

General Principles of Quality of Care for Chronic Diseases

Chronic diseases are a major cause of morbidity and mortality in the U.S. and worldwide. While evidence-based treatments exist for many of them, they are not uniformly utilized and patient outcomes suffer as a result. While historically quality of care of each condition was approached individually, there are many similarities between processes of care for chronic diseases. This presentation will discuss the general principles that underlie treatment of asymptomatic chronic diseases and their implications for research and quality improvement.