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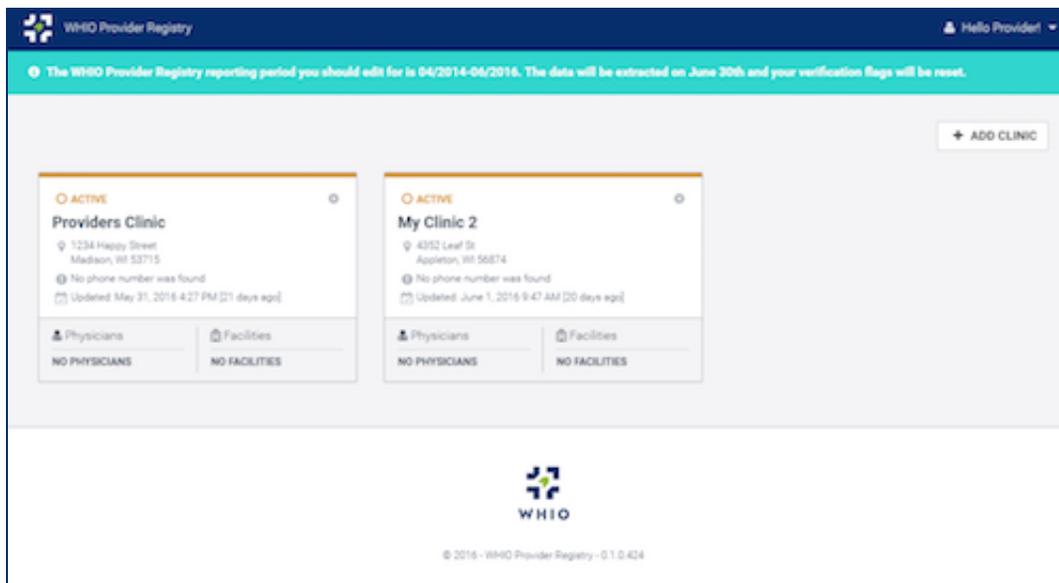
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Provider Registry Improvements

Thanks to input from our users, the Provider Registry has been improved to allow for better workflow management. Changes now allow clinic managers to edit information about all aspects of their clinics and providers, including physicians and facilities.

In the past, users were not able to edit clinic or facilities details and found the interface clunky. Now, logging in takes clinic managers to a color-coded dashboard that is cleaner and more efficient.

Equally exciting, the Provider Registry is now open year round, with extracts occurring on specific dates. A note at the top of the page tells users in what period their edits will be published.



What our users are saying:

- *I just wanted to let you know that the new dashboard system is AWESOME. So easy to navigate and use!*
- *I had 175 new providers to be added for this verification period that were missed in December, and based on my knowledge of the previous tool, I was dreading this task. It was so smooth and quick to add new providers, and I had them all added within a couple hours. I also love being able to add new clinics and verify existing clinics right in the tool rather than having to email. Overall, love the new tool!*

Don't hesitate to contact WHIO staff if you have questions or need help in updating Provider Registry information.

Kevin Pho, M.D.
Learning Forum Keynote Speaker



WHIO is delighted to announce that **Dr. Kevin Pho**, physician, author and nationally known social media guru, will be the keynote speaker at our **November 7th Learning Forum: *Navigation to Innovation***.

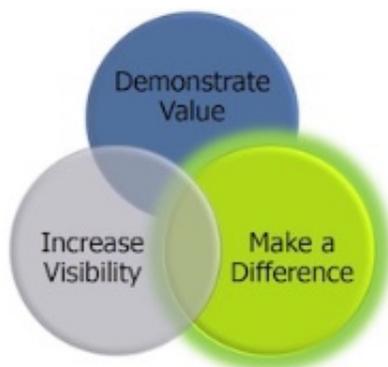
Co-author of the book **Establishing, Managing and Protecting Your Online Reputation: A Social Media Guide for Physicians and Medical Practices**, Dr. Pho has been called *the web's top social media influencer in health care and medicine*. *Forbes* called his website, KevinMD.com, a "must-read health blog."

A board certified internist practicing in Nashua, NH, Dr. Pho is a highly sought-after speaker and media commentator, and we are very pleased that he'll be headlining this year's Learning Forum. Look for more information in the coming months.

To register for the Nov. 7th Learning Forum, click [here](#).

Using WHIO Data: *WHIZ-CIDS*

Wisconsin Health Improvement Zone-Care Improvement Dialogues



Six years ago, recognizing that the health care landscape was shifting dramatically from a land of plenty to one with fewer resources, WHIO and the Wisconsin Medical Society (WMS) brought together multi-stakeholder groups to explore and discuss resource use variation using WHIO data.

Focusing on four specialty areas, the groups held monthly dialogues to review data and analysis findings, each time digging deeper into the clinical area of interest. They looked at the health of the population of patients, and the use of resources across that population, with the understanding that the extent to which we do not address cost is the extent to which health care in Wisconsin is less affordable and less accessible.

The results of the first round of WHIZ-CIDs were very positive, fostering clinician engagement and identifying some highly significant variations in data. Results from the cardiology workgroup, for example, formed the foundation of what would become the SMARTcare project and a \$15M CMMI grant.

To build on the success of WHIZ-CIDs and hone the approach, WHIO has reconvened the WHIZ-CIDs workgroup. Led by Dr. Mark Kaufman, WHIO Medical Consultant, members of the workgroup are:

Mateen Abidi, M.D., Echocardiographer, Marshfield Clinic

Tim Bartholow, M.D., CMO, WEA Trust

Tom Hirsch, M.D., Medical Advisor, ETF

Jeff Huebner, M.D., Family Physician and Medical Director for Population Health - UW Health

Mike Jaeger, M.D., Regional VP/WI Senior Clinical Officer, Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield

Kori Krueger, M.D. Internist, Marshfield Clinic

Tom Lewandowski, M.D., Cardiologist, ThedaCare Cardiovascular Care, Appleton and National SMARTCare Project Director

Tim Logemann, M.D., Cardiologist, CV Associates, Wausau

Julia Wright, M.D., Medical Director, Dean Health Plan

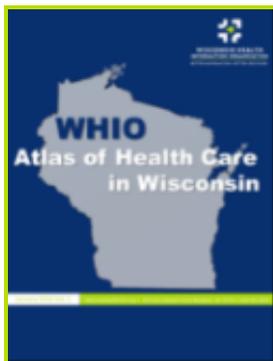
Thomas Mahn, M.D., Cardiologist, Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare and Integrated Health Network (IHN)

Joshua Meskin, M.D., Cardiologist, Froedtert & Medical College of Wisconsin and IHN

Amy Moyer, Manager of Value Measurement, The Alliance

Paul Reber, M.D., CMO, AboutHealth

WHIZ-CIDs and the WHIO Atlas



In tandem with the work of the WHIZ-CIDs workgroup, WHIO staff are performing analytics, logistics, and project management, continuing to identify and explore variation in health care, and use the process as a vehicle for updating and enhancing the [WHIO Atlas of Health Care in Wisconsin](#). The Atlas, an on-line, interactive tool, demonstrates the emerging capabilities of WHIO all-payer data to identify geographically-based practice variation as a means to achieve the highest quality of care at the most appropriate cost.

Training Opportunities

New User Training in Marshfield

A half-day, hands-on training session for **new users** of Impact Intelligence. Led by Debra Stone Kloth, WHIO Senior Data Analyst, the class will include a brief WHIO overview and basic navigation of Impact Intelligence Reporting System. For details, click [here](#).

Tuesday, August 16, 2016

10:00 am – 2:30 pm

Hotel Marshfield

Participants will need to bring a laptop computer equipped with Internet Explorer and a wi-fi connection to the training session. Lunch is included in your \$20.00 enrollment fee. [Click here to register](#). For questions about logistics, please contact Beverly Stowell at beverly.stowell@wisconsinhealthinfo.org or (608) 442-3879.

Webinars

Monthly, one-hour, topic-based webinars by WHIO staff, including How-To and Use Cases presentations.

WHIOpedia

August 18, 2016 - 3:00 PM

WHIO DataMart Tips

September 20, 2016 - 9:00 AM

For more information on these and all training opportunities, visit the [WHIO website](#) or email info@wisconsinhealthinfo.org.

SPECIAL OFFER!

Interact with WHIO, e.g., participate in a webinar or Open Mic session, email a question, request a consultation during a month and be entered into a drawing at the end of that month for a \$25 Amazon gift card.

Upcoming Events

July 28: The Future of Health Care

Conference sponsored by *Wisconsin Health News*: State and national experts will examine how the latest trends and innovations are shaping healthcare. WHIO CEO Jo Musser participates in a panel discussion on *How Data and Technology Are Changing Health*

Care. For more information, click [here](#).

October 4: The Path to Value: Cost, Quality & the Patient Voice

Conference sponsored by the *Wisconsin Health Information Organization*, *Wisconsin Collaborative for Healthcare Quality* and the *State Health Innovation Plan*. Look for more information in the coming months.

SAVE THE DATE!

November 7: *Navigation to Innovation: WHIO'S 2016 Learning Forum* at Madison's Monona Terrace Convention Center. See news on our keynote speaker above and look for more information in the coming months.

FAQ

What is an episode of care?

An episode of care encompasses all of the diagnostic work and treatment for a person's condition that have been submitted to payers on medical and pharmacy claims. Episodes of care are categorized into Symmetry Episode Treatment Groups (ETGs). They begin with an anchor record – claim lines that identify direct evaluation and management services provided by a clinician, or surgical services or room and board services submitted by a facility. They are clinically homogenous, which means that members within a particular ETG and severity level are clinically consistent with other members with the same ETG and severity level.

Procedure Episode Groups (PEGs) group episodes based on a surgical procedure. In addition to the surgery, PEGs group medical and pharmacy services related to the surgical procedure and spans care provided prior to the procedure, through the procedure and any repeated procedures. PEGs usually cover a shorter period of time than an ETG episode, although sometimes their time periods are equal, e.g., the services for the PEG comprise the entire ETG.

Did You Know?

Top Ten Reasons Why Adults Frequent the ER

(age 18+, excludes “unknown” episodes)

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| Diabetes, w/o surgery | 56,517 |
| Other drug dependence | 38,258 |
| Asthma | 35,433 |
| Mood disorder, depressed | 34,474 |
| Psychotic & schizophrenic disorders | 24,554 |
| Ischemic heart disease, w/o surgery | 23,916 |
| Chronic renal failure | 21,756 |
| Hypertension | 21,300 |
| Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, w/o surgery | 19,976 |
| Pregnancy, with delivery | 19,738 |

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