

The ABCs of the APCD

1. What is the APCD?

APCD - All Payer Claims Database: collects information about medical, dental, and pharmacy usage across insurance plans and healthcare providers.

2. What are the goals of the APCD?

- Controlling healthcare costs
- Improving the quality of care
- Improving the patient's experience
- Eliminating health disparities

3. Who can benefit from an APCD?

- Consumers and patients
- Employers
- Healthcare providers
- Researchers
- Policymakers
- Insurers

4. Why is this data different than other sources of data?

- This source is comprehensive and transparent
- It is data from both public and private providers: private insurers, third party administrators, Medicaid, Medicare
- Includes dental, medical and pharmacy claims
- Researchers, decision makers, health systems and individual practices will be able to access this data

5. Is this connected with the Affordable Care Act and our state's Health Exchange? Yes

- Housed in the Health Insurance Exchange and governed by their Board
- Created by state mandate PA 12-166
- Initially funded by a \$6.6 million federal grant

6. How is it governed in Connecticut?

- Tamim Ahmed is the Executive Director: 860.757.5334
- Advisory Council Offices located at Access Health CT

7. Why is it important?

- Track use of health care services
- Evaluate performance of the system, providers, and insurers
- Identify major drivers of costs and trends
- Assess the impact of programs and new initiatives
- Allow comparisons with other states
- Design solutions precisely targeting problems
- Identify health disparities for program, practice, and policy interventions

8. Why does CT need an APCD?

- Data in CT is fragmented and in silos
- Data is not available to the public
- Lack of consistent, high quality data has been a barrier to progress
- Can create a continuous learning loop for providers
- Can identify best practices and help disseminate them
- Can systematically pinpoint disparities in care
- Provides an evidence basis for program and policy work

9. What are some examples of how this data will be used.

- Pinpoint overuse of radiation and other treatments
- Find best practices in hip and knee replacement
- Identify providers doing a good job on medication reconciliation
- Reduce health disparities

10. What about privacy issues?

- No personally identifiable information will be publically released.

11. Where can I get more information about the APCD?

<http://www.apcdouncil.org/>

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