Functional & Cognitive Status Combined Subgroup Meeting

Time: Wednesday, January 29, 2020, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm EST

Location: WebEx Meeting
Dial-in: 1-877-267-1577
Meeting ID: 998 544 485

PACIO Project Website: www.PACIOproject.org
PACIO Project GitHub: https://github.com/paciowg/PACIO-Project

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Summary

1) **Functional Status** (Matt E., MaxMD)   (45 mins)
   - Group continued to review the functional data elements
   - Prior level of function
       - Prior level of function is very subjective as this is a patient reported item. Would require guidance on how to add this to the software for it to be patient reported.
       - EHRs would need to allow drop down options or will need to have a free text option.
           1. Because of the large variability of self-reporting, it is important to consider standardizing response options. For example, standardizing 3 data-set options: independent, needs help, or dependent; and further outlining a written text option.
           2. There are currently no standards defining independence and would require patients to self-report.
           3. Important to consider the challenges with changing the EHR; may need to have an observation IG.
       - PACIO will continue discussing functional data elements next week

2) **Cognitive Status** (Steve B.; Patient Pattern)   (45 mins)
   - Refer to "2020-1-29_PACIOProject_CognitivteStatus.pptx"
   - Group continued to evaluate the ideal cognitive status
   - Initial set of data chosen for Cognitive Status – CAM (screen for delirium), BIMS (screen for cognition), and PHQ (screen for depression)
   - Steve provided an overview of each of the potential cognitive tests to include in the library

- It is important to provide a wide spectrum of proprietary and non-proprietary tests to adequately service the electronic community.
- Cognitive tests are standardized and service certain members of the population. Will need to consider what is required for the patient population being served. Some tests are preferred, and others are not.
  - The group addressed the challenges of LOINC codes with proprietary tests
    - If there is not an assigned LOINC code, you must petition to have one developed (process can take up to 6 months).
    - Often when LOINC requests approval from the organization holding the rights, they want the tool to remain private and LOINC cannot get the approval.
    - One PACIO member suggested a workaround for items that have not been coded yet— a string value set for the result of what is in the tool.
    - The group addressed the challenges of this workaround, specifically that it is not computable.
    - May need to consider using a workaround for a LOINC code, rather than limiting the list of tests and not being able to capture the necessary information.
      1. Group suggested reaching out to LOINC to clarify their processes: https://loinc.org/89196-0/
      2. Need to make sure we are authorized to support this effort
  - Action Item: Review the cognitive assessments in the "2020-1-29_PACIOProject_CognitivteStatus.pptx"and provide additional cognitive tests to be included in the library. Please provide feedback to lslater@mitre.org if you disagree with any of listings in the table.

3) **Upcoming Convening Opportunities**
   - NASL 2020 Winter Legislative & Regulatory Conference will be held on February 24-26 in Washington, D.C
   - CMS Quality Conference will be held on February 25-27, 2020 in Baltimore, MD
     - Registration: https://www.cmsqualityconference.com/
   - HIMSS20 Conference will be held March 9-13, 2020 in Orlando, FL
     - Registration: https://www.himssconference.org/
   - LTPAC Summit will be held on June 14-16, 2020 in Washington, DC
     - https://www.leadingage.org/Collaborative_Care_HIT_Summit

4) **Next Meeting:**
   - Wednesday, February 5, 2020, 1.30 pm – 3 pm EST

5) **Adjourn**