INCORPORATING HOME VISITS IN A PRIMARY CARE RESIDENCY CLINIC: THE PATIENT AND PHYSICIAN EXPERIENCE

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Background
Home visits, a once popular form of health care delivery have become less common. Few studies have focused on home visits and what value the experience may have to the resident physician and their patients.

Objective
1. To familiarize the resident physicians to the home visit experience
2. To assess desire and confidence to conduct home visits upon graduation from the program
3. To capture the voice of patients & residents participating in home visits

Methods
- A six month pilot was conducted at St. Luke’s Family Practice Center (SLFPC).
- The residents and patients were asked to complete a post-survey following their home visit experience.
- A total of 30 home visits were then conducted within an average of three mile radius from the clinic.

Results
- Resident providers (n=10) and their patients who completed surveys (n=11) believe home visits improved their quality of care.
- Overall, 80% of resident physicians and 100% of patients were very interested in participating in home visits in the future.

Conclusions
Ultimately, we believe home visits may be a significant part of the future direction of health care. Based on survey responses, our hope is to better meet patients’ needs by making home visits an integral part in physician training and primary care models.

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