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Conference Abstract

Evaluation of health care delivery integration: the case of the Russian Federation

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Abstract

Objectives:

- evaluate the level of fragmentation/integration in the Russian Federation health care
 - explore tools to strengthen integration with the focus on economic incentives
- Methods: survey of physicians (1700 in 3 regions of Russia), review of the literature

Results:

- 1) the conceptual framework is suggested for the evaluation of health services delivery integration, as well as around 50 indicators for teamwork, coordination and continuity of care.
- 2) Physicians report low level of teamwork, coordination and continuity of care in Russia.
- 3) Bundled methods of payment (prospective payment for both outpatient and inpatient care, including repeated admissions) is the most immediately viable approach to encourage integration of providers. In Russia there is a good evidence of the method known as 'policlinic as fundholder' (fundholding method). It creates incentives for polyclinics to plan all stages of service delivery, cooperate and communicate with hospitals, refer patients to the best providers, expand activities to avoid aggravations of chronic cases.

Keywords:

medical service integration, coordination of care, continuity of care, fundholding
