Using Human-Centered Design to Bring Patient Voice to Improvement Projects
1. What Is Human-Centered Design and Why Co-Design with Patients?

2. Co-Design in Action: Health Quality Partners’ SMBP Pilot

3. Q&A

4. Co-Design Activity: Journey Mapping

5. Reflection & Resources
Learning Objectives

1. Learn what human-centered design is.
2. Learn how to use human-centered design to engage patients.
3. Understand the basic steps to co-designing and examples of how to begin co-designing with patients.
4. Hear an example of how co-design has been used for a SMBP pilot.
5. Experience one design activity that can be used in a future co-design session.
6. Take away practical resources and techniques to use immediately!
Before We Begin...

I Like...

I Wish...

I Wonder...
What Is Human-Centered Design and Why Co-Design with Patients?
How we’ve traditionally worked (more or less)
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In HCD, we spend more time exploring the problem...
“I learned that human-centered innovation is more than a tool or ‘solution’, it is a way of thinking about and approaching a problem, a way of framing solutions... then trying them to learn with real end-users in their real environment.”

– CCI Program Participant
What HCD looks like
Leveraging Patient Voice

Feedback
- Surveys
- Focus groups

Contextual Insights
- Observation
- Shadowing
- Interviews/Intercepts
- Journey Mapping

Advice & Support
- Patient & Family Advisory Councils
- Peer Navigators

Co-Design
- Patients on project team longitudinally, creating value alongside staff
Why Co-Design with Patients?

Build stronger relationships with patients.

- Transform care in a way that truly matters to patients.
- Build a deeper relationship and trust with patients.
- Patients appreciate sharing their stories and ideas.

Better problem solving.

- Reduces risk and waste of resources.
- Help prioritize what problems to address.
- Challenge what you “know” and assume to be true.
- Encourages radical thinking and creativity.
Anyone can do this... be creative. listen. have humility.

- You don’t need to be an expert to do this work!
- Be curious, ask questions & learn.
- Start small with the resources you have.
- Be visual and make things tangible.
- Show your work to peers early and often. Be open to feedback.
- Consider how relatable you are.
Basic Approach to Co-Design

1. Understand the Problem
2. Generate Ideas
3. Test Ideas
4. Iterate on Ideas
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1. Understand the Problem

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Examples include:

- Interview patients and health center staff to learn about their experience
- Shadow patients during their clinic visit
- Home visit to better understand the patient’s at-home environment
- Review data from patient surveys, patient advisory councils and patient portals
Basic Approach to Co-Design

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Examples include:
• Recruit a diverse group of patients to participate with living and/or lived experience of health concern
• Host a co-design session with patients to brainstorm and prioritize ideas
Basic Approach to Co-Design

1. Understand the Problem

2. Generate Ideas

3. Test Ideas

Examples include:
- Have patients engage with & experience the idea(s)
- Gather feedback on the idea(s): what went well and what could be better?

4. Iterate on Ideas
Basic Approach to Co-Design

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Examples include:
- Go back to designing the solution idea so that it addresses patients’ feedback
- Share updates with the patients you engaged during Step 1 & 2 to let them know they were a vital part of making this happen!
Engaging Patients in Developing a Self-Measured Blood Pressure Monitoring Program using Co-Design

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Overview of Health Center Partners of Southern California

Our Pathway to a Self-Measured Blood Pressure (SMBP) Monitoring Pilot Program

Utilization of Co-Design

Application of Co-Design to develop a SMBP monitoring program

Questions
A Family of Companies....

The mission is righteous.  The work imperative.  The impact profound.
 Consortium of 17 primary care organizations
 Voice & advocate for its members
 Training & technical assistance
 Serving the health needs of communities in southern California (San Diego, Riverside & Imperial Counties)
OUR MEMBERS...

806,158 Unduplicated Patients*
3.25M Unduplicated Patient Visits
135 Sites Of Care In 5 Counties

* UDS = 806,158. OSHPD = 926,413
1 in 6 San Diegans Receive their Care at a Community Health Center

#ValueCHCs
Rationale for a SMBP Program:

The US Preventive Services Task Force, in its October 2015 Recommendation Statement on Screening for High Blood Pressure in Adults, recommends obtaining blood pressure measurements outside of the clinical setting for diagnostic confirmation before starting treatment.

Increasing scientific evidence shows that self-measured blood pressure monitoring (SMBP), coupled with clinical support, supports people in managing their hypertension.

SMBP is also a useful tool to rule out white coat hypertension, masked hypertension, and as a self-management tool to enhance medication adherence.
Our Pathway to a SMBP Pilot Program

ALL HEART program (2011 to 2017)

- Funded by Kaiser Permanente Southern California Region Community Benefit
- Aimed to reduce heart attacks and strokes through the identification and treatment of diabetes and hypertension using evidence based guidelines among the safety net population in community health centers (CHC) in Southern CA
- Kaiser Permanente’s ALL initiative (Aspirin, Lisinopril and Lipid-lowering medication) was implemented to reduce heart attacks and strokes
- Targeted patients: those with heart disease or were 55+ years old with diabetes, in a therapeutic program that included the use of these three medications
- In the 2016-2017 year funding cycle, HQP expanded our focus to include patients age 18+ with hypertension.

Sample Outcomes from CCHE’s evaluation from 2015 – 2017:
- Reached almost 50K patients with hypertension (11 health center organizations, 47 sites, in five counties)
- Blood pressure control rates increased, with 6 showing statistically significant improvements (program goal = 70%)
- Diabetes outcomes were sustained through the shift to hypertension
- Health centers improved in all key capacity domains (QI, team based care, proactive care; and medication adherence)
- Sustainable impact on health center systems
Our Pathway to a SMBP Pilot Program

Participation in the Hiding in Plain Sight (HIPS) Project (2014 – 2016)

- Collaborated with the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) on their Million Hearts initiative
- NACHC recruited 11 federally qualified health centers nationwide to participate in a two-year cooperative agreement, including two Health Center Partner member health centers, La Maestra Community Health Centers and Neighborhood Healthcare.
- Issue: many safety-net patients with hypertension are not formally diagnosed and may remain untreated and at increased risk for cardiovascular events
- Strategy:
  - Piloted the quality improvement strategy and tools to improve the detection and control of high blood pressure in community health centers that serve populations disproportionately burdened by hypertension.
  - Included an algorithm criteria to identify patients who might have undiagnosed hypertension
- Sample Results:
  - Diagnosed hypertension prevalence increased significantly
  - There were no specific goals around blood pressure control increasing, but it did!
HQP’s Utilization of Co-Design to date:

Initial application of co-design through a Center for Care Innovations project:
- *CCI Reimagined Care Challenge*
- Overview/application of co-design provided at a CCI convening and via follow-up coaching calls; never used previously
- Co-design sessions with PCP providers and patients with diagnosed hypertension

Second application through a Blue Shield of California Foundation project:
- *Advancing Value-Based Care Through Patient Engagement*
- How can we better engage with patients in their care?
- Co-design sessions with patients from partnering community health centers
- Organizational assessments with health center staff
- Patient Surveys

Third application through a current US DHHS, Office on Women’s Health project
- *Chronic Pain Management in Female Community Health Center (CHC) Patients*
- How should we design and implement a pain management program for female patients (50+) with chronic pain that receive their care at a community health center?
- Co-design sessions with: (1) PCP and BH providers; and (2) patients with chronic pain
Our Engagement Process

- Engagement of hypertensive patients
- Identify partners in Community Health Centers (CHC)
- Co-Design with Care Teams
- Co-Design with Hypertensive Patients
- Development of a SMBP program for CHC
### Overview of SMBP Pilot Program

#### Goal and Process
- Use of a patient engagement technique (co-design) to develop a self-measured blood pressure monitoring (SMBP) program for patients in community health centers

#### Materials
- Development of:
  - Patient education materials for SMBP
  - Care team materials for implementing a SMBP program

#### Implementation
- Development and implementation of a pilot program for patients in community health centers

#### Feedback, Limitations and Next Steps
# Overview of Co-Design Sessions

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<td><strong>Target Participants</strong></td>
<td>2 CHCs with a large number of HTN patients and prior experience with management approaches</td>
<td>CHC patients with hypertension</td>
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| **Selection of Co-Design Partners** | ▪ Champion Physicians  
▪ Panel Manager  
▪ QM & Population Health Directors  
▪ Care Team members (MAs, Site Coordinator, Health Educators) | ▪ CHCs ran reports to select patients based on HTN & past visit criteria.  
▪ Site Coordinator or HE contacted patients by phone using a HQP / CCI recruitment guide.  
▪ gift card provided ($15). |
| **Content** | Initial Sessions:  
▪ patient centered design approach  
▪ experience with HTN issues, programs  
▪ patient feedback/issues  
▪ infrastructure | Initial Sessions:  
▪ approaches to get to know the patient as a person, what’s important to them, experience with HTN management |
| | Subsequent Sessions:  
▪ logistics  
▪ feedback on pilot materials  
▪ develop protocols/procedures | Subsequent Sessions:  
▪ prototyped a SMBP program  
▪ design of / input on materials  
▪ post pilot program |
Insights from Care Teams

- Patient populations vary across each geographic site (e.g., race, ethnicity, culture, languages, compliance)
- Staff had received interest in BP monitoring from patients
- Providers voiced that the consequences of HTN is often not realized by patients
- Providers and care teams are interested in engaging patients in SMBP
- There are obstacles to overcome (e.g., patient knowledge, resources, compliance, collection and management of the BP data by the health center)
Insights from Patients

Disclosure of multiple health issues:
- time spent at medical appointments
- interested in reducing the face time at the health center, especially for a brief appointment like a blood pressure reading

There is interest in SMBP. Some patients had taken their BP at home or went to a store to get an occasional reading, but it was inconsistent

Consistent tracking was not evident

Lack of resources is an issue (device, transportation, etc.)

More education on hypertension is needed
- Misconception that you could stop taking medication when their BP reading was normal

Patients are aware of how to engage in managing their blood pressure through some lifestyle changes, however this is challenging for some
Insights from Patients

Based on verbal feedback during the co-design sessions, patients:

- provided written and verbal feedback on sample material content and format.
- found the patient materials helpful and did not identify any additional information on SMBP that was needed.
- were motivated to do SBMP, particularly if it would reduce the number of office visits for only BP readings and/or medication renewal.
- appreciated the opportunity to provide feedback and to be heard throughout the co-design process.
The Common Themes from Providers & Patients

- **Interest in a SMBP Program**
- **Patient Engagement Opportunity**
- **Education is needed on hypertension & monitoring**
SMBP Pilot: Patient Recruitment Criteria

**Patient Selection**
- Exclusions: Diagnosis of (1) CVD, (2) ESRD, or (3) Pregnancy
- Age 18+ with ability to speak/read English
- Compliant patients (minimal history of no shows for appointments)
- Patients who are motivated & demonstrate the ability to take their blood pressure, record results, and follow up with health center staff

**HTN Status**
- Diagnosed HTN (either controlled or not controlled)
- Suspected HTN (either masked or white coat)
- Hiding in plain site (2+BP >140/90 within the last year)

**Medication**
- Initiated
- Adjusted
**Timeline**

**HQP Blood Pressure Monitoring Pilot**

**Patient / Pilot Participant Activities**

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<th>Day 1: Orientation Session</th>
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<td>- Obtains Consent</td>
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<td>- Distributes and reviews packet of materials</td>
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<td>- Distributes monitor</td>
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<td>- Instructs on how to take BP, record reading, and has patient demonstrate understanding</td>
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<td>- Schedules follow-up call and next on-site visit</td>
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<th>Day 8: Follow-up phone call</th>
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<td>NHC staff calls patient and solicits:</td>
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<td>- Questions</td>
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<td>- Feedback on experience to date</td>
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<td>- Adverse Events</td>
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<td>- Confirmation of next appointment on Day 17</td>
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<th>Day 17: Patient meets with a Care Team Member to:</th>
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<td>- Answer Questions</td>
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<td>- Record any Adverse Events</td>
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<td>- Collect BP Readings and monitoring logs</td>
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<td>- Invite patient to co-design session</td>
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<td>- Discuss any next steps with clinical provider</td>
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**Day 2 to 16 (14 days):**

Patient takes their blood pressure from home (2 x per day) using the monitor provided and records readings on log.

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<td>On-site appointment #2 with Care Team Member</td>
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**Post Pilot Co-Design Session**

Care Team Member Activities include the above noted in black and submitting patient data (de-identified) to HQP.
How Do I Take My Blood Pressure?

Below are some reminders of how to prepare and get started on taking your blood pressure. Please refer to the instructions that came with your blood pressure monitor on how to use the device.

Within 30 Minutes of taking your Blood Pressure

**Do Not:**
- Eat a large meal
- Smoke
- Exercise
- Take decongestants
- Have caffeine

Getting Started

Do the following steps:

- Empty bladder first
- Take a seat
- Support your back
- Don’t have a conversation
- Support your arm at heart level
- Keep legs uncrossed
- Keep your feet flat
- Put cuff on bare arm

Now that you are comfortably seated:

1. Apply the cuff securely on the upper part of your arm. The cuff should be ¼ inch or 2 fingers above the crease of the elbow.
2. Push the start button to begin taking your blood pressure.
3. When the machine stops, write down the upper and lower blood pressure numbers on your blood pressure log.
4. Wait one minute and then repeat. Always check your blood pressure twice, one minute apart, then write down the numbers on your blood pressure log. Take your two blood pressure readings once in the morning and once in the evening for the next 14 days.
# Self-Measured Blood Pressure Log

Name: __________________________ My Blood Pressure Goal: __________________________

Take your blood pressure two times a day, once in the morning and once in the evening.

Take two blood pressures each time you take your blood pressure and write them down on this log. Wait at least one minute between each time.

Write anything that might have affected your blood pressure in the comment section. (for example, are you angry; just had coffee; full bladder)

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<td>Date</td>
<td>#1</td>
<td>#2</td>
<td>Comment</td>
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<td>10/6/16</td>
<td>130/72</td>
<td>125/60</td>
<td>feeling good</td>
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# Monitoring Blood Pressure Action Plan

**Name:**

**Doctor:**

**Date:**

If you have any questions call:

### My blood pressure medication:

### Notes:

For a **NORMAL BLOOD PRESSURE** reading:

- The **UPPER NUMBER** should be LESS THAN 120
- The **LOWER NUMBER** should be LESS THAN 80

The following is an action plan for when your blood pressure reading is outside of this normal range.

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<td><strong>Recommended Actions:</strong></td>
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<td>- Continue to make lifestyle changes.</td>
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<td>- If you are on a medication keep taking it every day as your doctor prescribed.</td>
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<td>- Your blood pressure is considered under control when the upper (systolic) number is less than 140 AND the lower (diastolic) number is less than 90.</td>
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### TOO LOW: Watch it

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<td>Equal or less than 60</td>
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<td><strong>Recommended Actions:</strong></td>
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<td>- Wait an hour and retake your blood pressure.</td>
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<td>- Do not take your blood pressure medication, if you haven’t already, when your blood pressure reading is less than 90/60.</td>
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<td>- You may be dehydrated. Drink plenty of non-alcoholic fluids and increase your salt intake.</td>
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<td>- If your blood pressure is still low several hours later, call your doctor. You may need to be seen urgently.</td>
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<td>- <strong>CALL 9-1-1</strong> if you feel like you are going to pass out, have chest pain, or have difficulty speaking.</td>
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### BETTER: Make Lifestyle Changes

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<td>- Make lifestyle changes that reduce blood pressure.</td>
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<td>- Get plenty of exercise. Try to get at least 30 minutes a day.</td>
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<td>- Have less alcohol. Women: Limit to 1 drink per day. Men: Limit to 2 drinks per day (1 drink equals 1 ½ ounces of hard alcohol).</td>
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<td>- 5 ounces of wine, and 12 ounces of beer.</td>
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<td>- Keep your weight down. Try eating smaller portions.</td>
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<td>- Use spices, not salt to add flavor and limit your salt intake.</td>
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<td>- Don’t smoke. If you smoke, get help to quit.</td>
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### DANGER: Seek Medical Attention (Hypertensive Crises)

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<td><strong>Recommended Actions:</strong></td>
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<td>- Stay calm and try some relaxation techniques.</td>
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<td>- Just sitting still and thinking about your breathing can help calm you down. Notify your physician within the next couple of days.</td>
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<td>- If your blood pressure is higher 180/110 and you are NOT experiencing symptoms such as shortness of breath, back pain, numbness/weakness, changes in vision or difficulty speaking, wait about five minutes and take it again.</td>
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<td>- If you are experiencing any of those symptoms AND your reading is still at or above that level, you should CALL 9-1-1 and get help immediately.</td>
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Sample Existing Materials Utilized
# RESOURCES FOR HYPERTENSION (HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE)

* Included in your packet

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Care Team Materials Developed

- Provider Summary
- Recruitment protocols & reports
- Orientation Session Checklist
- Follow-up Call and Visit Checklist and questions
- Blood Pressure Reading Log
- Tailored EMR documentation & provider referral flow developed by individual CHC
Recruitment Encounter Checklist
At Home Blood Pressure Monitoring Pilot
CCI Reimagined Care Project

☐ introduce yourself and the purpose for your call / visit.

☐ Let the patient know:
  - they were selected to be in a 17 day program that is being offered now to only 20 patients at your health center and at home blood pressure monitoring.
  - there is no cost to them to be in the program.
  - they will receive one blood pressure monitor for them to keep and they can also earn a $15 gift card by coming to a group session after the program ends.
  - the program is voluntary and in no way will affect the care they get at the health center if they choose not to participate.

If applicable, let the patient know their provider thought they would be a good person to be in the program due to their high blood pressure.

☐ Explain the overall purpose of the program is to:
  1) Help them manage their blood pressure and engage in their care by:
     - learning about how to manage high blood pressure
     - taking their blood pressure on their own at home
     - tracking their daily readings
     - giving the information back to the health center to help with their care
     AND
  2) Help us learn from THEM about their experience taking their own blood pressure and being in the program so we can improve it and help other people with high blood pressure also.

☐ Explain that if they join the program, they would do the following activities:
  - attend a one-on-one orientation session
  - receive a blood pressure monitor to take home and keep
  - take their blood pressure on their own using the monitor (2 times/day for 14 days in a row)
  - record their daily readings on a piece of paper. This may be shared with their doctor/nurse to help them manage their blood pressure.
  - complete one phone call with a care team member on Day 8 of the pilot to check in.
  - meet with you at the health center on Day 17. During this visit they will hand in their blood pressure reading log, answer a few final questions about their experience, and give their thoughts and opinions on the program
  - have an opportunity to be part of a group session with other people in the pilot to share your thoughts on what you liked and what you suggest changing. Participation in this group session is optional. If you come to the group session you will also get a $15 gift card.

☐ Solicit questions the patient may have on anything you covered.

☐ Ask the patient if they are ready to move on to the next step (the orientation session)

☐ Schedule the Orientation Session at your health center (if applicable).

☐ Record the recruitment encounter on the on the HQP Recruitment Tracking Sheet.

☐ Record the visit in your health center electronic medical record/system and enter the scheduled follow-up phone call and visits on your schedule.
Follow-up Phone Call & Visit Checklist
Self-Measured Blood Pressure Monitoring Pilot
CCI Reimagined Care Project

☐ Introduce yourself and the purpose of the call/visit (to follow-up on your last meeting at the orientation session for the at home blood pressure monitoring pilot program).

☐ Obtain the blood pressure readings to date and report them on the Blood Pressure Readings Report form. Record the date you received the information, the date and time of the reading, the reading (systolic/diastolic), and any actions the patient took for abnormal readings.

☐ Provide any necessary feedback about abnormal readings, questions on medication, feedback on the type of action the patient took for any high readings, and/or referrals to their provider in any urgent circumstances.

☐ Encourage continued participation and remind the patient of the date/time of their next appointment for the pilot (if applicable).

☐ Solicit questions the patient may have on how to use the blood pressure monitor.

☐ Solicit questions the patient may have on any of the printed materials in their folder.

☐ Ask the patient the following questions and record their answers on the Follow-up Call / Visit Form:

- What have you discovered that you do or eat/drink that makes your blood pressure go up or down?
- What new information have you learned from our initial visit or your experience so far?
- What do you like about taking your blood pressure at home daily?
- What has been hard/challenging about taking your blood pressure at home daily?
- What do you think about the monitor? Is it easy/hard to use?
- Have you used or looked at any of the educational materials yet? If so, which ones? What was helpful? Was anything unclear? What new information did you learn?
- What other information do you wish was included in our meeting or the materials?
- Is the amount of support and follow-ups you have received so far: Too much? Too little? Or just right? How can we support you taking your blood pressure at home better?
- Do you have any other questions or feedback you would like to give at this time?

☐ Record the visit on the HQP Recruitment Tracking Sheet.

☐ Record the visit in the health center electronic medical record/system.
CONSENT FORM

Title: At Home Blood Pressure Monitoring Pilot Program

Purpose:
The overall purpose of this pilot is to determine if an at home blood pressure monitoring program is helpful for patients and health care providers from community health centers for engaging hypertensive patients in managing their blood pressure. This pilot is being offered to you by Neighborhood Healthcare and Health Center Partners of Southern California, with funding from the Center for Care Innovations.

You have been invited to be in this pilot program because your doctor/nurse and/or care coordination team identified you as having hypertension (High Blood Pressure), thought you might like to be part of the pilot, and give your feedback to help design a program for other people like you.

Please note that this pilot program does not replace any advice or direction you have received from your doctor/provider. Please continue to take any prescribed medication as directed and attend any of your scheduled visits. If you have any questions about your medical care during this pilot program, please contact your doctor’s office. In case of an emergency, call 9-1-1.

Activities:
If you agree to be in this pilot you will:

- receive instructions during a one-on-one orientation session with a care team member
- receive a blood pressure monitor to take home
- take your blood pressure on your own using the monitor (2 times per day for 14 days in a row)
- record your daily readings on a piece of paper. This may be shared with your doctor/nurse.
- complete one phone call with a care team member on Day 8 of the pilot. You will give your blood pressure readings over the phone and answer a few questions about how you like the program.
- attend one visit at your health center on Day 17. During this visit you will meet with a care team member, hand in your blood pressure reading log, answer a few final questions about your experience, and share your feedback.
- be invited to attend a group session with other people in the pilot to share your thoughts on what you liked and what you suggest changing. Participation in this group session is optional. If you come to the group session you will also get a $15 gift card.

Benefits:
Benefits from being in the pilot include receiving a blood pressure monitor and information on hypertension to keep, learning how to take your blood pressure on your own and what actions to take if it is too low or high, and having a chance to voice your thoughts and opinions on the program.

Risks to Participate:
There are no known risks from participating in this pilot program. If you have any questions about your medical care during this pilot program, please contact your doctor’s office. In case of an emergency, call 9-1-1.

Costs / Compensation:
There is no cost to you to be in the pilot. No co-pays or insurance will be collected for the two visits or the phone call with your care team required as part of the pilot.

You will receive the following for being in the pilot: a free blood pressure monitor, information and materials on hypertension, and educational visits with a care team member. If you choose to come to the group session after the pilot, you will also receive a $15 gift card.

Your Rights:
Being in this pilot program will not affect any health care services you receive or are eligible for through Neighborhood Healthcare. Your participation in the pilot is voluntary and you can stop at any time.

Confidentiality:
Any information you give during your follow-up phone call and visits during this pilot will only be viewed or used by the necessary doctor/nurses and care team members at your health center. Any information about the pilot that is shared with Health Center Partners of Southern California will not contain any names on it and will not be able to be linked to you directly in any way.

Contact Information:
If you have any questions about this pilot, please contact: __________________________ at __________________________.

Consent:
I have read this consent form and fully understand the benefits of participating in this pilot program. I voluntarily give Neighborhood Healthcare and Health Quality Partners my consent to participate in the At Home Blood Pressure Monitoring Pilot described above effective the date noted below.

Language Preference: Spanish or English (circle one)

Preferred Phone Number: ____________________________________________

I received a blood pressure monitor: YES or NO (circle one)

Patient Name: __________________________ Patient Signature: __________________________ Date: __________________________

Neighborhood Health Care Team Member: __________________________

NHC Team Member Signature: __________________________ Date: __________________________

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Pilot Recruitment & Participation

A total of 69 patients were identified by CHC staff as eligible to participate in the pilot.

- QI staff ran preliminary reports to identify HTN patients.
- Schedules scrubbed by care teams to identify patients eligible during the pilot timeline.
- Same day referral by providers.

Of the 69 patients approached, 39 agreed to complete the pilot.

Patients: 39 (20 from La Maestra and 19 from Neighborhood

Staff: 15 (7 CHC staff and 8 referring providers)
BP Log and Protocol

Patients were given specific instructions and resources to take their blood pressure:

- daily for 14 days
- once in the AM and once in the PM. Two readings should be taken each time (1 minute apart)
- blood pressure readings recorded on a provided log

Thirty-five of the 39 pilot patients recorded their blood pressure readings.
Please complete one tracking sheet for each patient participating in the HQP Blood Pressure Monitoring Pilot. Only submit the information below to HQP to secure patient information. Do not send the patient name, only the corresponding pilot ID.

**HQP BP Pilot: Patient Readings Tracking Sheet**

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Patient Outcomes and Feedback

Based on verbal feedback to a care team member during the follow up calls/visits, patients:

- liked the program and found the materials clear and easy to understand
- learned throughout the pilot period about their blood pressure and things that effected their blood pressure
- liked the extra time with the care teams
- wanted to share their logged BP readings with their doctor
- did not always have their BP readings on hand at the time of the follow-up call.
- found it cumbersome to take two BP readings 1 minute apart (particularly if it was in the normal range) and preferred to take BP once in the AM and PM
11 of the 35 patients that completed the pilot (31.4%) participated in a final co-design session. This included a written survey:

- 82% indicated they were satisfied with the program. Another 18% of patients somewhat agreed that they were satisfied with the program. None somewhat disagreed or disagreed

- 91% of the patients said they would recommend the blood pressure program to a friend or family member who has high blood pressure

- Most patients indicated that they would like to continue a blood pressure monitoring program like this (strongly agree =73%) or somewhat agree =18%).
Patient Quotes

“The good thing I guess is that it makes more conscious of my health. At my age I do not take my health for granted I try to watch my health and its extra tool to monitor health.”

“I did not know that a full bladder makes my BP go up I learned that from your material. My experience has been good so far I really like having this BP monitor I have never taken my own BP before so it’s been a new experience for me I usually get my BP checked only at the doctors office. I’ve learned that my stress actually increased my BP.”

“Following up monthly to review the BP readings that I have been recording would be great so that the doctors can see my numbers and give me input on what I can do differently this would really help.”

“I thought the program was perfect. I am saving all my BP logs to give to my doctor.”

“I liked all the education. It helped me change my routine like when I have my coffee”

“This is a good program and I am glad I was selected by my doctor to take part in this program. I feel that La Maestro CHC is there for me when I need help. I do not feel like I am just a number to them. Thank you.”

“It helped me learn what triggers my BP to get high”

“It was great to have a machine at home!”

“I feel empowered because I can take my blood pressure myself and see my numbers”

“It hasn’t been hard at all I think the only thing is just getting the habit of checking it so often has been a little challenging because I am not used to taking my own BP”

“It taught me to be in tune with my body”

“It’s good an I like this program and you help me in my daily life”
Limitations & Next Steps

**Limitations**
- Small pilot sample
- Diagnosed HTN patients
- No follow-up SMBP data post pilot
- Staff resources/not billable
- Monitors provided
- No BP Monitoring data in EHR

**Dissemination**
- Case Study [CCI / Center for Community Health and Evaluation]
- Dissemination of current and/or tailored patient and care team materials
- Health Center Partners Member Health Centers
  - Identification of candidates for SMBP program
  - Are there existing programs that can incorporate / sustain SMBP? (e.g. Health Education, Medication Adherence, etc.)

**Next Steps**
- Identify future funding to continue work with more CHC, patients, and conduct follow-up activities
- Explore incorporation of data into existing CHC infrastructure / EHR
- Work on spread and sustainability of SMBP programs
Let’s Try An Activity!
Journey Mapping
What’s a Journey Map?

• A flow chart of a user’s experience

• Made up of core activities

• Layered with important information like feelings, interactions, and pain points
When to Use Journey Mapping?

1. Understand the Problem
   Helps to visualize the patient experience

2. Generate Ideas
   Identify opportunities for improvement & generate ideas with patients!

3. Test Ideas

4. Iterate on Ideas
Why Use A Journey Map?

• Infuses **process** with **human stories**

• Makes user experience **tangible** and easy to share

• Weaves different kinds of information into **one diagram**

• Offers **spring board** for solutions and strategy
Journey Map Elements

Y-Axis:
• Emotions
• Pain Points
• Questions That Arise
• Quotes
• Influencers
• Motivations

X-Axis: Steps Over Time
Journey Map Example: Cooking Dinner

- **plan/shop**: Buy the right amount
- **stage/store**: All food done at the same time
- **prep/cook**: 
- **serve/eat**: 
- **post prep/cleanup**: Doing the dishes
Journey Map Example: Cooking Dinner

- plan/shop: Buy the right amount
- stage/store: Distracted
- prep/cook: Calm
- serve/eat: All food done at the same time
- post prep/cleanup: Doing the dishes

Stressed
Joyful
Exhausted
Journey Map Example: Cooking Dinner

- **Positive Emotion**
  - Calm
  - Joyful

- **Negative Emotion**
  - Stressed
  - Distracted
  - Exhausted

- **Steps**
  - **Plan/Shop**
  - **Stage/Store**
  - **Prep/Cook**
  - **Serve/Eat**
  - **Post Prep/Cleanup**

- **Actions**
  - Buy the right amount
  - All food done at the same time
  - Doing the dishes
Pre visit (Prep)

- HV# 2-5 Goals
- To bring:
  - Life calendar: Facilitator
  - Colored pencils
- Computer Prep
  - Pull up "Activity"
  - Mark facilitator's persimmon
- Mini folder
  - Pull visit materials from drawers

During

1. Health Assessment
   a) Vitals
   b) Update appts
   c) ER visits
2. Review
   a) Triplicate form
3. CHT topic
4. Program topic

Post (multiple)

1. Persimmon
   a) Document
2. Other (long prep)
3. ETO forms: Lauren
   - White copy HV form: Paper chart
Tips & Tricks

• Interviews and observations are your foundation

• Start simply, then add on and remake the map as you learn

• Display relevant information thoughtfully and creatively

• Show users your map to get feedback
Activity - Journey Map

1. Break into a group of 4-5 friendly strangers.
2. Think about your journey of getting your blood pressure taken:
   • Starting with being taken in from the waiting room to seeing the provider.
3. List key activities that you do.
4. Order them from left to right.
5. Label “stages” of related activities.
6. Add in “layers” of information:
   • Emotions, pain points, quotes, etc.
Journey Map Elements

Y-Axis:
- Emotions
- Pain Points
- Questions That Arise
- Quotes
- Influencers
- Motivations

X-Axis: Steps Over Time
Sample: Blood Pressure Experience

- Taken into provider rooms
- MA takes height & weight & asks about current health
- MA takes blood pressure
- MA takes notes & leaves room

Thoughts & Questions

Emotions

Pain Points
Review Your Journey Map

• What was one surprising thing you gathered from this activity?
• Which step includes the most pain points or negative emotions?
• Which step includes the most questions?

Answering these questions will help you identify your opportunities for improvement, where you can begin idea generation!
What’s After Journey Mapping?

1. Understand the Problem
2. Generate Ideas
3. Test Ideas
4. Iterate on Ideas

Visualize the patient experience
Identify opportunities for improvement & generate ideas with patients!
Tips for Your Next Co-Design Session

Consider accessibility & logistics of session: timing, food, day-care, incentives?

Acknowledge that this is your first time doing this and it’s a learning process for everyone!

Include fun, tactical activities that would spark creativity and help break the ice.

Seek feedback from participants on how the session could go better next time.
Share Your Feedback!

I Like...
I Wish...
I Wonder...

Please post on the flip chart as you exit!
Resources

Human-Centered Design
Method Cards

Journey Mapping Webinar
You can now **sign up** to receive human-centered design tips in your inbox!

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