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FOR SITES:**

Orthopedic Shared Decision Making Collaborative

To implement patient decision aids into routine care for hip, knee and spine patients

Why is this project important?

Studies have shown that shared decision making (SDM), supported by use of patient decision aids, can improve patient knowledge, reduce decision conflict and even improve health outcomes. However, there are few examples implementation of SDM and decision aids in routine care.

Who should join?

Sites who have access to orthopedic decision aids (e.g. through Healthwise or Health Dialog) and want support integrating them into routine care.

What is the goal?

The goal of this study is to engage 12 diverse sites and work with them to deliver a decision aid to at least 50% of eligible patients before surgery.



Who is involved?

Dr. Karen Sepucha and her team at MGH Health Decision Sciences Center are leading the project. Participating stakeholders include orthopedic surgeons, nurses, practice managers, patients, American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts.

Three Phases

Phase 1: Local Implementation



Implement decision aids across 4 hospitals affiliated with Mass General Brigham.

Phase 2: Learning Collaborative



Lead a 15-month Orthopedic SDM Learning Collaborative with 12 diverse sites across the United States.

Phase 3: Implementation Toolkit



Distill insights into an implementation toolkit containing sample workflows, training videos, and evaluation metrics.

Orthopedic SDM Learning Collaborative Activities

What do sites get?	What is required from sites?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site visit from MGH team to conduct clinic observation and training • Individual consulting from MGH team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An administrative and clinical champion, and an implementation team
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to web portal with training resources, workflows, and metrics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to high quality patient decision aids
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive, in person workshop in Boston (2 members per site) • Four 90-min learning sessions featuring experts and discussion among sites on successes, challenges and strategies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend and participate in sessions • Present site experiences (successes and challenges)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Periodic reports of progress and benchmarking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute monthly data on visits and decision aid delivery • Optional: collect patient surveys
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small site stipend • Expenses for 2 members to attend Boston workshop 	

Practical guidance on how to set up implementation from start to finish

8 Steps to Success: Implementing shared decision making (SDM) with decisions aids



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