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Value in Healthcare – Designing Integrated Value-Based Healthcare Systems

Call for Abstracts

Value in Healthcare - The Series

With the launch of a series focusing on value in healthcare, *Healthcare Papers* will explore a range of issues related to value in Canadian and international health systems. The objective of the series is to provide readers with a comprehensive discussion of themes that describe, apply and evaluate value. These include:

- Defining what value in health systems looks like and the intended outcomes from a common value agenda.
- Evaluating what sources of data are needed to measure value in health systems.
- Considering the role of - and necessary investments in - policy, management and performance measurement.
- Discussing the culture changes necessary in different professional groups like doctors, nurses, administrators and policy makers to advance the value agenda.
- Consideration of promising health system reform options for promoting value.

The Call

Looking to the health services community, the editors of *Healthcare Papers* are pleased to announce a special call to all authors for an issue focused on designing integrated value-based healthcare systems. Canada is among the highest spending on healthcare, yet provinces show dismal performance on many aspects of relative performance and value. Transitioning from a publicly insured physician and hospital system towards systems that reward patients' outcomes will require considerable rethinking and redesign.

This special call will consider articles that propose the characteristics of an integrated, value-based system; attributes of existing international models that might work well in provinces, as well as the implications for intersectoral integration.

Topics to be considered under this theme include:

- What is an integrated value-based healthcare system, how is one recognized and what are its most important attributes?
- How does an integrated and value-based healthcare system deliver value differently from the provinces current models of care?
- What are the implications for sector integration on patients, providers and governments?
- What models or care might be applied in the Canadian context?
- What regulatory changes and funding models might better support value-based healthcare?
- For each point above, what are the most significant barriers to progress and what are the steps needed in order to achieve progress?

Authors should prepare an abstract of approximately 250 words describing their proposed article. All abstracts will be equally considered by the editorial team. From among submitted abstracts, some authors will be invited to contribute a commentary. The deadline for abstracts submissions is August 16, 2019. Abstracts and questions should be submitted to: Dianne Foster Kent, Editorial Director, Longwoods Publishing: dkent@longwoods.com