

Use Case:

Quality Improvement Use Case from CNMC

Title:

Adolescent survivors of community violence and return visits for care

Requesting Stakeholder:

Katie Donnelly, Medical Director of Safe Kids DC and Youth Violence Intervention Program at Children's National Hospital

Overview:

Due to the structure of the trauma system in Washington DC, adolescents aged 15-17 who are severely injured due to community violence receive care at one of the area's general trauma centers. Given their age, however, they often have follow-up or seek emergency care at the pediatric hospital. This discontinuity in care can have negative consequences on patient health and recovery from injury, such as poor follow up or more emergency care needs. Decreasing or mitigating this discontinuity could improve health outcomes for District adolescents.

Proposal:

Understand and improve this potential disparity between adolescent survivors of community violence and those survivors who receive continuous care (pediatric patients at a pediatric hospital/adult patients at general hospital). Define the problem and determine a baseline to eventually implement an early referral system for adolescent survivors to the pediatric hospital-based violence intervention program for smooth transitions of care.

Data sources(s):

Dr. Donnelly would obtain name and date of birth, gathered from the separate hospitals, and search those names for future visits, namely ED visits, diagnoses, outpatient visits and type of visit (PCP, subspecialty) as well as the location of each visit and the date of each visit.

Publication:

There is no requirement to publish.