CM Initial Contact: Training Tool



Introduction

- Verify 2 identifiers
- Introduce self and role in clinic (part of PC/ PACT team)*
- Explain how long the visit will be
- Explain purpose of contact, including what will happen during the visit (review/use of measures, symptom review and setting goals for care)
- Explain that a note from the visit with go into the medical record
- Explain reporting obligations (in accordance with discipline specific guidelines)*

Assess

Referral Problem

- Identify patient perspective of problem
- Evaluate how presenting problem impacts patient's functioning (home, social, work, recreational, and spiritual)

Administer/Reviews Structured Measures

 Use/reference assessment measures appropriate to primary care (e.g., PHQ9, GAD7, PCL) and their use over time in treatment*

Past Mental Health History

Briefly review mental health treatment history (including medication, hospitalizations, therapy)

Current Psychotropic Medication

- If on psychotropic medications, ask about adherence*
- If on psychotropic medications, asks about side effects*

Assess for Suicidal/Homicidal Ideation

Appropriately assess and manage risk of harm to self/others (High Risk Protocol followed when indicated)*

Summary

Provide summary of items assessed (including patient's perspective)

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Advise/Agree

Discuss Treatment Options

- Discuss treatment options (explain specific, personalized options that are based in the evidence)
- Utilize shared decision-making approach to identify initial overarching goals for treatment (based on patient interest and motivation to change)
- Agree on initial plan of care*

Assist

Patient Education and Activation

Provide patient education and/or activation (e.g., psychoeducation, SMART goal, Behavioral Activation)

Arrange

Discuss Next Steps and Schedule Follow Up

- Let Veteran know what follows, including plans for follow-up (visits/calls)*
- Give Crisis Line and local contact information*
 - o VCL number: 1-800-273-8255 (press 1)
- Ask best time to be scheduled for follow-up and schedule appts/make referrals as needed
- Remember: Ask "Is there anything else we can do for you today?"

PCP Feedback

Feedback

Provide brief, focused feedback to PACT on patient's reported progress

Note: Total time to complete <30 minutes