



***SHOWCASING THE
INNOVATIONS:***

**Guelph Family Health Team
INR Clinic**

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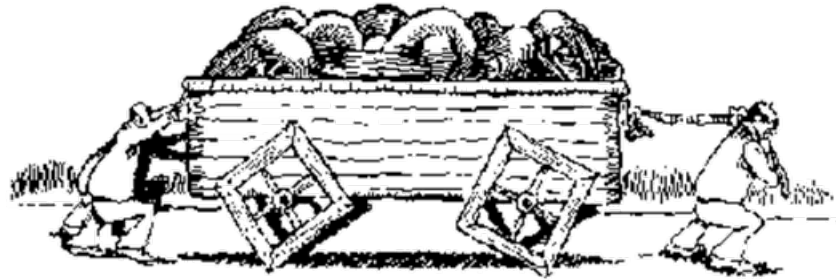
INR – International Normalized Ratio

The time it takes for blood to clot compared to an average

How well blood thinning medication (warfarin) is working

Traditional Approach to INR management	Guelph FHT INR Clinic
<p>Patient</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> →Lab draws blood →Lab calls Doctor with results →Doctor calls Patient re change to meds →Patient changes meds 	<p>Patient</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> →INR clinic-point of care change meds → Patient changes meds
<p>Dr bills G-code (G271 monthly INR monitoring)</p> <p>Lab bills L-Code (L445)</p>	<p>Dr bills G-code and</p> <p>Dr bills L-code and reimburses FHT INR Clinic to cover cost of lancets and test strips</p> <p><u>OR</u></p> <p>MOHLTC Funding</p>
<p>55% of patients INR levels within range</p>	<p>80% of patients INR levels within range</p>
<p>System inefficiency, patient and physician dissatisfaction</p>	<p>High patient, physician satisfaction</p>

System Barriers



- Schedule of Benefits-MOHLTC:
 - *Claims submitted by physicians for services performed by someone not employed by the physician him/herself are not payable*
- Medical Directives
 - *Widely used but not formally recognized in Policy*
- Funding/Policy-MOHLTC:
 - *No Ministry Policy to support Point of Care Testing*

System Opportunities



- Better Care Through Collaboration
- Diabetes Point of Care Testing