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Conference Abstract

New funding and commissioning model as a driving force for the transformation of the Basque Health Service provision model

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Abstract

Introduction and Aim: the new model on financing and contracting (NMFC) of the Basque Health Service (BHS) aims to align and lead the health providing organizations towards the creation of local integrated health systems (LIHS). As such, a LIHS should show: coordination with shared responsibility, strategic objectives according to population risk stratification, improvements in care and health outcomes, and generation of efficiencies. Such proposal aims to provide sustainability to the health system and act as a spurring element for the BHS, given that parts of the generated efficiencies revert into the organization.

Material and Methods: Grouping of the health organizations in LIHS according to their population. Definition of the NMFC: linking the 3% of the financing of the BHS to every LIHS (primary care, acute and subacute care hospital), to population interventional plans (PIPs, 0.5%), quality (0.5%) and innovation (0.5%). Definition of PIPs prioritizing most prevalent pathologies and those in need of greater coordination between assistance levels. Use of the stratification tool for the selection of the groups to be intervened proactively.

Results: 44 PIPs were displayed, 4 per LIHS (target population): pluripathology (3575), COPD (5294), HF (3699) and Diabetes (10984). An evaluation frame and assessment guidelines were deployed for each intervention and committed resources were distributed for the Intervention Plan.

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Discussion: The NMFC implies a series of changes: from specific individual objectives to shared objectives in the same LIHS, from a reactive to a proactive medicine, from activity related payment to measure the results in health, from a generalized attention to an adapted attention depending on the necessity and morbidity of the patients. The change in the model introduces an important change in the work mode and management, i.e, a switch from structure based work to system based work.

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