



Ambulatory Care Practitioner Spotlight

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Elyse Weitzman is an ambulatory care pharmacist embedded within two primary care clinics at Froedtert Health in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Additionally, Dr. Weitzman is a PSW Ambulatory Care Advisory Board Committee Member! Dr. Weitzman assists her team by co-managing uncontrolled diabetes and hypertension, in addition to medication management for patients with polypharmacy and/or knowledge and adherence gaps. Patients are identified by the primary care provider or by pharmacist-directed referrals while doing population health management. Her current panel consists of approximately 130 patients and clinical outcomes are reviewed through reports in the electronic health record. The primary outcome Dr. Weitzman tracks at this time is A1c lowering. Within Froedtert Health, system wide CPAs have been created for diabetes, hypertension and smoking cessation for the 9 pharmacists dedicated to 23 primary care clinics. Dr. Weitzman and her counterparts are able to bill for office visits using the incident-to-billing model. Dr. Weitzman believes that provider status would be paramount in equalizing reimbursement for pharmacists performing equal services done by a provider as well as allowing pharmacists to assist in addressing the primary care provider shortages, especially in rural areas. Dr. Weitzman first became interested in ambulatory care during her IPPE and APPE rotations in Pittsburgh while spending time in the geriatric clinic conducting medication reviews and making polypharmacy interventions with an amazing mentor who was very passionate about ambulatory care pharmacy and the adult population. Way to go Dr. Weitzman! Keep up the great work promoting ambulatory care and helping patients achieve their health outcomes!



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