - Those needing further intense education
  - Uncontrolled DM markers (A1c, LDL, BP, etc)

# Spring 2007

- Created list of patients
- Called patients to introduce idea of group visits one month prior to starting visits
- Reminder phone calls one week and one day prior to monthly visit
- Created monthly calendar of topics which would be addressed throughout the year
- Group continues to this date, led by Dr. Enschende, with additional support from psychologist

# Mt Hope Family Practice

- August 2007– February 2008
  - Established patient panel and developed physicianpatient relationships
  - Worked with AmeriCorps volunteer developing curriculum for monthly group visits
  - Identified Spanish speaking patients in need of intense education and improved DM control
- After five months at Mt Hope Family Practice, started to introduce the idea of group visits to our patients

# February 2008

- Held our first monthly meeting
- Reminder phone calls, letters and flyers were sent

 Core group of 8 patients with diabetes attend for 6 group session cycle

## lControle su Diabetes!

#### Horaria de los visitas de grupo

El Primer Jueves de Cada Mes a 12:30-2:15 PM

Jueves, 7 de Febrero - ¿Que es la diabetes?

Jueves, 6 de Marzo - Sepa sus números

Jueves, 3 de Abril - La Presión Alta y La Colesterol

Jueves, 1 de Mayo - Complicaciones

Jueves, 5 de Junio - Su Nutrición

Jueves, 3 de Julio - Ejercicio y Maneras de Reducir Estrés

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#### Sample Letter

#### Estimado paciente:

Quiero recordarte que vamos a continuar las reuniones de grupo para nuestros pacientes con diabetes en su clínica de Mount Hope Family Practice. La continuación de nuestro programa seguirá el jueves, 1 de mayo a las 12:30 PM.

Desafortunadamente, personas con diabetes tienen mayor riesgo de sufrir de las siguientes complicaciones:

- Enfermedad cardiaca.
- Enfermedad renal.
- Problemas con la vista.
- Daño nerviosa.
- · Problemas con los pies.
- Problemas en la piel.

Puede evitar estas condiciones si controla la diabetes.

#### Durante esta reunión:

- · vamos aprender como diabetes puede causar complicaciones.
- vamos aprender algunas maneras que podemos evitar estas complicaciones.
- vamos a revisar nuestras metas.
- y identificamos nuevas metas para asegurarnos que podemos seguir una vida saludable!

Como siempre, cada paciente tendrá la oportunidad de consultar con la doctora y vamos ha tener regalos y meriendas.

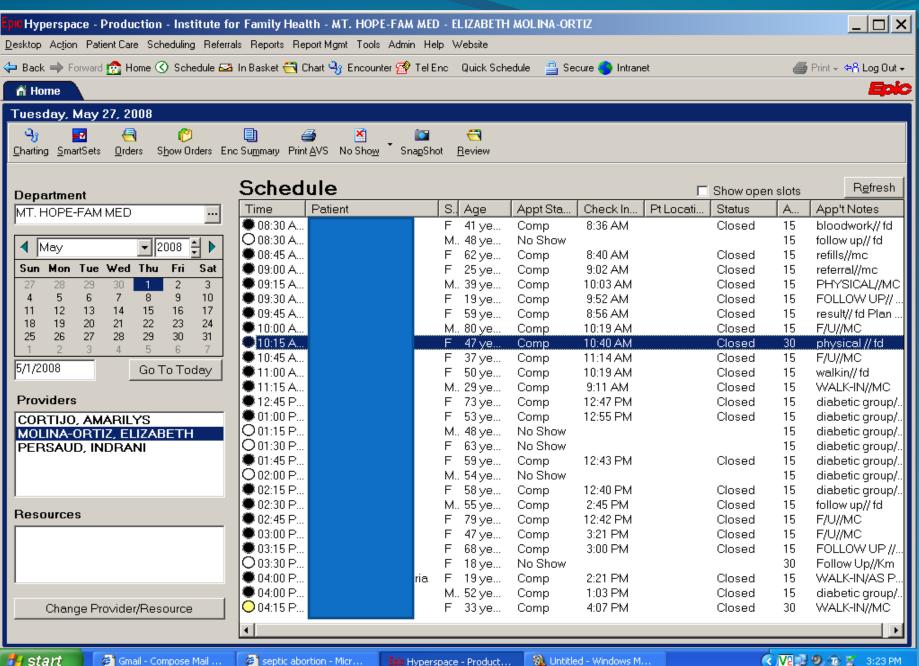
¡No se pierda esta oportunidad de aprender sobre que es la diabetes y como podemos vivir una vida saludable con esta enfermedad crónica!

Sinceramente.

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### • Chart Review

Number of Hgb	None / one / two / three		
A1c per review	/ four / more than four		
period			
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Latest Hgb A1c	<6 / 6 - 6.9 / 7-7.9 / 8		
	- 8.9 / 9-10 / > 10 /		
	Not available		
Number LDL per	None / one / two /		
review period	three / four / more than		
review period	four		
Latest LDL	(write in LDL) /		
Zutest ZZZ	Not Available		
Latest triglyceride	(write in triglyceride) /		
Latest ingryceride	Not Available		
Latest HDL	(write in HDL)		
Latest HDL	Not Available		
Opthalmology	Yes / No		
referral	ies / No		
referral			
	77 / 37		
Documented Foot	Yes / No		
exam with			
monofilament OR			
Podiatry Referral			
Systolic Blood	(write in SBP)		
Pressure			
Diastolic Blood	(Write in DBP)		
Pressure			
Pneumonia Shot	Yes / No		
Flu Shot	Yes / No		
Microalbumin OR	Yes / No / Nephropathy		
UA	documented		
ASA Tx	Yes / No		
ACE Tx if	Yes / No		
appropriate			







### Workflow

- Clinical triage (weight, BP, fingerstick check)
- 2. Informal social time with healthy snacks in conference room as all patients get triaged
- Interactive educational session lasting approx 45 minutes
- 4. A prize is awarded to participant with most improved measure based on theme for the month (i.e.: most improved A1c, LDL, Blood pressure, etc.)

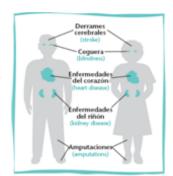
### Workflow

- 5. Participants and facilitators share goals with the group for the following month
- 6. Each patient spends 5 minutes individually with the provider to review their goals and individual needs
- 7. If need is identified, separate follow up appointments two weeks after group visit are made. Otherwise, patient follows up in one month for next group visit.

#### Educational Handout

#### ¿Porque La Presión es Importante?

 La diabetes y la presión arterial alta son las principales causas de los derrames cerebrales, los problemas de el corazón, y de la enfermedad de los riñones.



- ¿Qué hacen los riñones?
  - Los riñones sanos filtran la sangre. Eliminan los desechos y el exceso de agua.



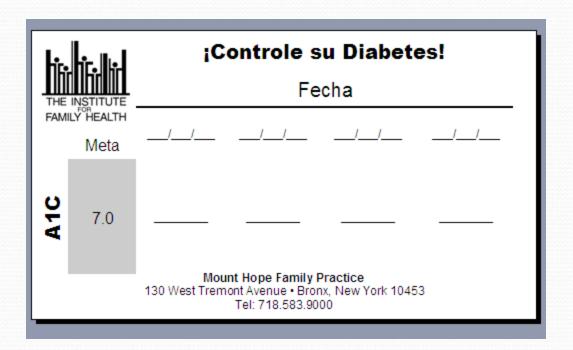
- La diabetes y la presión arterial alta pueden dañar los riñones y causar la enfermedad de los riñones.
- Este daño ocurre muy despacio, al paso de los años, sin que usted se dé cuenta. Por eso hay que hacer prueba de le orina para ver como están sus riñones.



#### iSepa Sus Números!:

- iHgb A1C menos de 7.!
- ❖ iPresión menos de 130 / 80!
- iColesterol LDL menos de 100!

Educational tool



### Successes

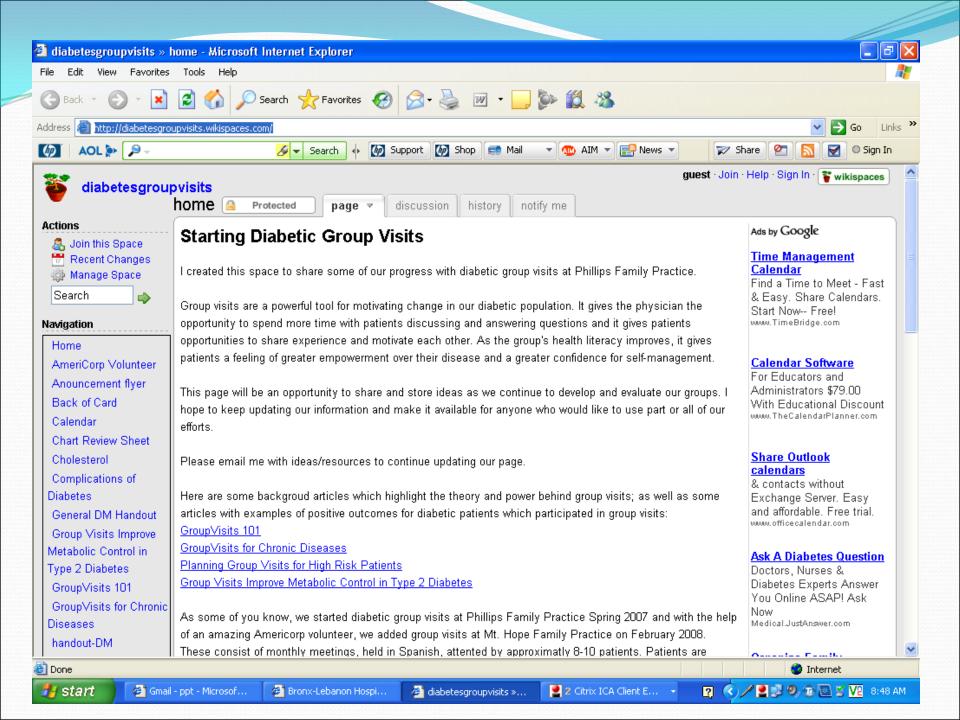
- Feeling of camaraderie
- Accountability
- Responsibility
- Greater confidence in self management
- Help each other through difficult steps, such as starting insulin
- Positive peer pressure
- Fun for patient and provider

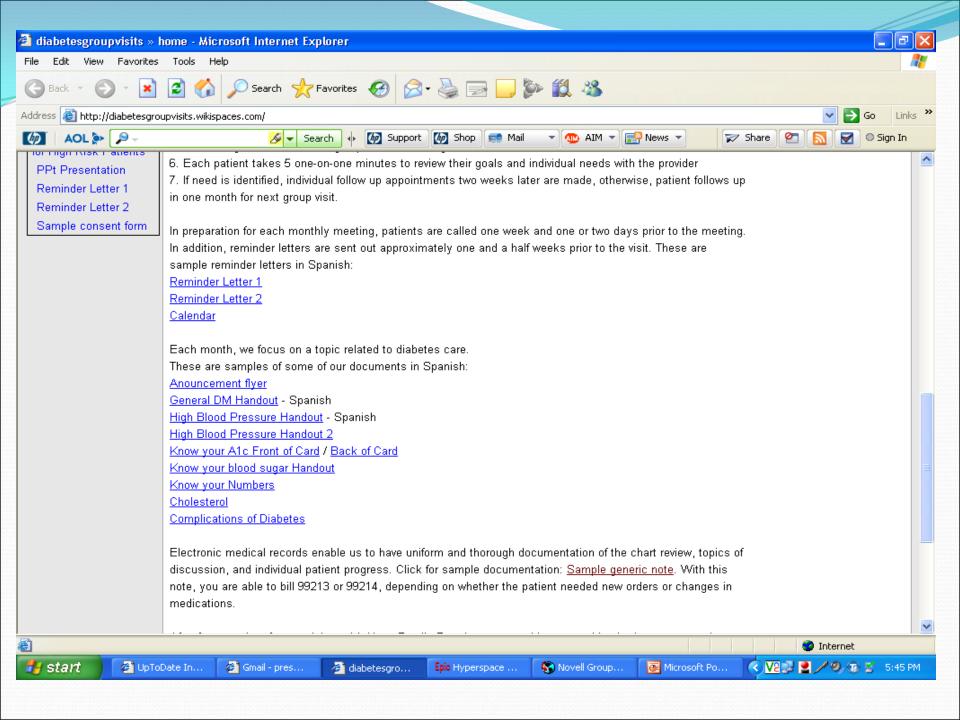
# **Group Visits**

- Feasible, billable, increases provider satisfaction and patient satisfaction
- Shown to improve medium-term outcomes\*
- Bronx Group visits: 24 patients, average improvement of A1c of those with baseline >8 = 2.4 % in 3 months
  - (range from 1.5 % to 11% drop in 3 months)
- 96% on ASA (vs. 45% institute-wide); 100% on ACE/ARB (vs. 57% institute-wide)
- 100% nephropathy screen (vs. 60% institute-wide); 91% neuropathy screen (vs. 24% institute-wide)

# Group Visits, cont.

- Manhattan group visits: 26 patients, average improvement of A1c of those with baseline >8 = 2.2 %
  - (range from 1.2 % to 7.8% drop)
- 85% patients on ASA (vs. 45% institute-wide);
   83% on ACE/ARB (vs. 57% institute-wide)
- 81% nephropathy screen (vs. 60% institute-wide);
   69% neuropathy screen (vs. 24% institute-wide)
- With help from preceptor / nursing, can we work on: PNA/Flu vaccines.





### More information...

http://diabetesgroupvisits.wikispaces.com/

# Patient perspective