CATCH-UP | Community-Based HIT Tools for Cancer Screening and Health Insurance Promotion

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Cancer morbidity and mortality risks can be greatly reduced through screening and prevention; however, uninsured populations are much less likely to receive these evidence-based services as recommended. Interventions that optimize and stabilize health insurance coverage could substantially increase rates of receipt of timely cancer preventive care. As many patients with unstable coverage receive care at Community Health Centers (CHCs), CHCs are well-positioned to provide such interventions. Recent advances in health information technology (HIT) resources at CHCs create new opportunities for enhancing insurance enrollment and retention efforts by using automated processes and data. The purpose of this study is to implement and then test whether innovative HIT tools can contribute to increased rates of insurance coverage, leading to improved cancer screening and prevention rates in CHC settings.

**Potential Impact**

This study will determine whether EHR-based data tools can help safety net clinics help their eligible adult patients obtain and retain public insurance coverage. The potential impact of this work is to significantly improve rates of insured safety net clinic visits and patients in OCHIN member sites, and to demonstrate how other clinics nationwide can do the same.

**Organizations Involved**

- ChapCare
- Mosaic Medical
- Neighborhood Family Practice
- Tillamook County Health Department
- Wallace Medical Concern
- Waterfall Community Health Center
- Winding Waters Clinic, P.C.