

Patient Education Services
Provided Within the Community
of Herrin, IL

Introduction

- There are numerous disease based educational services within most communities, although many patients with these diseases and their primary health care provider are unaware these services exist.
- Ideally, patients should be able to take advantage of these services that are provided to become better educated about the pathology of their disease as well as management strategies to slow the progression or prevent associated complications.

Purpose

I. Two Fold:

A. To establish a directory of the most prevalent diseases with educational services within the surrounding Herrin community to be used as a referral source at Logan Primary Care Clinic.

B. After compiling the directory I will hand out a survey to the physicians and nurses at the clinic to find out whether or not that they knew each of these services were provided to community.

Methods

- Research was performed to locate the most prevalent diseases within the community of Herrin, IL with the help from local services such as Extension Services (through U of I), Health and Human Services, the Chamber of Commerce, web sites such as www.herrinillinois.com., and by health care providers at Logan Primary Care such as Dr. William Hays.

Methods

- After compiling the directory I distributed a survey to the physicians and nurses at the clinic to find out whether or not that they knew each of these services were provided in the community. The surveys were placed in the staff member's mailboxes, filled out anonymously, and turned in to the assistant administrator at Logan Primary Clinic.

Results

- There will be five Patient Education Services listed on the pamphlet with a description of the service as well as contacts. These will include: *Dining with Diabetes* through Extension Services, *Smoking Cessation Program* through the American Lung Association of Illinois, *Breast Cancer Support Group* through the American Cancer Society, *Asthma Education Program* through the American Lung Association, and *The Alzheimer's Education Program* through the Alzheimer's Association Greater Illinois Chapter.

Results

- The second half of the research was the survey results. The survey handed out to the physicians and nurses had the following results: 80% did not know of the Dining with Diabetes Program, 20% did not know of the Smoking Cessation Program, 40% did not know of the Breast Cancer Support Group, 90% did not know of the Asthma Education Program, and 50% did not know of the Alzheimer's Education Program.