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Mercy Accountable Care Teams Up with Mercy Internal Medicine Graduate Medical Education Program to Offer Unique Resident Educational Experience

CONSHOHOCKEN, PA (October 25, 2017): Mercy Accountable Care has teamed up with the Graduate Medical Education program at Mercy Fitzgerald and Mercy Philadelphia Hospitals to create a population health-centric learning encounter for Internal Medicine residents, called the “Resident Transition of Care Experience.”

“The goals of the program are for residents to gain experience in the complexity of interdisciplinary team-based care coordination across the continuum of care through interactions with all members of the care team. This means learning to facilitate safe transitions of care for ACO patients throughout their hospital stays and beyond to the ambulatory/community setting through – using a variety of approaches including discharge planning, medication reconciliation, coordination of post-acute activities, and education,” says Martin O’Riordan, MD, Cardiovascular Services Medical Director for Mercy Health System, and physician champion for chronic care.

Residents who participate in the experience will interact with ACO patients (typically Medicare Beneficiaries) who are currently in the acute space (potentially from a readmission). They will use their new knowledge and tools to help guide conversations that will fundamentally identify potential systemic factors that led to a readmission, and work ultimately to provide a more effective transition for the patient.

“Under the leadership of Dr. Eric Green, Internal Medicine Program Director, we were able to collaborate to offer this educational experience and allow our residents to gain critical industry knowledge and move us forward as a transformative health system. The resident will be assigned a patient who is currently in the hospital and being managed by one of the ACO RN Care Coordinators,” says Brittany King, Operations Manager of Mercy Accountable Care, LLC. “The resident collaborates with care team to develop a robust discharge plan for patient. It’s all about safe, effective transitions of care for the ACO patients we serve.”

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