

Presentation 5c – H. Liesel Copeland

Process Evaluation of the PTSD clinical practice guideline for veterans

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Rationale

- Gulf War veterans have a three-fold higher incidence of PTSD than veterans of the same era not deployed to the gulf. Prevalence is similar to Vietnam veterans.
- PTSD is under-recognized in primary care.
- The VA recently released an evidence-based clinical practice guideline for PTSD
- Adoption of the guideline could improve clinical care.
- There is a need to evaluate the extent of implementation (awareness and adoption) of the guideline in primary care settings

Specific Aims

- Elucidate primary care providers' knowledge, needs, attitudes, beliefs, and intentions about the CPG for PTSD
- Describe patients' responses to assessment of key components of the PTSD CPG
- Identify documentation of diagnosis and care of patients with PTSD in the medical records
- Compare the three perspectives (clinician, patient, chart documentation) of need and utility for the PTSD CPG

Data Collection

- Multi-method data collection with triangulation of sources
 - Interviews of Primary Care providers
 - Knowledge, perceptions, use
 - Questionnaires of Primary Care providers
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 - Questionnaires of Patients
 - Symptoms, provider communication, recall of screening
 - Medical Record review
 - Implementation – diagnosis, key guideline steps