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**Background**
- A challenge often heard by persons working to advance transition planning and engage staff is the limited time allotted for a patient appointment and the competing topics/needs to be addressed during that visit. Coupled with the time needed for the actual appointment is time spent pre-planning.
- Demonstrated efficiency and ongoing support for any program is often driven by data. The purpose of the creation of reports is to provide both front line and management staff timely (meaningful) feedback on their efforts.

**Methods**
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**Results**
- What % of time did eligible patients complete a readiness survey?
- What % of patients completing a readiness survey had a documented discussion with the provider?
- What % of eligible patients received a transition discussion?

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**Conclusion**
Data reports providing timely, routine feedback on staff success and missed opportunities helps keep staff engaged, their efforts visible and transition planning on a conscious level.

**Current Projects and Next Steps**
- Encourage staff to improve the percentage of patients completing their annual assessments by providing 6 month and annual reports using bar graphs.
- Examine and compare what goals patients and caregivers select at each age.
- Last Visit ? Question being added to EMR documentation form to remind providers to write an order to transition to adult care with transfer checklist.
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