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# Care Integration: from the System to the Patient



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# What Is Care Integration?

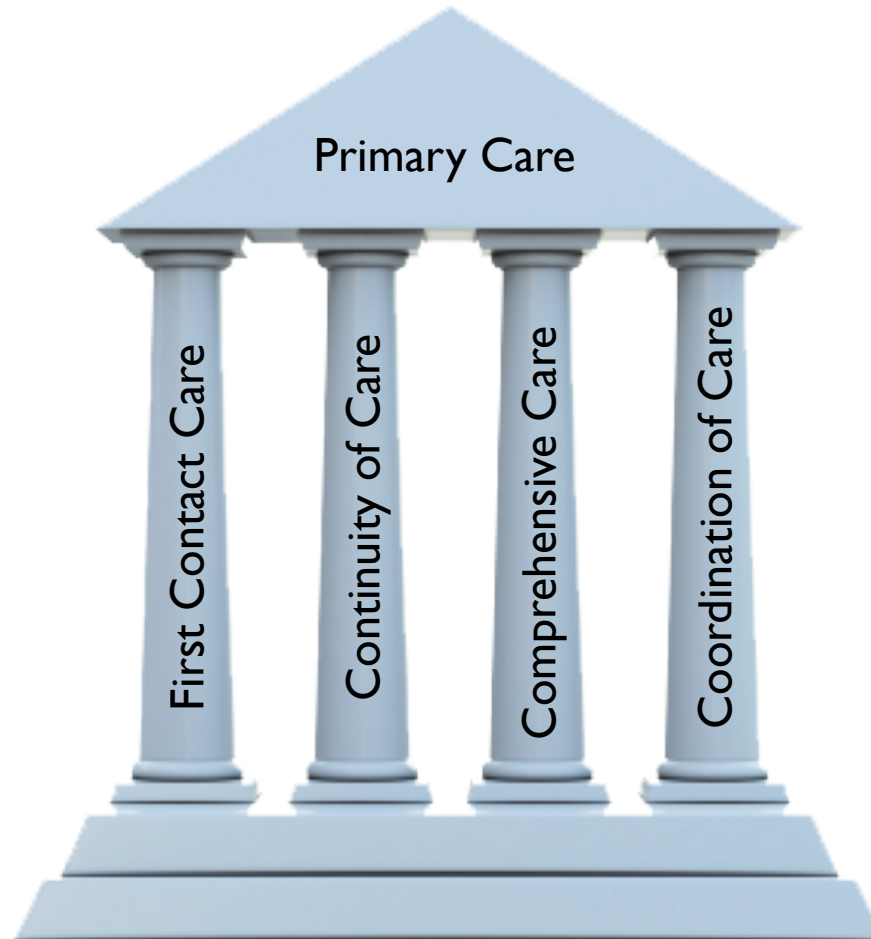
“Patient care that is **coordinated** across professionals, facilities, and support systems;

**Continuous** over time and between visits;

**Tailored** to the patients’ needs and preferences;

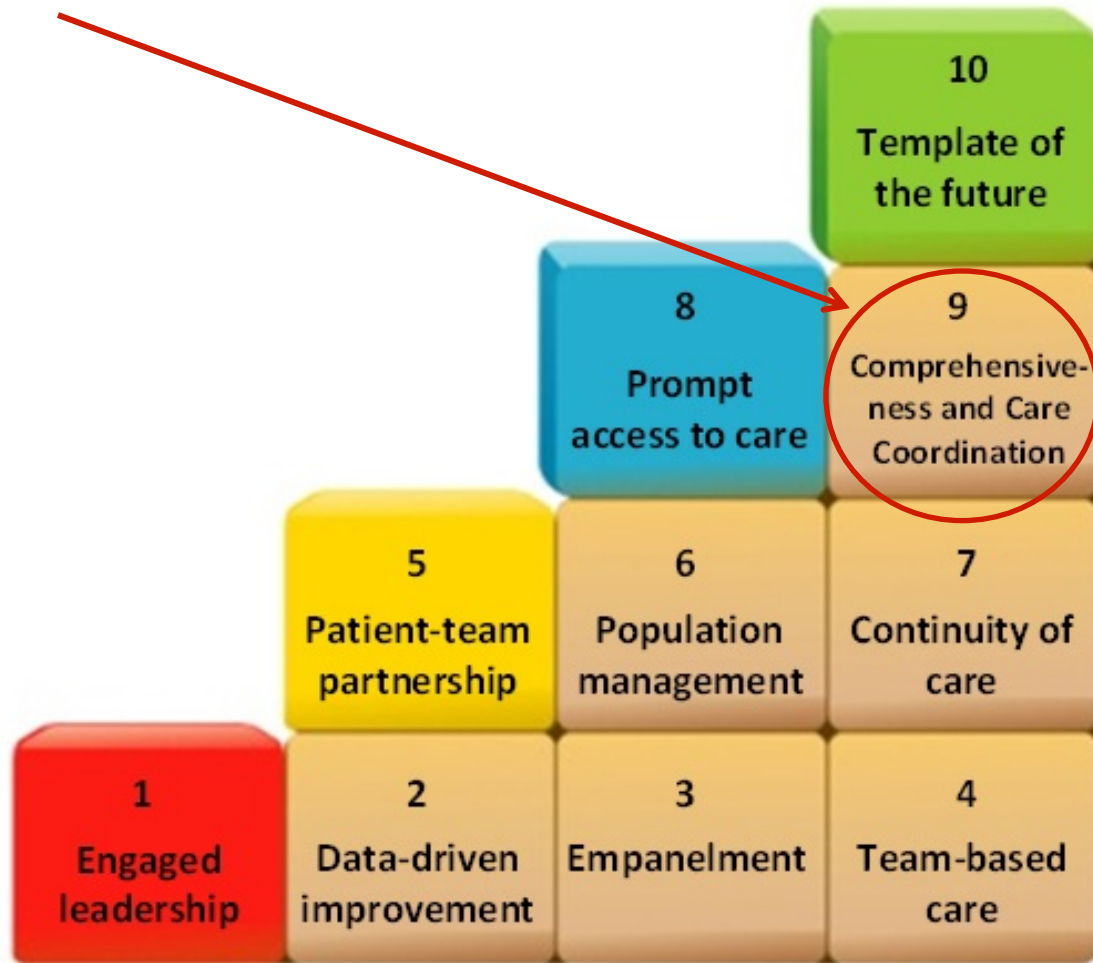
And based on **shared responsibility** between patient and caregivers for optimizing health”

# What Is Care Integration?





# How does care integration fit into the big picture?



# Accomplishments

Developed and pilot tested a self-assessment tool for CHCs to gauge their level of integration in the medical neighborhood in multiple domains

Created an online resource center for CHCs desiring models of integration best practices, and featured integration innovators

# Resource Center



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## Facilitating Care Integration

Nearly half of adults with health issues report problems with the coordination of their care in the United States. As Community Health Centers (CHCs) and other safety net settings transform into Patient-Centered Medical Homes, their role in the larger medical neighborhood will become pronounced. However, challenges with care coordination are magnified in the safety net setting and continue to be increasingly complex.

In 2014, the [UCSF Center for Excellence in Primary Care](#), with funding from the [Blue Shield of California Foundation](#), completed a comprehensive literature review outlining strategies CHCs use to integrate into the medical neighborhood in the domains of primary care-specialty care, primary care-diagnostic imaging, primary care-pharmacy, primary care-oral health and primary care-hospital care. A conceptual model which was used to



# Medical Neighborhood Care Integration Assessment (MNCI-A)



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## Primary Care- Specialty Integration:

Overall success of integration: How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

	Strongly disagree									Strongly agree
a. <b>Access:</b> Most of the patients at my clinic have adequate access (i.e. timely access and affordable) to specialty services when they need them.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
b. <b>Information access and transfer to the partner:</b> When I refer patients to a specialist, the specialist has electronic access to the important information about the patient's medical history and reason for referral.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
c. <b>Information access and transfer by the primary care practice:</b> After a patient sees a specialist, I receive timely information from the specialist about the assessment and care plan.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
d. <b>Relationships:</b> PCPs at my practice have a good working relationship with most of the specialty care providers involved in our patients' care.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

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13 webinars  
since March  
2015!

## Webinars

To help health centers better digest and adopt these integration strategies, CCI and the UCSF Center for Excellence in Primary Care hosted a series of webinars highlighting the ideas in the Facilitating Care Integration report, as well as innovative practices at work around the country.

## Webinar Recordings

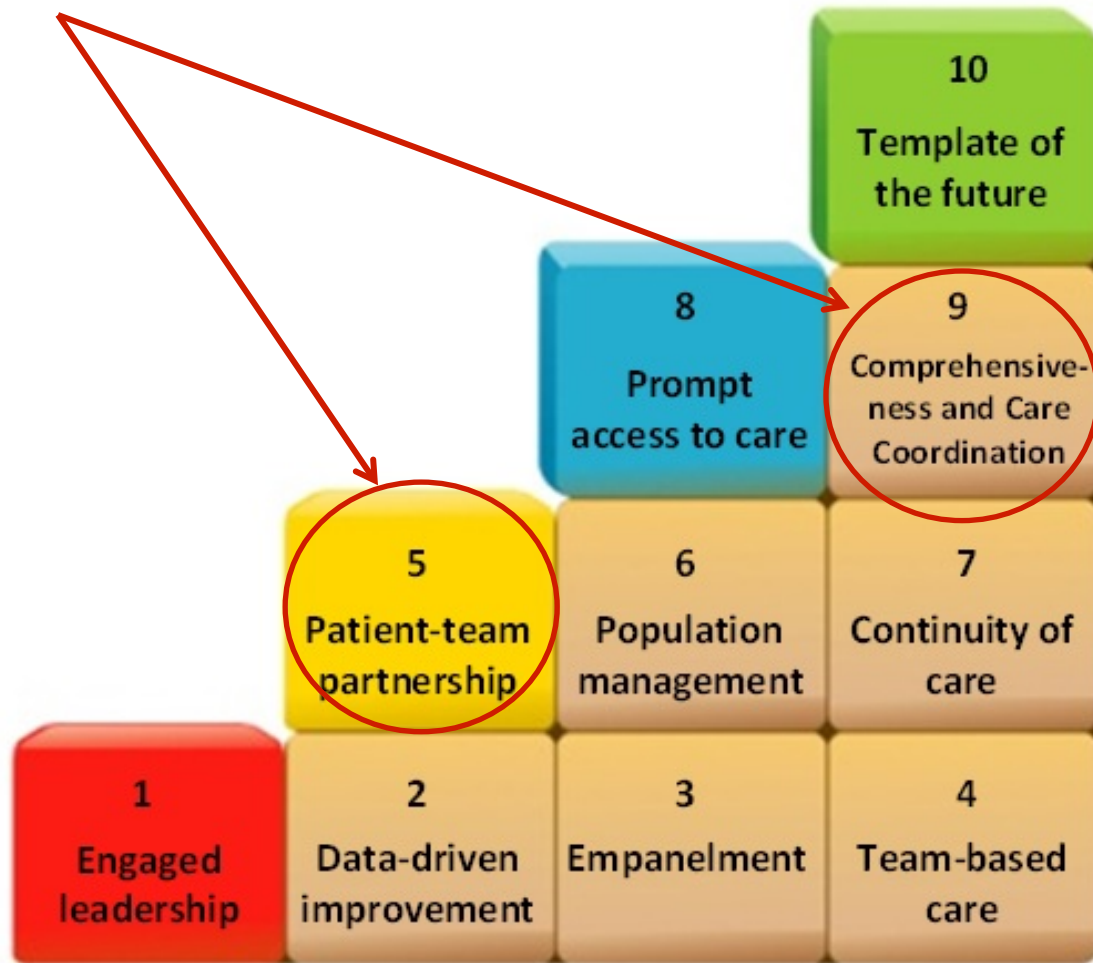
### Care Integration Webinar #13: A Hospital System-Based Approach to Community Integration

**Asthma Management Program**

- Offered to families that resided within the seven surrounding counties of DFW
- One home visit by a Registered Respiratory Therapist providing one-on-one age-specific asthma education
- Tool Kit which includes a peak flow meter, spacer, spacer bag, hypoallergenic pillowcase, asthma diary, and action plan
- Home evaluation to identify specific asthma triggers



# Transitioning to the patient



# Patient Engagement: Using Patient Voices to Improve Your Organization

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# Overview

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- Research Part 1: Community health center survey
- Research Part 2: Interviews with patient advisory councils
- Open Discussion: Challenges and successes
- Conclusion

# Introduction

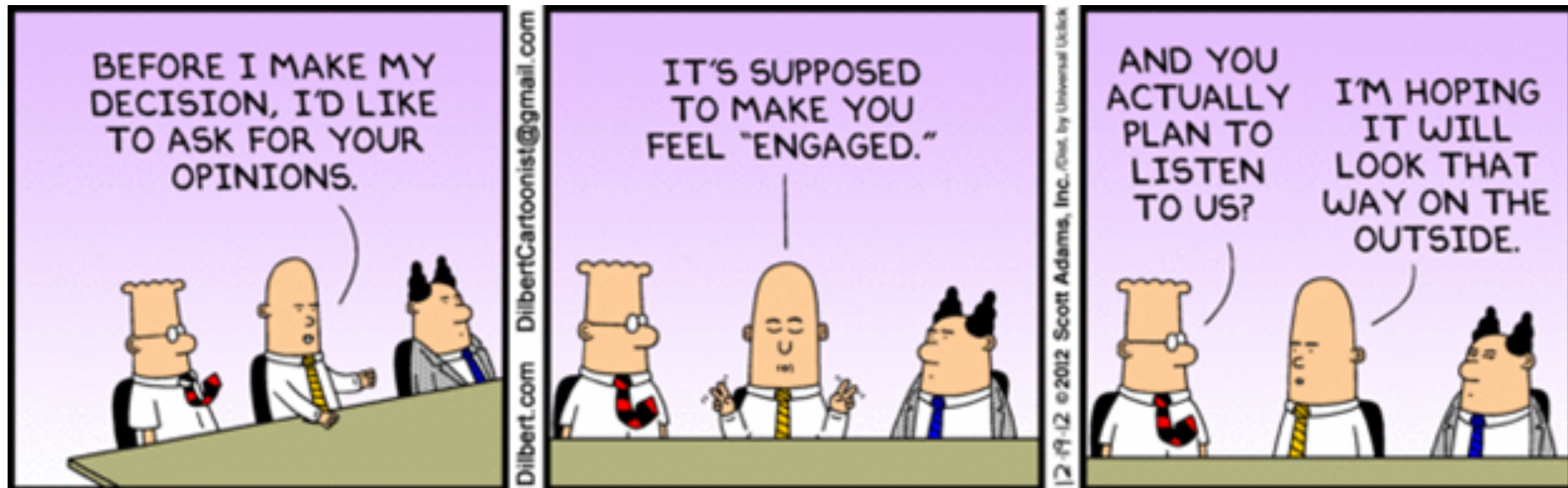
- Project to help support primary care serving the safety net increase patient engagement
- Recurrent theme: practices want to hear from each other and discuss common issues
- Goals for today: share some of our research and provide a space for discussion

# Poll Question #1

- Who is participating in the call today?
- What is your practice type?
- Do you currently have a patient advisory council?

# Background:

## What is patient engagement?

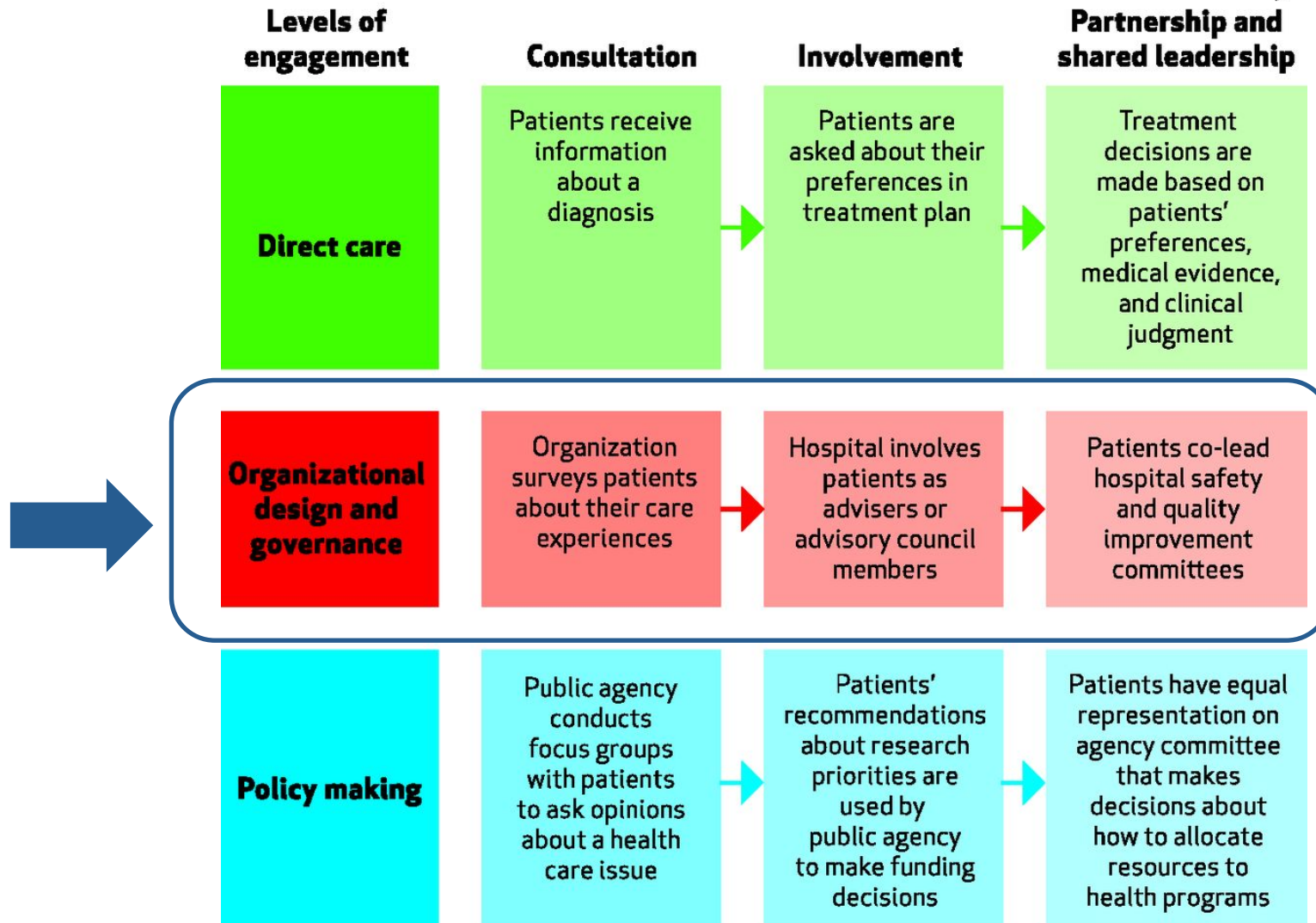


# Patient engagement: what is it?

*“Patients, families, their representatives, and health professionals working in **active partnership** at various levels across the healthcare system – direct care, organization design and governance, and policy making – to improve health and health care.”*

Carman KL & colleagues. Health Affairs. 2013;32(2): 223-231.

# Patient Engagement happens on different levels



# What is the rationale for patient engagement?

- Ethical case
  - “Nothing about me, without me” – Don Berwick
- Utilitarian case
  - Patient experience: pay-for-performance funds
  - Patient safety
  - Care outcomes
- Business case
  - **Consumer retention/loyalty** with increasing patient choice



# What is the evidence base for patient engagement?

- Crawford 2002: Improved access, improved staff culture
- Nilsen 2009: Improved readability, understandability of materials
- Boivin 2014: patient-set priorities more aligned with PCMH principles
- Shortell 2015: ACOs calculating return on investment

**Our research:**  
The UCSF Patient Engagement  
Needs Assessment

**Part 1:  
Cross-sectional  
survey**

**Part 2:  
Advisory council  
interviews**

# Cross-Sectional Survey

- **Web-based survey** of staff at 470 community health centers on Western Clinicians Network (WCN) mailing list
- Survey questions developed in collaboration with WCN and SF-Bay Area Collaborative Research Network
- Statistical analysis: stepwise multivariate modeling

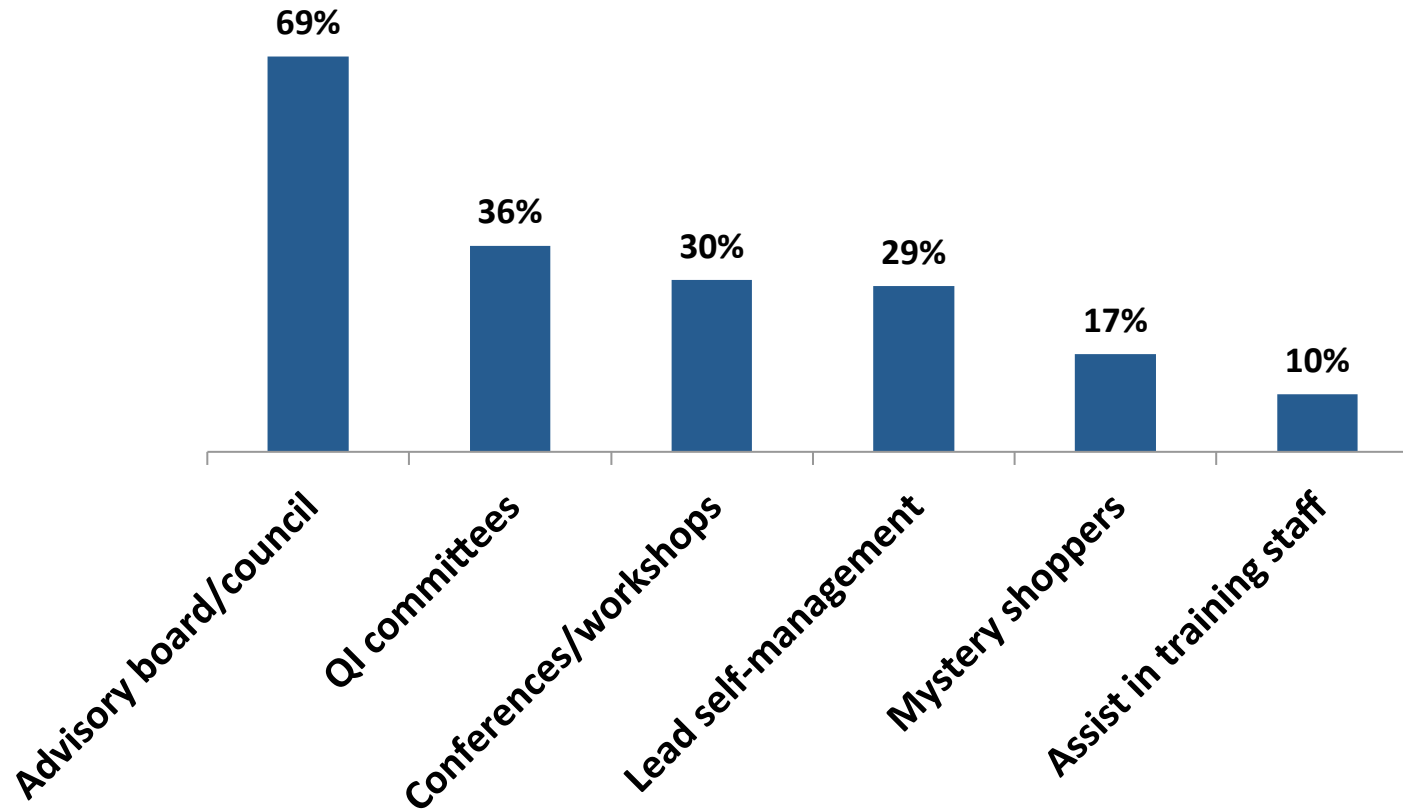
# Survey Results

97 responses/470 CHC's invited to participate

	%
FTE clinicians	
Fewer than 5 FTE	18%
5-10 FTE	15%
More than 10 FTE	67%
Respondents	
Clinicians (including CMO)	36%
Operational leadership	40%
Other	24%

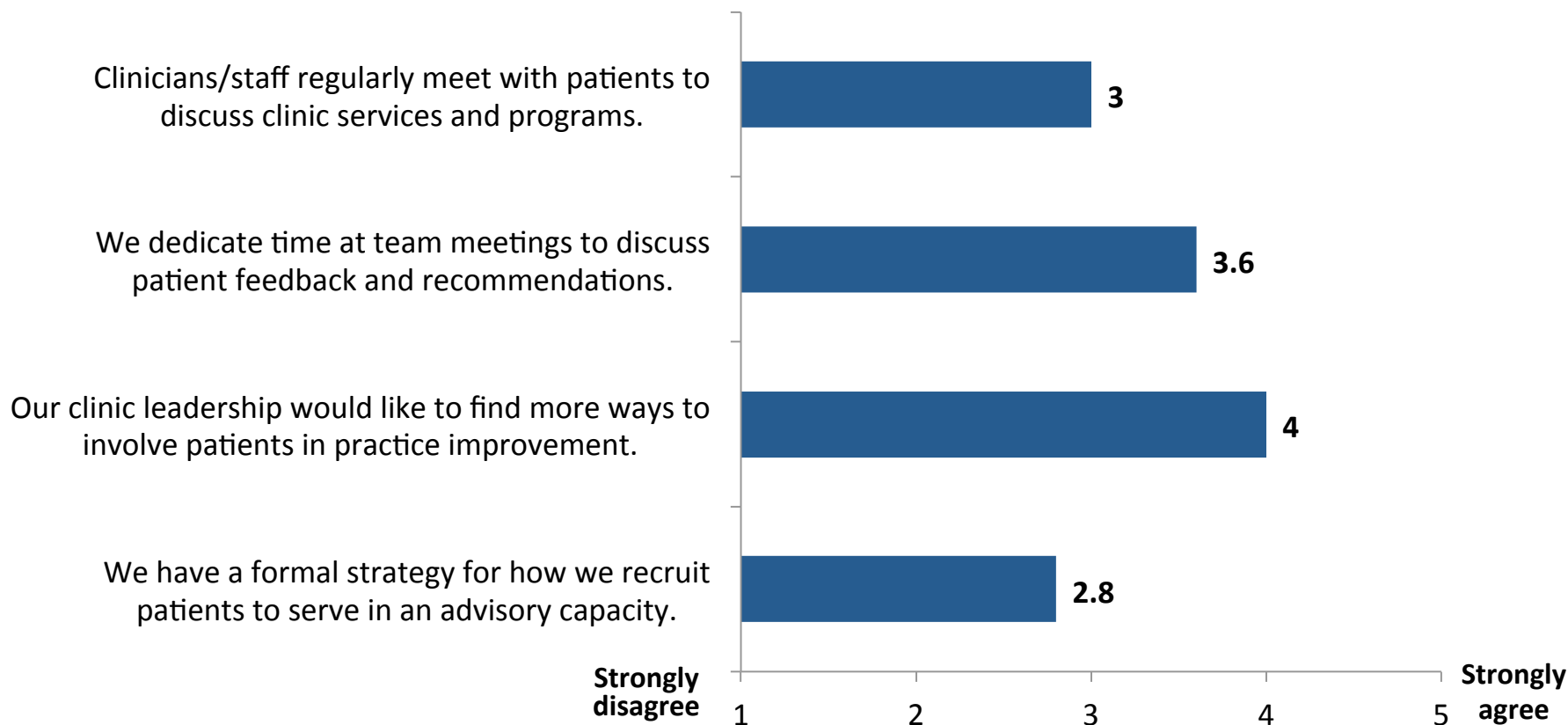
	%
PCMH recognition	
Received	52%
Applying	34%
Dedicated funding to support patient engagement	30%
Provide incentives for patients	28%

# Survey Results



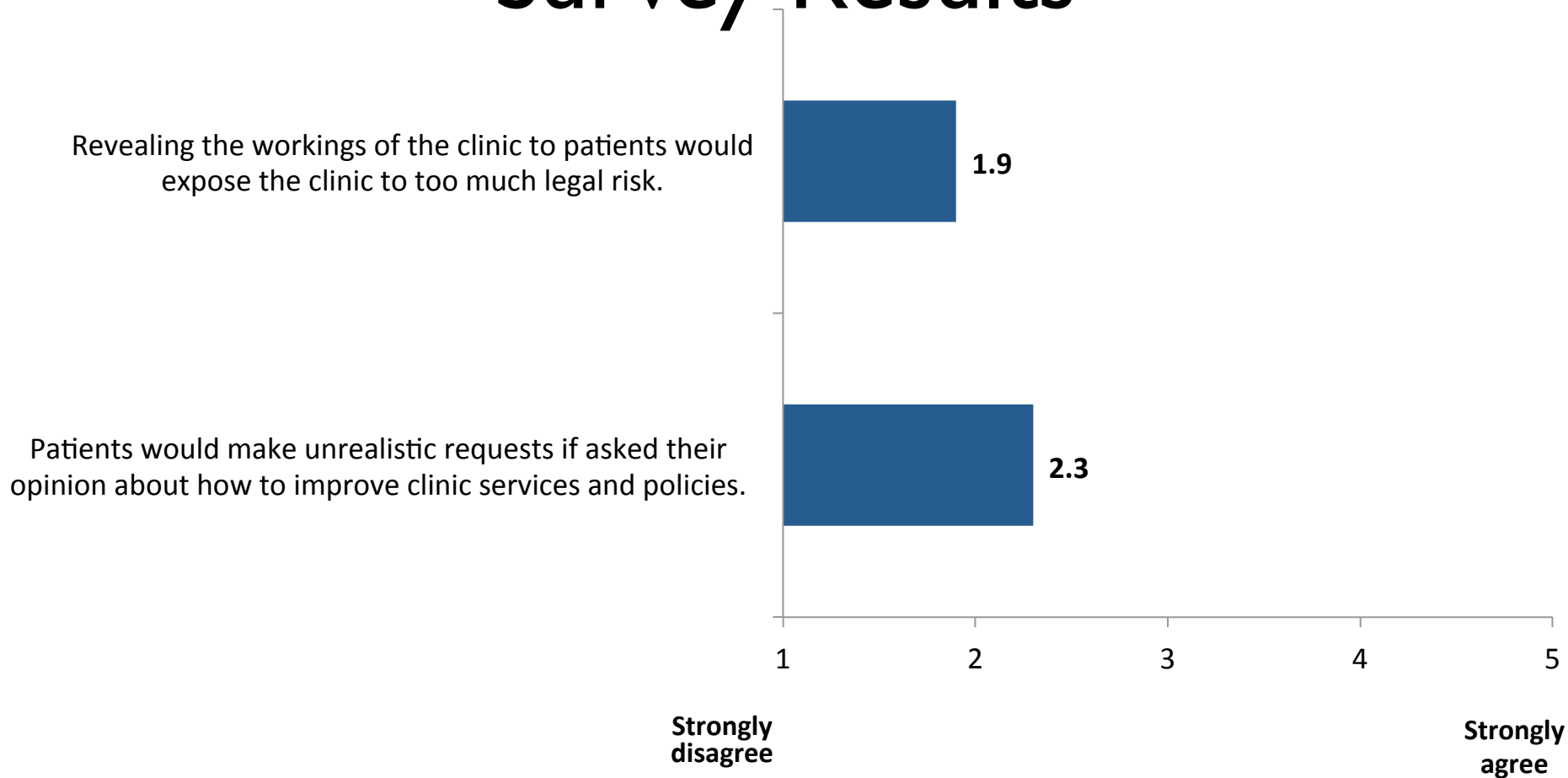
**Patient participation in committees and activities**

# Survey Results



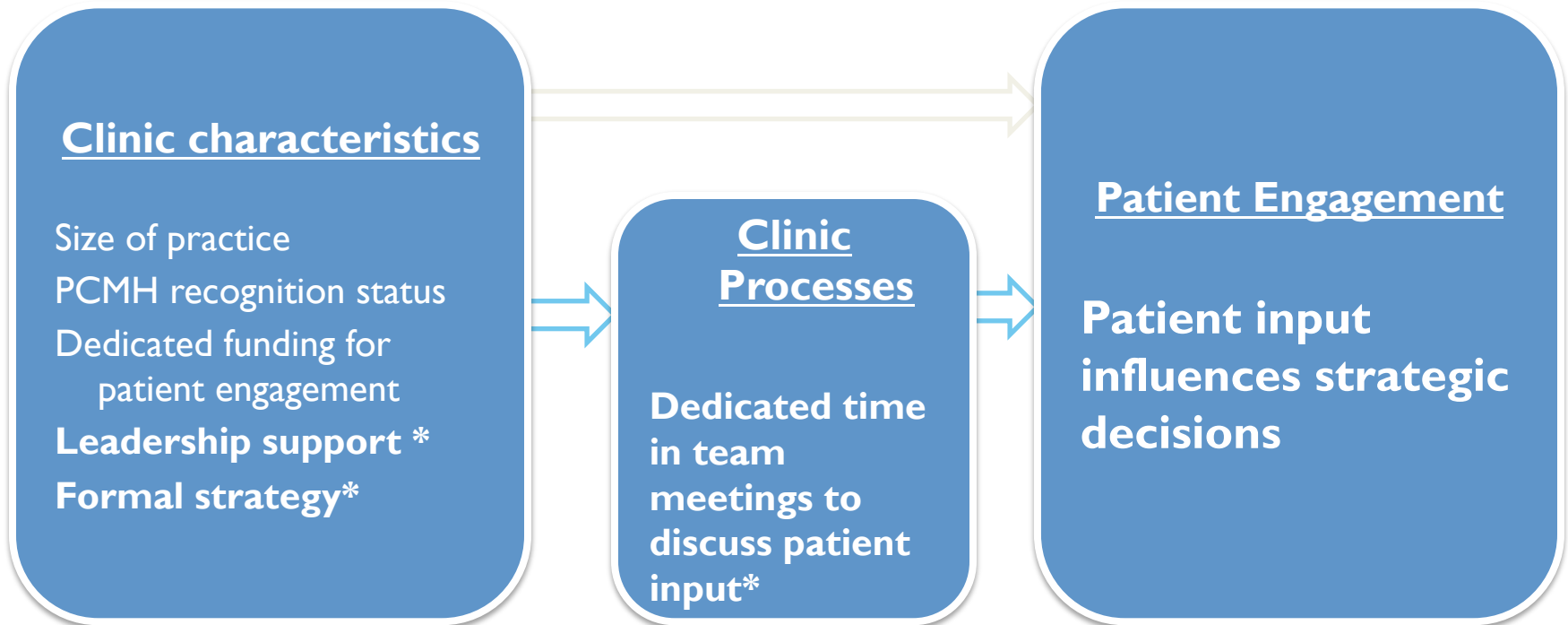
**How CHCs feel about the process/buy-in of patient engagement**

# Survey Results



**How CHCs feel about the barriers to patient engagement**

# Survey Results: Conceptual Model



**What predicts patient input into strategic goals and decisions?**



## **Key Finding:**

Leadership support, having dedicated time, and having a formal strategy are important factors to support patient engagement.

# Poll Question #2

- Does your site have leadership support?
- Formal strategy?
- Dedicated time?

# Part 2: Patient Advisory Councils

- Representative group of patients who partner with staff to improve a clinic's care delivery
- Distinct from FQHC's board of directors who are mandated to have 51% patients



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# Part 2: Patient Advisory Council Qualitative Study

- Study population: Primary care clinics around California known for having high-functioning patient advisory councils
- Clinics nominated one staff member and one patient advisory board member
- 8 sites selected; 15 interviewees participated
- Interviews de-identified and coded to derive themes

# Examples of PAC Projects from Interviews

Physical space	Wheelchair improvement project
Self-management tools	Calendar/planner for patients
Communication tools	Newsletter, suggestion box, Spanish language materials
Direct patient care	Feedback on FOBT card communication; Mammogram outreach
Workflow/system	Healthcare IT patient portal feedback
Clinic culture	“...Now I have a line of people waiting to come and present to the Patient Advisory Council.”

# Finding #1: Recruitment vs. Representativeness

- **Respondents attempt to recruit a group that works well in a group, but reflects the diversity of the patient population that the clinic serves – which can be a challenge**
- *“We wanted to make sure they had certain qualities, that they weren’t there or here just for them, that they really saw the big picture... We want to hear their story, we want to hear their patient experience but we also want them to think beyond their own needs”*
- *“I think once we’re established and solid and work out all the processes I’m going to focus on what groups are we not representing.”*

# Finding #2: Facilitation

- **Facilitators have the responsibility to create a safe space, mediate dominant communicators, and keep the meeting on-task.**
- *“...I see the facilitator as a conductor and we are the musicians. One plays cello, one plays violin, one plays the piano. We all play our own music, everybody does, and the conductor is to synchronize and harmonize”*
- *“the staff members who are on the council and the clinicians who are on the council are helpful in guiding the patients to take their experience and putting it into some kind of practical project that both will find beneficial and useful.”*

# Theme#3: Accountability

- **Patient members often thought staff were responsible for completing projects, while staff members hoped to encourage patients to contribute.**
- *“there’s a project that’s happening here, but it takes the staff to integrate it...So a lot of the decision or action plan falls on their shoulders.”*
- *“when we can ask in a specific way to encourage them to be more involved, then it works. If we’re not able to do that and if they’re just not interested, then it won’t work.”*
- *“If all the work had to be done by the clinic alone it wouldn’t be possible, so the patient has to cooperate too in order to make some changes, we have to work together, both patients and doctors”*



## **Key Findings:**

- Clinics should recruit both for patient representativeness as well as communication skills.
- Clinic staff need facilitation support.
- Advisory councils need clarity on who is accountable for projects.

# Poll Questions #3:

- For those with councils, is your council representative of patient population served?
- Do your facilitators receive training?
- To what extent are patients involved in accountability for advisory council projects?

# Conclusions

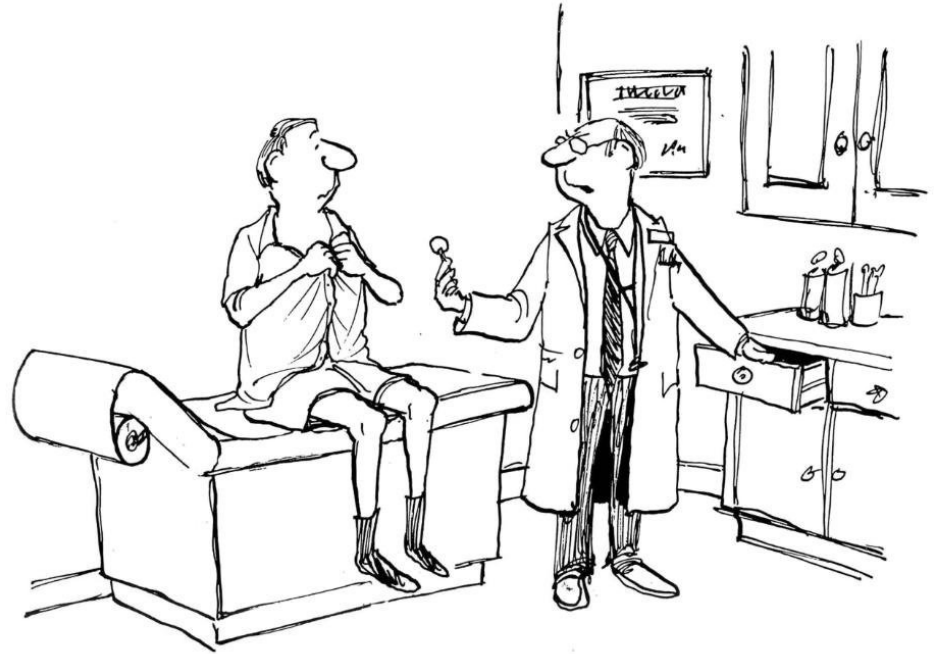
- Patient engagement is a growing movement in primary care; engaged leadership, formal strategy and dedicated time are key
- Recruitment, facilitation and project management are key issues for advisory councils
- Patients can participate in a range of practice improvement projects

# Open Discussion

- What findings are most interesting/most surprising?
- What are your experiences with recruitment? Meeting facilitation? Completing projects?
- What topics will be most helpful for your site moving forward, in future webinars?

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“Will this lollipop suffice for patient engagement?”

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