Improving Care for Children With Inflammatory Bowel Disease

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Improving quality and value in healthcare starts here at NHHC in Pediatric Gastroenterology. There is broad evidence that people do not always get the care they need due to cost, shorter appointment times and lack of coordination of care. Reformation of healthcare delivery to improve the quality and value of care is essential.

The NHHC pediatric gastroenterology department at Elliot Hospital is actively participating in the ImproveCareNow Network. We are proud to be part of the leading educational health network for children in the nation. Clinicians, patients and families are working together to improve the care and health of all children and adolescents with Crohn’s disease, ulcerative colitis and indeterminate colitis (also known as Inflammatory Bowel Disease: IBD).

We are collecting data from our patients about their experiences with their disease. The information is collected in a database which can be used by all providers to improve patient care and achieve the best outcomes for all patients with IBD. All the data collected is treated in accordance with patient confidentiality standards.

For decades there have been no significant improvements in remission rates for patients with IBD. ImproveCareNow has changed that. The goal of IBD therapy is for the patient to feel well, have no symptoms and be fully active. Since its inception in 2007 the remission rates of enrolled IBD patients have increased from 50% to over 80% all without new medications.

ImproveCareNow provides tools and support that our team uses to deliver more standardized and proactive care to our patients and families living with Crohn’s and colitis.

At NHHC we take a family centered approach to care. Over 50% of our IBD patients are enrolled in ICN and are receiving the benefits from the collaborative network. We hope to increase our enrolled population as well as to include parents and patients in our biannual learning sessions.

In the past 6 months we have taken our first step and are ready and eager to continue our quest to provide the best possible outcomes for our patients.

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