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Satisfaction

In the January Bulletin on the Past President’s Perspective page Dr. Emkes wrote about “the unintended consequences of ‘patient satisfaction’” and the clash between evidence-based medicine and patient evaluation of perceived health care needs. He also discussed the trend of employed physicians having some portion of their compensation linked to patient satisfaction. This new practice of measuring patient satisfaction and using it as an outcome measure is worthy of further consideration due to several controversies. There are many different survey tools, varying definitions of satisfaction, multiple venues to publish satisfaction data, new legislative activity, potential medical-legal ramifications, financial benefits/costs considerations, paradoxical-appearing data, physician incentive arrangements, and reciprocal impact on physician satisfaction that all relate to this process. There has even been an industry created that helps healthcare providers improve patient satisfaction.

The use of patient satisfaction data is controversial due to the survey instruments and the utilization of this data. In the business world customer satisfaction is an important measurement for success, and health care certainly is big business with the highest sector of per capita spending, and is the greatest percentage of the gross domestic product at 18% in 2011. There is also controversy over viewing and treating patients as “customers,” as some believe this is unethical. Satisfaction can be defined as the perception of the patient experience, which is known to be multi-factorial and very subjective and personal. The most important question is whether or not patient satisfaction is an appropriate outcome measure, as the relationship between patient satisfaction and health care quality is neither well proven nor understood. There is no doubt that patient satisfaction is one indicator of provider performance. There are many satisfaction survey tools, and some are more statistically valid and scientific than others. The quality of the measure, randomized sampling, the nature of the questions asked, sampling process and response rates affect the results and help reduce bias. There are several satisfaction survey companies that providers use to obtain scores for various internal uses. Some providers use satisfaction results for attracting and maintaining patients, while some use data to modify compensation. Getting paid and paying for satisfaction occurs in both the private and public sectors. The Hay Group (a Philadelphia-based consulting company) reported in 2011 that 62% of physician groups use satisfaction as a factor in determining compensation, up from 43% in 2010. Both incentive pay and modification in base pay are compensation measures used to incentivize doctors. Press Ganey, a well-known hospital consulting company, published in 2008 that there are financial benefits of keeping patients satisfied. They reported that if a hospital with $120 million in revenue improves patient satisfaction it can potentially realize an estimated $2.2 million to $5.4 million in additional annual revenue. Also, for every law suit avoided by improving patient satisfaction, hospitals save approximately $53,000 in preparation costs and $173,000 in payments. Patient satisfaction is a new provider performance measure incorporated in the Affordable Care Act and is based on the 27-question government survey given by the Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS). Under this law high performing hospitals will be awarded a bonus while those with lower performance will see a reduction in reimbursement of 1% currently, up to 2% by 2017 (these new rates combine satisfaction data with quality metrics such as CHF and pneumonia treatment). Public access to other satisfaction surveys is available from several sources including online physician rating sites such as healthgrades.com, vitals.com, and Angie’s list. There is a proposal from CMS to include patient satisfaction survey results for group practices participating in the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) on the Physician Compare website starting in 2014. The federal agency Health and Human Services manages Hospital Compare, and on their site one can examine satisfaction concerns regarding time-to-care, complications, readmission rates, mortality data, diagnostic test use and relative costs. From a medical-legal perspective a published negative satisfaction report could lead to poor public perception and increased risk of law suits. Some experts believe that the push for patient satisfaction can result in an increased physician unwillingness to say “no,” thus increasing health care utilization.

A high patient satisfaction score does not necessarily mean higher quality care as demonstrated in a study of more than 50,000 patients published March 12, 2010 in Archives of Internal Medicine. This study found that those patients giving the highest patient satisfaction scores were actually more likely to require a hospitalization, have higher overall health expenditure (including drug costs), and have a 44% higher mortality rate (even after adjustment for illness severity). Although physicians are proud to talk about professionalism and evidenced-based medicine as a science, we also want to please our patients. With physician reputation and pay affected by patient satisfaction surveys a daily conundrum becomes how to say “no” while providing optimal care and keeping the patient satisfied by meeting their expectations. Patients who do not receive tests or treatments they expected typically feel as though the doctor did not listen and is not sympathetic. Experts say that taking the extra time to listen with empathy to the patient’s concerns, reviewing options in an even-handed/nonjudgmental way, emphasizing the risks of non-beneficial services, asking the patient to defer a decision and even simple techniques of sitting instead of standing help reduce inappropriate or unnecessary testing and treatments. It is obvious that patient satisfaction during the moment of clinical value is determined not only by getting anticipated or expected clinical services, but also by how the patient perceives the provider in terms of sympathy and how he/she listens and responds to any apparent disappointment. Learning Continued on page 22.
Special Feature

Samuel Elbert, MD, Dedication
January 29, 2013, Crown Hill Cemetery

Monument donated by the Indianapolis Medical Society and the Aesculapian Society. 2013 (Section 20, Lot 7)

Bruce M. Goens, MD, IMS President, and Rick France (brown jacket) leading the dedication

Dr. George H. Rawls, IMS and ISMA Past President

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Dr. Moore is board-certified in internal medicine and cardiovascular disease by the American Board of Internal Medicine. He specializes in clinical cardiac electrophysiology.

Jeffrey M. Rothenberg, MD, Clinical Associate Professor, The Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, Vice Chair for Faculty Development and Alumni Affairs, Fellowship Director for Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery, Indiana University School of Medicine, was appointed the following two committees of the American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists:
1. Chairman of the Committee on Practice Bulletins for Gynecology
2. Member of the Committee on Gynecologic Practice

Stephen W. Perkins, MD, of Meridian Plastic Surgeons, was the invited featured United States faculty speaker at Facial Plastic Surgery International’s recent Winter Symposium, “Reaching New Peaks in Facial Plastic Surgery” in Beaver Creek, Colorado. His lectures included: “Evolution of Advanced Techniques in Rhinoplasty” and “A Good Facelift Result Is a Lasting Neckline: How to Achieve an Excellent Neckline in Facial Plastic Surgery.”

Troy D. Payner, MD, president and managing partner at Goodman Campbell Brain and Spine, has been appointed as the clinical chief of neuroscience for St. Vincent Indianapolis Hospital. In this new position, he will be responsible for the enhancement and creation of neuroscience clinical, teaching and research programming. Dr. Payner will work closely with St. Vincent administration – along with the St. Vincent Neuroscience Institute board and associates – to guide the institute toward becoming a destination of choice for neuroscience care. This is a part-time appointment; Dr. Payner will maintain his clinical practice.

Dr. Payner also serves as vice chair of the Indiana University School of Medicine in the Department of Neurological Surgery. He earned his medical degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, completing his residency and a fellowship in cerebrovascular and skull base surgery. Dr. Payner is board certified and is a member of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and Congress of Neurological Surgeons.

Nahid Shahrooz, MD, has joined the newly established Franciscan Physician Network Dermatology Specialists. Formerly associated with Shahrooz Dermatology and the Indianapolis Institute for Plastic Surgery, she specializes in the surgical removal of skin tumors, cancers and precancerous lesions.

Dr. Shahrooz, who is certified by the American Board of Dermatology and a Diploma in Dermatology from the University of London, St. John’s Hospital, has a long affiliation and serving patients at Franciscan St. Francis Health.

Dr. Shahrooz has conducted extensive research in her practice specialty. She holds memberships in the American Academy of Dermatology, American Society for Dermatologic Surgery, and American Medical Association.

Dermatology Specialists is located at 8051 S. Emerson Ave., Suite 460 on the Franciscan St. Francis-Indianapolis campus. To learn more or to make an appointment, call 317-859-3267.

Rick C. Sasso, MD, Indiana Spine Group, received his 13th patent from the United States patent and trademark office. Dr. Sasso’s patent #8,246,625 involves a device and method for correcting complex scoliosis deformities. This is the second patent that Dr. Sasso has received that corrects spinal deformities.

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John “Jack” Benjamin Scofield, MD
1925 - 2013

John “Jack” Benjamin Scofield, MD, was born in Brazil, Indiana in 1925.
Dr. Scofield was Clinical Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry at Indiana University Medical School.

Dr. Scofield earned his pre-medical degree at DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana. He attended Indiana University and was graduated from the IU School of Medicine. Dr. Scofield interned at Philadelphia General Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and completed his residency at Topeka State Hospital, Topeka, Kansas and had his psychiatric training at the C. F. Menninger Hospital in Topeka. He was the chairman of the first National Advisory Committee for the Menninger School of Psychiatry.

During World War II, Dr. Scofield was a captain in the United States Air Force.

Dr. Scofield was a member of the Indianapolis Medical Society 50-Year Club (1998) and was president of the Indianapolis Museum of Art Contemporary Art Society.

In 2009, the Indiana University Medical School in Psychiatry established the annual John B. Scofield award to be given to IU psychiatric faculty for outstanding volunteerism to educate residents in psychiatry.

Donna J. Meade, MD
1932 - 2013

Donna Joan Meade, MD, 80, of Indianapolis, passed away on Monday, February 11, 2013. Dr. Meade was born in Bicknell, Indiana on December 17, 1932.

Dr. Meade obtained her undergraduate degree from Indiana University and earned her medical degree from IU School of Medicine. She completed her internship and residency in Internal Medical at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis.

During her career, Dr. Meade owned her own family practice. After selling her practice, she worked as the Medical Director of Washington National Insurance Company.


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William E. Whitson, MD, of Whitson Vision is Project Health’s Doctor of the Month. Dr. Whitson was born and raised in Milwaukee where his father worked for Wisconsin Electric Power. He was the first one in the entire family to graduate from college. “We had a great childhood with lots of friends, and I had four sisters. I should have gotten ‘hazard pay as a kid.”

He graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a major in Biology and Distinction in Zoology. In his junior year, one of his friends was accepted into medical school so he decided to follow him. “It was not on my radar at all, but with my love of biology, and the thought of being able to help people, as well as the honor, helped me make my mind up.”

He says he kept his specialty options open until his 3rd and 4th year clinical rotations. He was thinking about pursuing cardiovascular surgery, but his friend was going into ophthalmology and encouraged Dr. Whitson to give it a try. Subsequently, he went to the Dean and asked to do a rotation in Ophthalmology. There were no openings, but Dr. Whitson was able to arrange one himself through back channels. “I loved it.”

At a wedding during his junior year of medical school, his oldest sister set him up with a blind date with a friend of hers. “As it turned out I had met Deborah, later to become my wife, three years before at Christmas, when I was with my girlfriend at the time, and Deborah walked in with somebody else. I thought she was the most beautiful girl I had ever seen.” She was a paralegal and going to college and didn’t remember him. “I told her exactly what she was wearing that day and it must have impressed her because we got married.” He says Deborah has become a science researcher par excellence, the former President of the Indianapolis Mental Health Alliance, and has served on the Governor’s Commission on Family and Social Services and Mental Health.

Dr. Whitson completed a Flexible Internship at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Milwaukee and then did his Residency in Ophthalmology at the University of Washington School Of Medicine in Seattle. He completed a Fellowship in Cornea and External Disease at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City before moving to Indianapolis. He is Board Certified in Ophthalmology. He says he really never had a mentor, but wished he did. “Last year I gave a talk to the residents and fellows. The talk was supposed to be about getting into practice. I told them to seek and develop under a mentor. They will help you transition to be a successful individual with a good head on your shoulders.”

Dr. Whitson belongs to the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the American College of Surgeons, American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons, the Indiana Academy of Ophthalmology, the Indianapolis Ophthalmologic Society, and, of course, the Indianapolis Medical Society. He has been named one of the Best Doctors in America, which is a peer reviewed analysis of candidates started by a couple of Harvard physicians. He was also named Ophthalmologist of the Year by the Indiana Academy of Ophthalmology in 1998. But what he treasures most is a rendering of his twin boys’ handprints with the title, “My Daddy, M.D.” They were three years old at the time. He has it framed in his office.

In their spare time, the Whitsons like to travel. They have a “very homey” lake house in northern Indiana, and they’ve been to Florida, Switzerland, Seattle, New York, and Washington D.C. His children are singers who are actively involved in the Indianapolis Children’s Choir, their school and church choirs and the School of Rock. They have won medals for their singing. Dr. Whitson has also gone on many mission trips to Haiti and Honduras that are split between medical missions and construction trips. “It’s kind of crazy working side by side building a house and figuring out how to say 17 ½ inches in Spanish.” In Haiti he met a medical missionary from Indianapolis who was bringing home a little boy who had been abandoned, could not walk because no one taught him how, who had numerous health problems, including blindness. Back home, Dr. Whitson has done a couple of cornea transplants on the boy that were temporarily successful. The boy is 19 now, attending the Blind School, and is a typical teenager – on his cell phone all the time.

“Being involved in Project Health gives me and my office staff a chance to express our altruism and thanks for our God-given abilities and talents and put them to use for people who are needy and very appreciative. You sent us one woman who had severe cataracts, could not see, lost her job, and insurance, and was on assistance. She never wanted charity. She couldn’t drive, and she did not qualify for Medicaid. We did surgery on both of her eyes and were able to restore her vision. She sends us cards and thank you notes all the time. And it was all because Project Health was there for someone who didn’t qualify for other programs and simply needed a hand up to see again, gain self-respect, and be able to contribute to society.”

Project Health and our patients can’t thank Dr. Whitson enough for giving them back the gift of sight. When one thinks about it, it is one of the greatest gifts you can give someone. Thank you!
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August
20 Executive Committee, Society, 6:00 PM, Sandwiches
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how to manage the “hostility curve” is a tactic long used in the business arena, and there are lessons to be learned in dealing with dissatisfied patients. There are several educational programs designed to teach physicians how to improve patient satisfaction during patient encounters. These techniques which encourage empathy are likely to be beneficial and effective, and while we all should have this caring attitude towards our patients, some physicians may need training to effectively convey it.

Finally, it is also important to consider the fact that negative patient satisfaction data can, and does, adversely impact physician satisfaction, since low scores can affect work attitudes and compensation. So....next month’s topic will be physician satisfaction.

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