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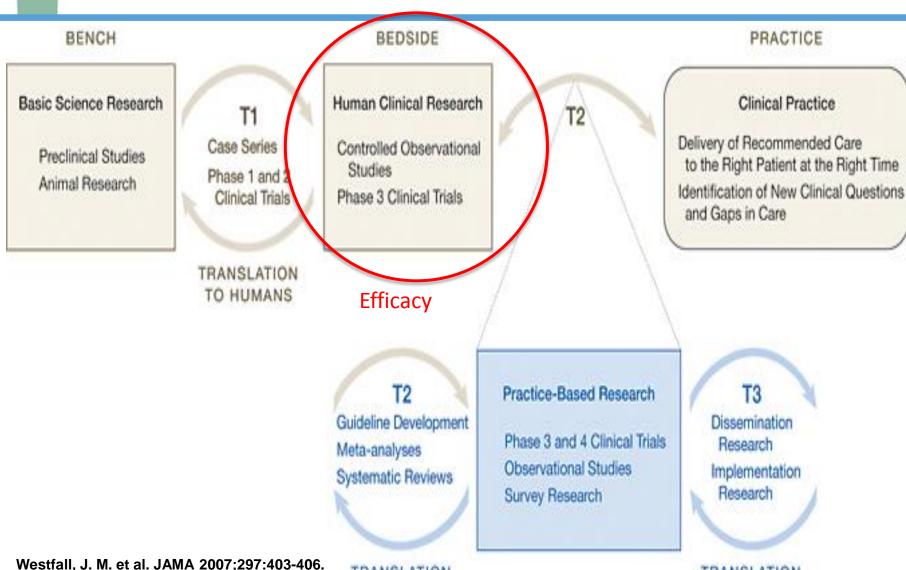
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What is Practiced-based research?

- Practice-based research occurs in the office, clinic or hospital,
 where patients generally receive clinical care.
- Practice-based research can
 - identify the problems that arise in daily clinical practice that create the gap between recommended care and actual care;
 - demonstrate whether interventions with proven efficacy are truly effective and sustainable when provided in realworld setting of ambulatory care; and
 - provide the "laboratory" for testing system improvements in primary care to maximize the number of patients who benefit from medical discovery.

What is a practiced-based research network (PBRN)?

- A PBRN is a group of practices devoted principally to the clinical care of patients, affiliated with each other in order to investigate questions related to community-based practice
- PBRNs often link practicing clinicians with investigators experienced in clinical and health services research, while at the same time enhancing the research skills of the network members
- PBRNs provide a sense of ongoing commitment to the research endeavor and an organizational structure that transcends a single study

Two examples of PBR in practice

 Integrative Medicine provided at Abbott Northwestern Hospital (ANW)

 BraveNet Practice Based Research Network (PBRN)

ANW Inpatient Program History

- Started at Abbott Northwestern Hospital (ANW) in Minneapolis in 2003
- Practitioners holistic nurse clinicians, massage therapists, acupuncturists, music therapist, reflexologist
- Services provided initial consults, massage, acupuncture, acupressure, music therapy, reflexology, guided imagery, relaxation and stress management

Purpose of IM Inpatient Program

- Increase awareness and understanding of integrative approach in acute care
- Incorporate integrative modalities to support more comprehensive care, especially with symptom management (pain, anxiety), stress reduction and enhanced comfort
- Empower patients and staff to engage in their own healing process through education and practice of self care

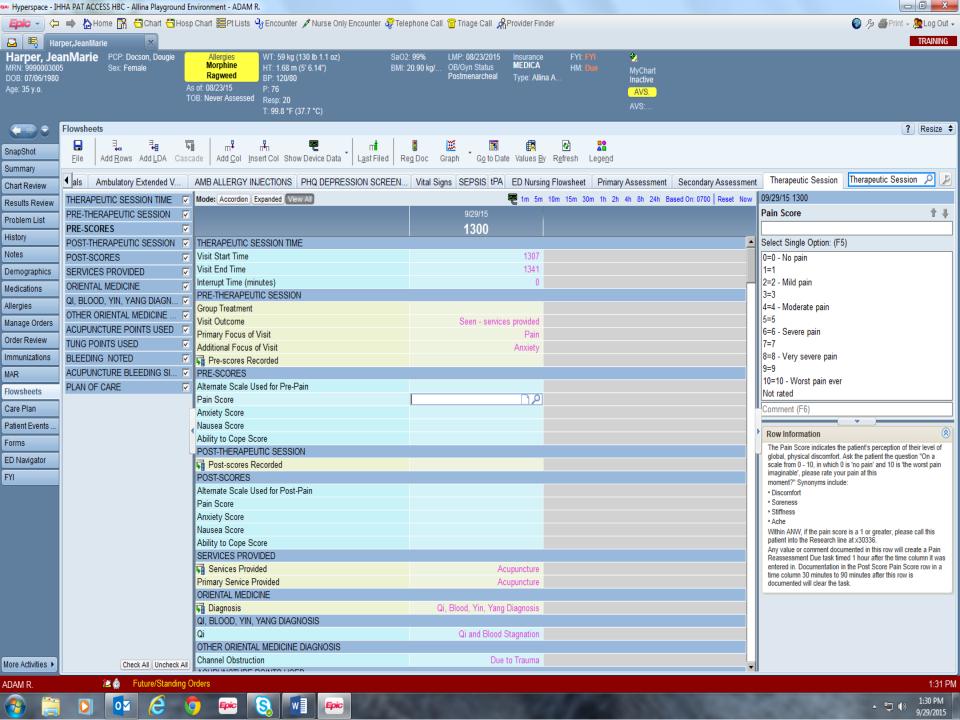
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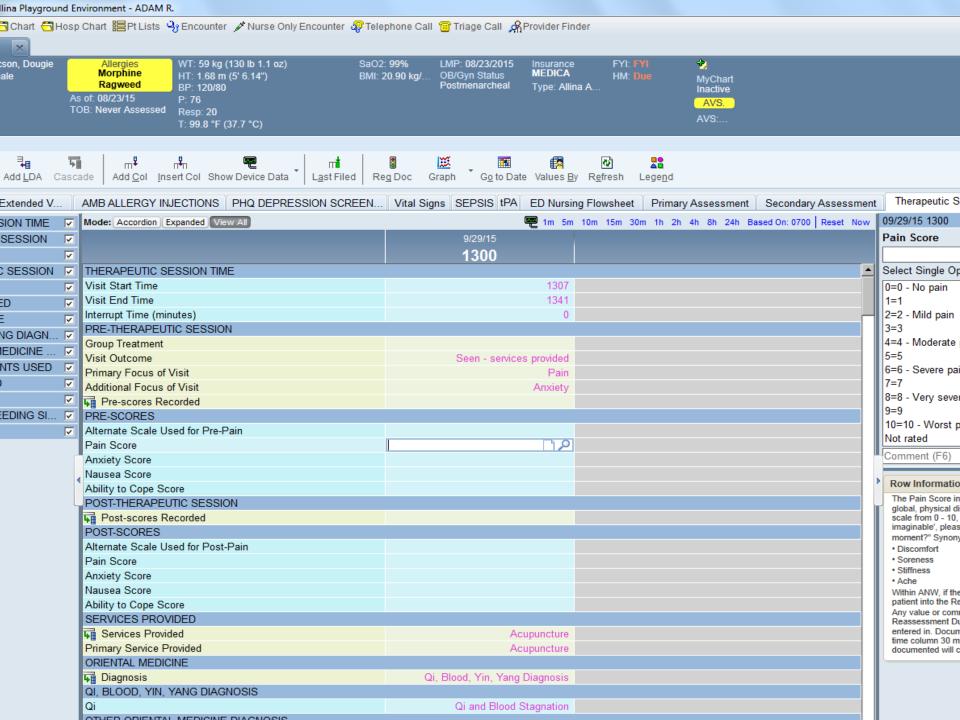
- Patients receive individualized care including:
 - Acupuncture, acupressure
 - therapeutic medical massage, reflexology
 - mind/body therapies (e.g. relaxation response)
 - energy healing (e.g. Reiki, healing touch)
 - music therapy
 - aromatherapy
- 15 practitioners (11.5 FTEs)
 - 6.3 FTE massage therapists
 - 3.5 FTE acupuncturists
 - 0.9 FTE music therapist
 - 0.8 FTE Nursing

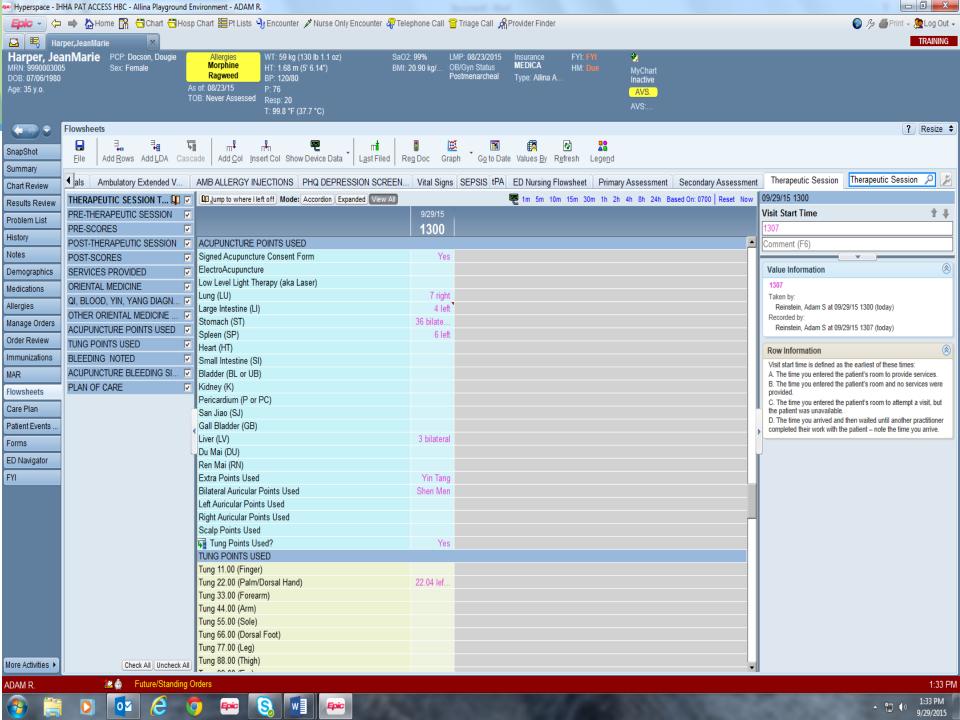
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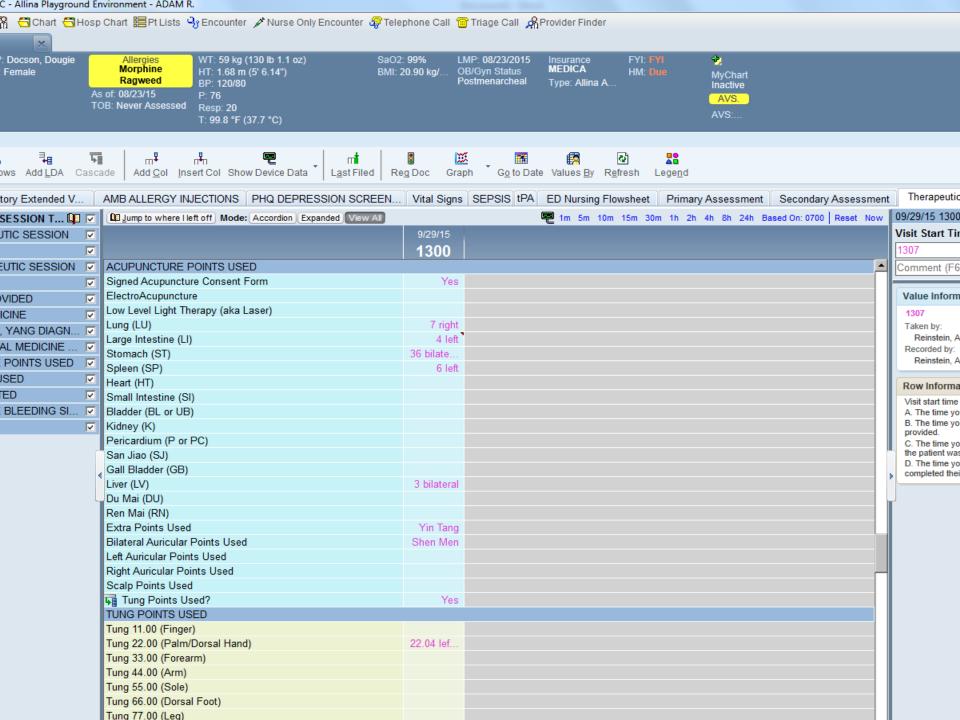
~10,000 IM visits annually: ~4,000 unique pts.

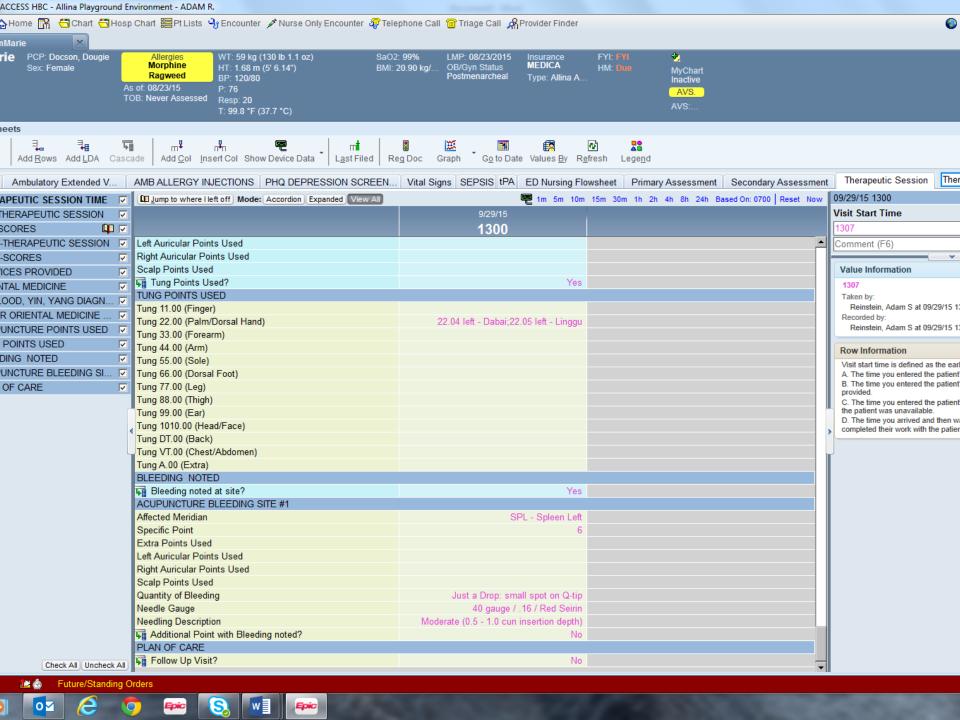
- Physician or nurse referrals via EPIC electronic health record (EHR)
- Triage Meeting
- Medical record review by IM provider
- Treatment (24-36 hrs)
 - Intake
 - Baseline data collection (e.g., pain, anxiety, nausea)
 - IM therapy
 - Follow-up data collection
- IM provider documents in EHR











Impact on Pain Management

- Participants: 1837 patients hospitalized between January 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009.
- Measurements: Pretreatment and post-treatment pain scores on a verbal scale of 0 to 10.
- Results: Most patients (66%) had never previously received any integrative services.
- The average reduction in pain was 1.9 points and the average percentage in pain reduction was 55%.
- No differences across clinical populations (small sample size).

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The Impact of Integrative Medicine on Pain Management in a Tertiary Care Hospital

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Background: Optimal inpatient pain management remains a major institutional and therapeutic challenge. Nontoxic, nonpharmacological approaches to treating pain show promise but have not been widely implemented, nor has their effectiveness been evaluated.

Aims: To evaluate the effectiveness of an inpatient integrative medicine consult service for pain management in 6 settings across an entire tertiary care hospital.

Design: Retrospective, observational study.

Setting: Abbott Northwestern Hospital, a 629-bed tertiary-care hospital in Minneapolis, Minn, that is part of Allina Hospitals & Clinics.

Participants: Approximately 1837 patients hospitalized between January 1, 2008, and June 30, 2009.

Measurements: Pretreatment and posttreatment pain scores on a verbal scale of 0 to 10.

Results: Most patients (66%) had never previously received integrative services. Provision of integrative services had immediate and beneficial effects on pain scores. The average reduction in pain scores was 1.9 points (on a 10-point scale), and the average percentage in pain reduction was approximately 55%.

Conclusions: The formal provision of inpatient integrative medicine had a significant impact on pain scores for hospitalized patients, reducing self-reported pain by more than 50%, without placing patients at increased risk of adverse effects. This was true in all 6 settings. Age, previous use of complementary therapies, and sex did not affect results. Future research must define the appropriate dose of the intervention, the duration of the relief, and the identification of patients most likely to respond to these nonpharmacological treatments. Additionally, future research using the electronic health record will allow quantification of any reduction in total costs, pain medication usage, and adverse events.

Key Words: integrative medicine, pain management

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ptimal inpatient pain management remains a major institutional and therapeutic challenge. Roughly 80% of patients report moderate to severe pain levels after surgery. Since at least 2001, the Joint Commission has held acute care hospitals accountable for the assessment, documentation, and management of pain. This has undoubtedly improved the quality of pain management. Now, health care leaders must face the next

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level question: how can institutional policies emphasize effective pain control and simultaneously avoid side effects of opioid medications including respiratory depression, clouded mentation, hypotension, nausea, constipation, dizziness, and presumably, falls? For many providers, these dueling concerns represent a clinical dilemma that is not well answered when pain management guidelines emphasize pharmaceutical interventions.

The National Quality Forum's recent report, Safe Practices for Better Healthcare—2009 Update, establishes the importance of addressing both safety and quality. Specifically, this report queries how the current health care system can better manage pain (improve quality) while simultaneously reducing side effects (improve safety).⁵ The report further states that "There is strong evidence that integrative care can heal and improve basic conventional care by addressing the mind, body and spirit connection."6 Integrative medicine (IM) refers to the blend of conventional medical practices and nonpharmacological, complementary practices⁷ by using all appropriate therapeutic approaches to attain optimal health and healing. Integrative medicine strives to achieve wholeness and health as well as cure illness and disease. Recent systematic reviews from the Cochrane Collaboration and others indicate efficacy of various nonpharmacological, integrative approaches for pain management in hospitalized patient populations, including obstetrics,⁸ 11 surgical, ¹² 14 and postoperative and cancer-related nausea and vomiting. ^{15,16} These approaches avoid the adverse reactions associated with the predominate reliance on opioid medications for pain management. Even the Food and Drug Administration's Janet Woodcock, writing in the New England Journal of Medicine, has noted that nontoxic, nonpharmacological approaches to treating pain (e.g., mind-body skills development) show promise.17

Research studies of nonpharmacological, integrative methods to manage pain have shown both efficacy and the potential for reduced risk of side effects (e.g., safety). However, these studies have been silent, if not mute, on the subject of the effectiveness of these approaches. Can these approaches be implemented in real time, across and under real operational and financial constraints within an acute care hospital? Although randomized controlled trials are the accepted standard of clinical research, careful observational studies are invaluable as they provide an opportunity to assess what approaches are acceptable to patients and clinical care providers. They can be implemented in conventional treatment settings ¹⁸ and, we contend, could improve pain management.

The purpose of this observational study was to evaluate the effectiveness of an IM medicine pain management approach for patients across an entire tertiary care hospital. We hypothesize that it will be feasible to conduct an IM consult service for pain management across the hospital and that the integrative care will reduce patients' self-reported pain scores.

IM INTERVENTION

The Penny George Institute for Health and Healing (George Institute) is the Integrative Medicine Department at Abbott

Conclusions

 Initial evidence that adjunctive IM therapies substantially reduce both short-term pain and anxiety among inpatients.

- However...
 - How does the IM referral process work?
 - Would one see the same 55% reduction in a larger sample?
 - Are specific therapies more effective in clinical populations?
 - What is the duration of pain relief?

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AMONG INPATIENTS

Abstract Text:

DESCRIPTION (provided by applicant): Effective and safe pain management is a major health priority for the US healthcare system. Pharmaceutical interventions remain the primary approach to pain management, despite their well documented risk of adverse events, potential for addiction, and adverse impact on recovery if used excessively. Nowhere is this more evident than in the post-operative period where roughly 80% of patients report moderate to severe pain after surgery even after receiving pharmaceutical interventions. In inpatient settings, finding an effective non-pharmacologic intervention to augment narcotic medications would be a significant benefit. National surveys indicate that complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) interventions are currently used by 15% of American hospitals. Most often, these therapies are employed to address specific unmet clinical needs, the most frequent of which is pain. Eleven clinical trials have demonstrated the efficacy of CAM therapies to reduce pain (short- and long-term) in hospitalized patients along with traditional pharmaceutical interventions. Generating additional evidence of the effectiveness of these therapies for pain relief would advance knowledge and potentially affect practice patterns. a preliminary study, we retrospectively studied 1,837 patients who received CAM therapies at Abbott Northwestern Hospital. We found an average reduction in immediate pain of 56% and roughly 33% reported complete pain relief after the initial CAM visit. We recognize inadequacies of this study that limit both our knowledge of how adjunctive CAM therapies are implemented in hospitals and the effect of various CAM therapies on pain management, which can only be answered with prospective data collection. Using a prospective, observational design, we propose a large scale study to build on this exploratory work. It will document predictors of CAM referral, service delivery, and therapy selection for pain management. It will also examine the impact of CAM therapies as adjuncts to traditional interventions on short and long-term changes in pain across clinical groups in a hospital setting. The setting for this study of CAM is the Penny George Institute for Health and Healing at Abbott Northwestern Hospital. The George Institute is uniquely suited for this work as it is the nation's largest inpatient CAM program serving over 19,000 patients since 2004. The proposed study has 3 aims: 1) quantitatively describe a model for delivering CAM therapies to understand selection of patients and CAM therapies for pain management, 2) examine the effects of selected CAM therapies on immediate change in pain, and 3) examine the effects of selected CAM therapies on duration of pain change. Positive results from this study will assist hospitals in the integration of usual care and CAM therapy for pain reduction. Findings may also drive future research on the cost effectiveness of these therapies for pain management, as well as impact on patient outcomes such as length of stay and use of narcotics.

NCCIH funded observational R01: (2011-2016)

- Aim 1: Understand selection of patients and IM therapies for pain management,
- Aim 2: Examine the effects of therapies on immediate change in pain

 Aim 3: Examine the effects on <u>duration of pain</u> <u>management</u>

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- Assembled a test database 7/1/09 to 12/31/12:
 - To test analysis models.
 - Focus on certain clinical populations.
 - Oncology, cardiology and joint replacement.

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- Consensus Points include:
 - LI11, LI4 bilaterally; ST 36, GB34, SP6, and LV 3 on the nonsurgical extremity; and auricular points Hip or Knee Joint and Ear Shen Men.
- Average treatment time was 41.3 minutes (standard deviation of 12.5 minutes).

Group AQ in Joint Replacement: Pain Analysis

Pre- to post-IM therapy percent decrease in pain scores

		Any Joint Replacement
Any Treatment	No. Pain Obs	1,977
	Unit Decrease in Pain	-1.91 (-45.2%)
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41% of patients had moderate/severe pain prior to receiving AQ and only 15% of patients had moderate/severe pain after receiving acupuncture.

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Acupuncture Provides Short-Term Pain Relief for Patients in a Total Joint Replacement Program

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Oncology: Pain and Anxiety Analysis

Pre- to post-IM therapy change in pain and anxiety scores

No. Pain Observations	1,514
% Change in Pain	-46.9
p-value	<0.001
No. Anxiety Observations	1,074
% Change in Anxiety	-56.1
p-value	<0.001

Effects of Integrative Medicine on Pain and Anxiety Among Oncology Inpatients

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Background

Few studies have investigated the effectiveness of integrative medicine (IM) therapies on pain and anxiety

among oncology inpatients.

Methods

Retrospective data obtained from electronic medical records identified patients with an oncology International Classification of Diseases-9 code who were admitted to a large Midwestern hospital between July 1, 2009 and December 31, 2012. Outcomes were change in patient-reported pain and anxiety, rated before and after individual IM treatment sessions, using a numeric scale (0–10).

Results

Of 10 948 hospital admissions over the study period, 1833 (17%) included IM therapy. Older patients had reduced odds of receiving any IM therapy (odds ratio [OR]: 0.97, 95% confidence interval [95% CI] = 0.96 to 0.98) and females had 63% (OR: 1.63, 95% CI = 1.38 to 1.92) higher odds of receiving any IM therapy compared with males. Moderate (OR: 1.97, 95% CI = 1.61 to 2.41), major (OR: 3.54, 95% CI = 2.88 to 4.35), and extreme (OR: 5.96, 95% CI = 4.71 to 7.56) illness severity were significantly associated with higher odds of receiving IM therapy compared with admissions of minor illness severity. After receiving IM therapy, patients averaged a 46.9% (95% CI = 45.1% to 48.6%, P < .001) reduction in pain and a 56.1% (95% CI = 54.3% to 58.0%, P < .001) reduction in anxiety. Bodywork and traditional Chinese Medicine therapies were most effective for reducing pain, while no significant differences among therapies for reducing anxiety were observed.

Conclusions

IM services to oncology inpatients resulted in substantial decreases in pain and anxiety. Observational studies using electronic medical records provide unique information about real-world utilization of IM. Future studies are warranted and should explore potential synergy of opioid analgesics and IM therapy for pain control.

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Pain is a common, often debilitating symptom of cancer and a

The evidence base for integrative oncology among inpatients

Cardiovascular: Pain and Anxiety Analysis

Pre- to post-IM therapy percent decrease in pain and anxiety scores

		Any Cardiovascular
		Disease
Any Treatment	No. Pain Obs	5,981
	% Decrease in Pain	-46.5
	95% CI	(45.5 - 47.4)
	p-value	< 0.001
	No. Anxiety Obs	3,109
	% Decrease in Anxiety	-54.8
	95% CI	(53.7 - 55.9)
	p-value	<0.001



RESEARCH ARTICLE

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The effectiveness of integrative medicine interventions on pain and anxiety in cardiovascular inpatients: a practice-based research evaluation

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Abstract

Background: Pain and anxiety occurring from cardiovascular disease are associated with long-term health risks. Integrative medicine (IM) therapies reduce pain and anxiety in small samples of hospitalized cardiovascular patients within randomized controlled trials; however, practice-based effectiveness research has been limited. The goal of the study is to evaluate the effectiveness of IM interventions (i.e., bodywork, mind-body and energy therapies, and traditional Chinese medicine) on pain and anxiety measures across a cardiovascular population.

Methods: Retrospective data obtained from medical records identified patients with a cardiovascular ICD-9 code admitted to a large Midwestern hospital between 7/1/2009 and 12/31/2012. Outcomes were changes in patient-reported pain and anxiety, rated before and after IM treatments based on a numeric scale (0-10).

Results: Of 57,295 hospital cardiovascular admissions, 6,589 (11.5%) included IM. After receiving IM therapy, patients averaged a 46.5% (p-value < 0.001) decrease in pain and a 54.8% (p-value < 0.001) decrease in anxiety. There was no difference between treatment modalities on pain reduction; however, mind-body and energy therapies (p-value < 0.01), traditional Chinese medicine (p-value < 0.05), and combination therapies (p-value < 0.01) were more effective at reducing anxiety than bodywork therapies. Each additional year of age reduced the odds of receiving any IM therapy by two percent (OR: 0.98, p-value < 0.01) and females had 96% (OR: 1.96, p-value < 0.01) higher odds of receiving any IM therapy compared to males.

Conclusions

 Results provide evidence that IM therapies substantially reduce both short-term pain and anxiety among various inpatients.

- Future studies are warranted and could explore:
 - Potential synergy of opioid analgesics and IM therapy.
 - Longer-term effects of IM on pain and anxiety.
 - Cost effectiveness of IM therapy for inpatients.
 - Biological mechanisms of action.

Practice-Based Research

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BraveNet: Integrative Medicine Practice-Based Research Network

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PRIMIER, CO-PI

What is BraveNet?

- A practice-based research network made up of nineteen leading integrative medicine centers around the U.S.
- Established in 2007 with funding from the Bravewell Collaborative
- Charged with collaborating in projects to increase the knowledge and evidence-based practice of integrative medicine

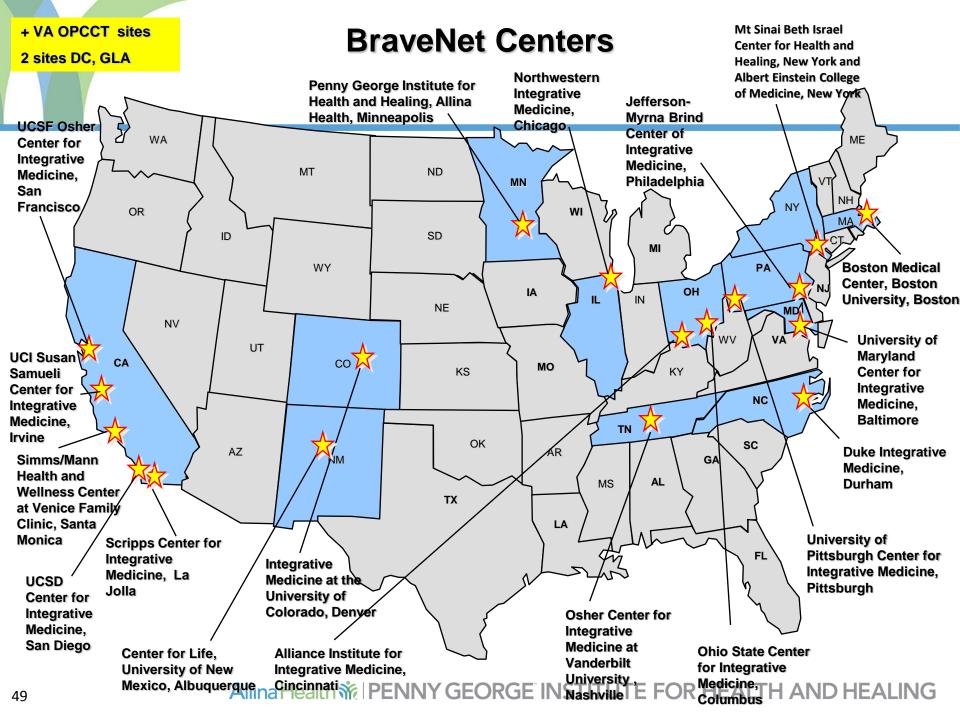
BraveNet Mission

To advance integrative medicine by:

- Collecting and analyzing data on use, effectiveness, safety, cost, and patient satisfaction with integrative medicine
- Creating an atmosphere of collaboration that stimulates and supports innovation in integrative medicine
- Contributing to the scientific credibility of integrative medicine
- Facilitating the dissemination of information that will influence the practice of medicine and creation of healthcare policy
- Providing a way to improve care at each practice and clinic
- Providing a way to work collaboratively to develop new methods of care

BraveNet Structure

- Executive Committee
 - Benjamin Kligler, MD, BraveNet Chair
 - Jeffery Dusek, PhD, PRIMIER Co-PI
 - Donald Abrams, MD, PRIMIER Co-PI
 - Coordinating Center PI and PL
- Steering Committee (site representatives)
- Coordinating Ctr (Einstein College of Medicine)
 - M. Diane McKee, MD, Principal Investigator
 - Claudia Lechuga, MS, Project Leader



Completed Research Projects

- BraveNet Multi-Center Integrative Medicine Survey (Registry Study)
 - 4,180 subjects, one visit (Explore, 2012 and 2015)
- BraveNet Multi-Center Study on Integrative Medicine Treatment Approaches for Pain (SIMTAP)
 - 400 subject target, four visits with 24 weeks follow-up, and includes laboratory testing
 - 252 participants completed four study visits and contributed to final analysis (BMC CAM, 2013 and Integrative Cancer Therapies, 2014)

BraveNet Publications

Abrams et al. BMC Complementary and Alternative Medicine 2013, 13:146 http://www.biomedcentral.com/1472-6882/13/146



Brief Report

RESEARCH ARTICLE Open Access

The BraveNet prospective observational study on integrative medicine treatment approaches for pain

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ORIGINAL RESEARCH

Characteristics of Cancer Patients Presenting to an Integrative Medicine Practice-Based Research Network

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ORIGINAL RESEARCH

INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE PATIENTS HAVE HIGH STRESS, PAIN, AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SYMPTOMS

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PATIENTS SEEK INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE FOR PREVENTIVE APPROACH TO OPTIMIZE HEALTH

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BraveNet Access to Patients In Current Network Sites

- Over 300,000 patient visits in 2013-2015
- More than 45,000 unique patients
- Over 300 Health Care Providers at the nineteen IM clinical sites
- Interest in expanding to additional sites for future studies

PRIMIER

- Patients
- Receiving
- Integrative
 - Medicine
- Interventions
- Effectiveness
 - Registry

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PRIMIER Objectives

PRIMARY OBJECTIVE

 To evaluate the change in patient-reported outcomes (e.g. quality of life, mood and stress) over time

SECONDARY OBJECTIVES

- To evaluate whether patient- reported outcomes differ by baseline characteristics of the participants (e.g. demographics, clinical condition, patient activation measure score or intervention sought)
- Identify best practices of Integrative Health and Medicine to improve the health of the US.

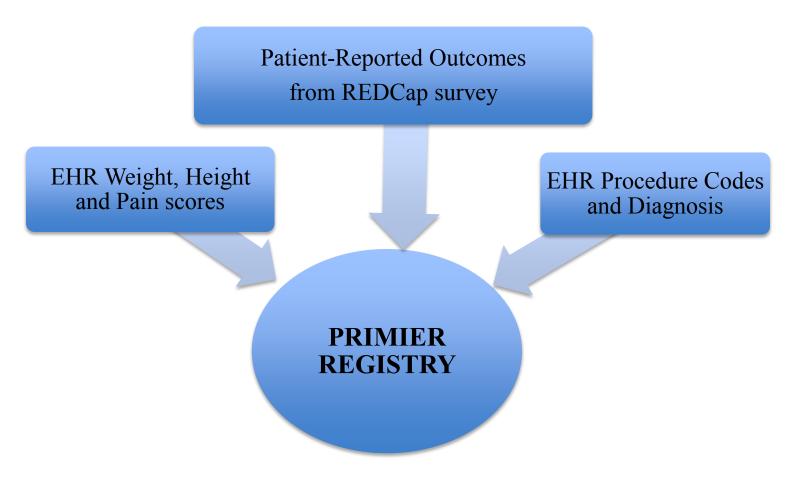
PRIMIER Inclusion Criteria

- Be seen as a clinical patient in one of the participating BraveNet clinics and willing to participate in the Registry
- Be 18 years of age or older
- Have access to a computer with internet connection and a valid email address
- Be willing to be contacted in the future by study investigators

PRIMIER Data Collection

- REDCap is used to collect all patient-reported data
- Baseline, 2, 4 6, 12, 18 & 24 months
- Patient Demographics
 - Alcohol, Tobacco etc
 - Utilization of IM interventions per NHIS
- PROMIS ® 29
- Perceived Stress Scale (PSS-4)
- Patient Activation Measure © (PAM)

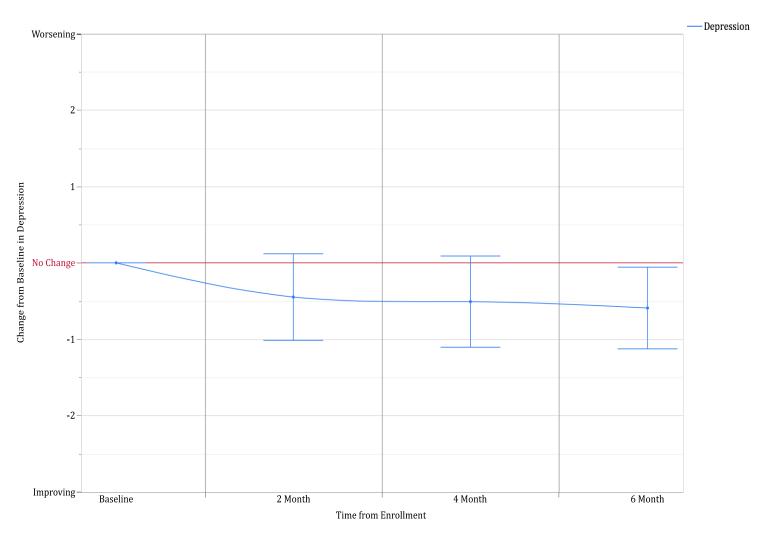
PRIMIER Registry



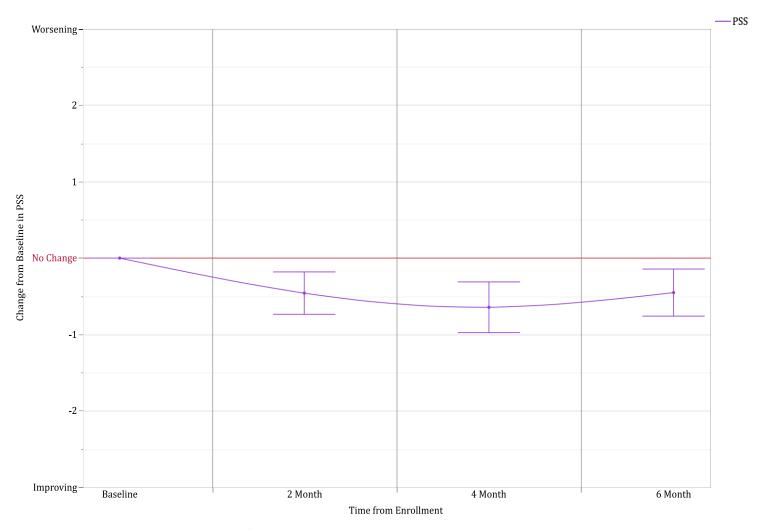
Baseline Demographics (n=1684)

- Female 77.4%
- Race: White 84%, AA 6%, Hispanic 6%
- College or Beyond: 81%
- Married: 56% Partnered: 10%
- Divorced: 11% Never Married: 18% Widowed: 2%
- Employed: 68% Retired: 14%
- Annual Income >\$100,000-49% <\$20,000-8%

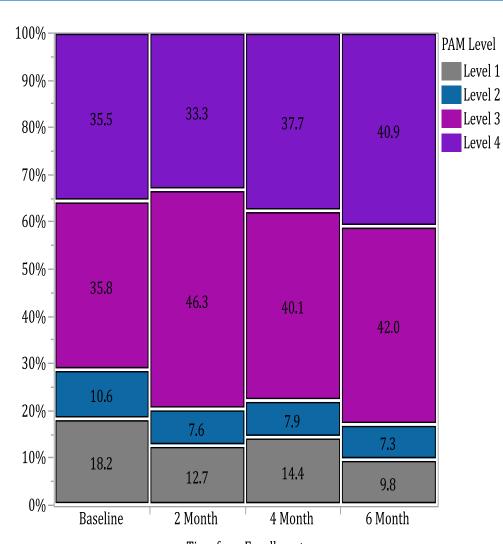
Depressive Symptomology



Perceived Stress

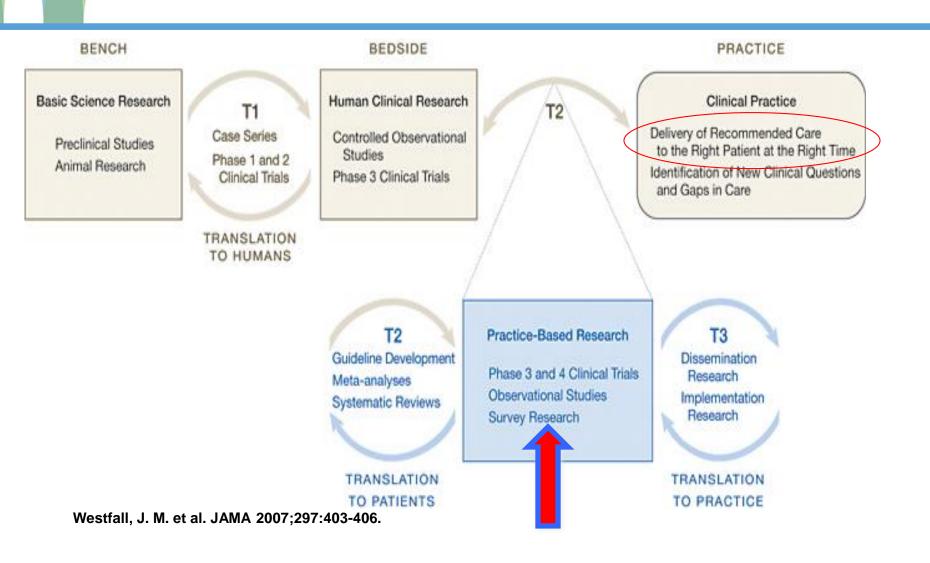


Patient Activation Measure



- Level 1- Does not believe has active or important role (↓46%)
- Level 2- Lacks knowledge and confidence to act (↓ 31%)
- Level 3- Beginning to take action (个 17%)
- Level 4- Maintaining behavior over time (个 17%)

Practice-based Research



Summary: Practice-Based Research

- PBR studies provide invaluable information for the field of complementary and integrative health
 - Both operations and research.
- Answers derived from these studies can be used in various ways
 - Future randomized trials
 - Clinical practice (operations)
 - Additional observational studies