

**Primary care provider –**

**The Division of Hospital Medicine has recognized that clinical documentation in the hospital can be improved. We have specifically begun a quality improvement initiative to improve the usefulness of our discharge summaries in transferring information to various providers. The initial part of this effort will be to standardize the elements contained within the discharge summary.**

**In this regard, we are very interested in what primary care providers think are the most useful elements of the discharge summary. I am asking that you complete this very brief (8 question) online survey about discharge summary elements, and their usefulness to primary care providers. Please consider your response as it pertains to discharge summaries from UNM Hospital (UNMH) and assume two scenarios: with access to PowerChart and without access to PowerChart.**

1. What is your department?

2. What is your provider type?

3. Are you a primary care provider?

Yes

No

4. Do you see clinic patients who have been discharged from UNM hospital?

Yes

No

5. Please rate your agreement with the following statements:

Strongly agree      Somewhat agree      Neither agree nor disagree      Somewhat disagree      Strongly disagree

Current discharge summaries from UNMH are very useful to me in providing follow-up care to my clinic patients.

Current discharge summaries from UNMH are very consistent in the way the information is organized.

Current discharge summaries from UNMH are very consistent in types of information presented.

I prefer discharge summaries in the dynamic documentation format.

6. Assuming that you WILL have access to PowerChart at the time that you are reviewing a discharge summary, please comment on the usefulness to you as a primary care physician of these discharge summary components:

	Essential	Very useful	Somewhat useful	Not very useful	Not useful at all
Date of admission and discharge	<input type="radio"/>				
Discharging attending physician	<input type="radio"/>				
Discharging resident and intern	<input type="radio"/>				
Discharging team color	<input type="radio"/>				
Final diagnoses	<input type="radio"/>				
Brief description of reason for admission	<input type="radio"/>				
List of operations and procedures	<input type="radio"/>				
Significant findings and test results	<input type="radio"/>				
Brief hospital course	<input type="radio"/>				
Condition of patient on discharge	<input type="radio"/>				
Medication list on discharge	<input type="radio"/>				
Follow-up appointments	<input type="radio"/>				
Anticipated problems and suggested interventions	<input type="radio"/>				
Pending laboratory work and test	<input type="radio"/>				
Code status during hospitalization	<input type="radio"/>				

Please list any additional elements that are not on the above list which you feel would be very useful:

7. Assuming that you will NOT have access to PowerChart at the time that you are reviewing a discharge summary, please comment on the usefulness to you as a primary care physician of these discharge summary components:

	Essential	Very useful	Somewhat useful	Not very useful	Not useful at all
Date of admission and discharge	<input type="radio"/>				
Discharging attending physician	<input type="radio"/>				
Discharging resident and intern	<input type="radio"/>				
Discharging team color	<input type="radio"/>				
Final diagnoses	<input type="radio"/>				
Brief description of reason for admission	<input type="radio"/>				
List of operations and procedures	<input type="radio"/>				
Significant findings and test results	<input type="radio"/>				
Brief hospital course	<input type="radio"/>				
Condition of patient on discharge	<input type="radio"/>				
Medication list on discharge	<input type="radio"/>				
Follow-up appointments	<input type="radio"/>				
Anticipated problems and suggested interventions	<input type="radio"/>				
Pending laboratory work and test	<input type="radio"/>				
Code status during hospitalization	<input type="radio"/>				

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8. Please list any further comments about discharge summaries which you feel would be useful to the quality improvement group which is addressing this issue:

Thank you very much for your time and thoughtfulness. We plan to make the results of this survey and our quality improvement project available to primary care providers in the late summer.