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Conference Abstract

Insight in the demand for care of a defined population: a key element of Population Health Management

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Abstract

Purpose: The purpose is to get insight in the demand for and prevalence of care of defined populations.

Theory: To reach the Triple Aim of simultaneously improving population health, improving the patient experience of care, and reducing per capita cost, a population denominator is required. Also, the demand for care in the future will to a large extent be determined by the increase of chronic diseases and ageing.

Methods: In the 'Wijk- en Praktijkscaan' (Neighbourhood and Practice scan) demographic data and data about the demand for care has been combined with patient data at the lowest possible geographical level. The Wijk- en Praktijkscaan has been implemented in various Health Centres and Care Groups in the Netherlands.

Findings: The scan provides among others insight in differences between the expected and actual demand for care and the prevalence and geographical distribution of patients with one or more (chronic) diseases.

Discussion: Insight in the demand for care of a specific population is a key element to organise the supply of care in neighbourhoods in a more integrated way. It is also necessary to get insight in the potential possibilities for substitution of care that will probably reduce costs and lead to better health.

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population, management, demand for care, integration, substitution

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