

Advancing Brightwood Care in Dementia (ABCD) – Project Summary

Project Goal: The ABCD project primary goal is to improve the quality of dementia care for all affected patients at Brightwood Health Center (BWD).

Target Population: All elderly patients with a diagnosis of dementia. At BWD 86% of its patients are Hispanic, 4.9% are Black and 7.1% are White. 13% of the patients are 65 years and older. 55% percent of the patients are Medicaid-insured and 30% are Medicare-insured.

Objectives: Improve the performance in quality measures developed by “The Dementia Work Group”:

1. Staging of dementia
2. Cognitive assessment
3. Functional status assessment
4. Neuropsychiatric symptom assessment
5. Counseling regarding safety concerns
6. Counseling regarding risks of driving
7. Palliative care counseling and advance care planning
8. Caregiver education and support

To achieve our objectives we will:

Keep an updated registry of all patients with a diagnosis of dementia and an identified primary caregiver.

All patients will have a cognitive assessment completed within the first year.

We will assess neuropsychiatric symptoms, functional status and caregiver burden with validated questionnaires.

All patients will have a completed geriatric assessment that will report the staging of dementia with a care plan which will include safety concerns and advance care planning discussion at least once a year.

Caregivers and patients will be invited to a support group that will be provided at BWD at least once monthly. For this we will have the collaboration of Alzheimer’s Association and from Commonwealth Care Alliance (CCA).