

# Medication Management Medication Reconciliation on Discharge in Rural FHT

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# Atikokan, Ontario



- Population 2753 in 2016
- Median age 49; many seniors
- Canoe capital of Canada Quetico
- 200 km SW of Thunder Bay





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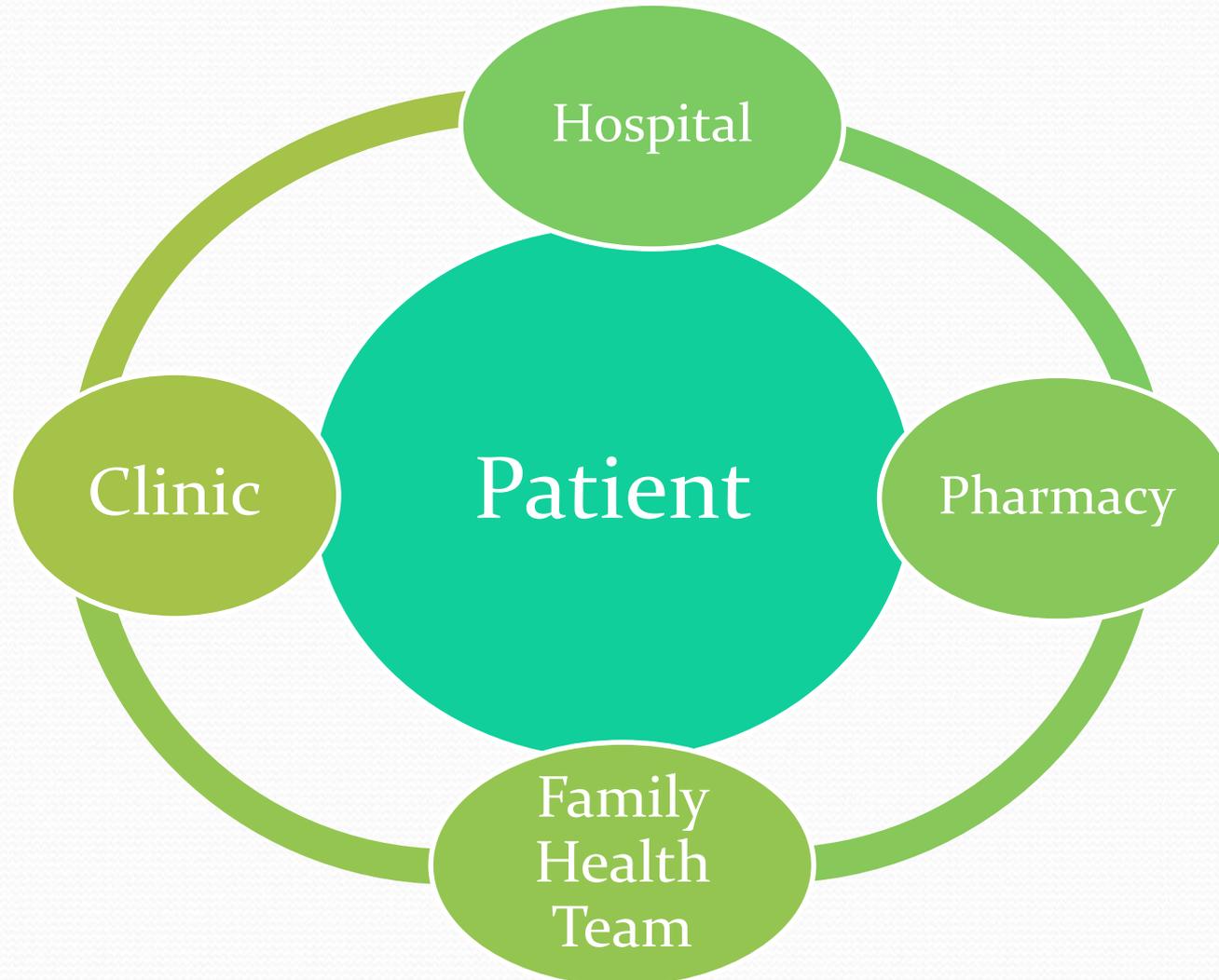
# Atikokan Family Health Team

*“Working together to help our community be healthy”*

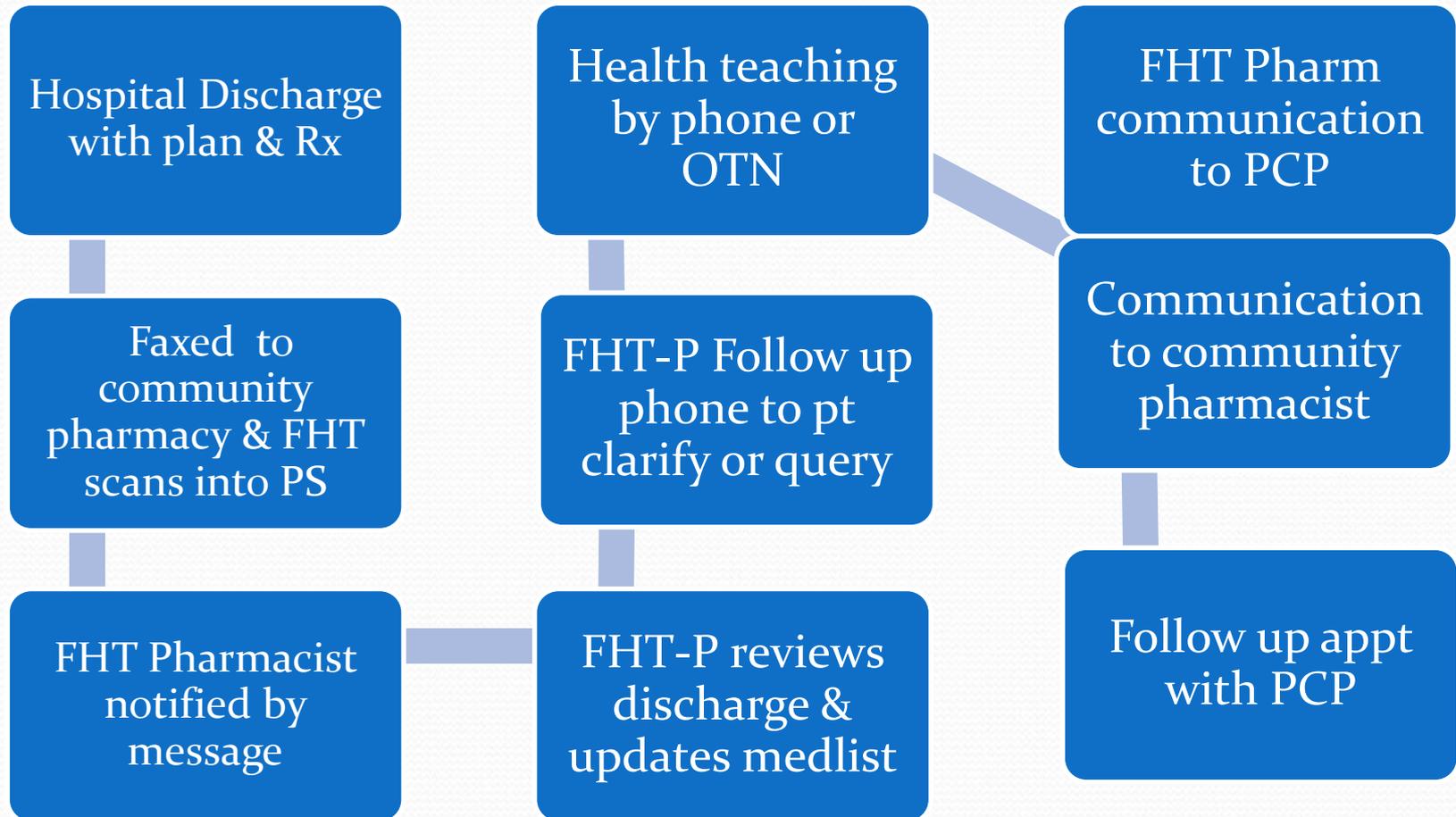
# Atikokan FHT staff

- 3 administrative staff
- 4 nurses (2 RN, 2 RPN)
- 1 mental health worker
- 0.2 nurse practitioner under NWLHIN
- 1 nurse practitioner
- 0.45 dietician
- 0.2 pharmacist

# Points of Medication Reconciliation



# Hospital Discharge Medication Reconciliation



# Medication Management

*Medication management involves patient-centered care to optimize safe, effective and appropriate drug therapy. Care is provided through collaboration with patients and their health care teams.*

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# 5 QUESTIONS TO ASK ABOUT YOUR MEDICATIONS

when you see your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.

## 1. CHANGES?

Have any medications been added, stopped or changed, and why?

## 2. CONTINUE?

What medications do I need to keep taking, and why?

## 3. PROPER USE?

How do I take my medications, and for how long?

## 4. MONITOR?

How will I know if my medication is working, and what side effects do I watch for?

## 5. FOLLOW-UP?

Do I need any tests and when do I book my next visit?



Keep your medication record up to date.

### Remember to Include:

- ✓ drug allergies
- ✓ vitamins and minerals
- ✓ herbal/natural products
- ✓ all medications including non-prescription products

Ask your doctor, nurse or pharmacist to review all your medications to see if any can be stopped or reduced.



Medication Management – Medication Schedule – Client Copy

Name: Penny Sillen DOB March 8, 1954 Address 123 Winding Way  
 Date: November 27, 2014 Allergies: sulfa = rash  
 Adverse reactions: upset stomach with codeine  
 Comments:

Drug name	dose	route	reason	Morning 	Lunch 	Supper 	Bed 	Comments
EC ASA	81 mg	mouth	heart	x				Prevents stroke and heart attack
Ramipril (Altace)	5 mg	mouth	Blood pressure				x	Started Nov 21, 2014; monitor any new cough
Zopiclone (Imovane)	7.5 mg	mouth	Sleep				x	Only as needed; may halve tablet
Vitamin D	1000 units	mouth	Bones		x			Over the counter
Lantus Long acting insulin	16 units	inject	Diabetes				x	Adjust to target morning glucometer 5 – 7.

# Medication management



- Pharmacist communicates issues to prescriber MD or NP, target before post discharge follow up appointment where suggestions or medication issues can be reviewed and considered with physical exam & reassessment.

# Resources needed

- 0.2 Pharmacist (remote or not)
- OTN where pharmacist not on site
- Nursing or family involvement for select individuals due to OTN & pt limitation
- Community partner collaboration
  - hospital, local pharmacy, FHT

# QIP - annual report in progress

Number of patients discharge medication  
reconciliation (77 to date)

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Number of patients discharged from hospital (81)

# QIP challenge

## discharge med rec

- Capturing discharges from hospitals outside of Atikokan community
  - Thunder Bay
  - Fort Frances
  - Other parts of Ontario or out of province
- Local community pharmacist faxes FHT pharmacist a copy of any hospital discharge from outside Atikokan and FHT pharmacist adds to emr & completes reconciliation process

# IMPACT

- Health Literacy
- Empower individual patients
- Therapeutic relationship
- Communication & collaboration
- Patient Safety

# Case example

- MN is a 75 yo woman with hx osteopenia, GERD, hypertension, IBS.
- Discharged from hospital with diverticulitis query abcess on ciprofloxacin and metronidazole x 10 days.
- Home medications to continue per hospital are  
pantoprazole 40 mg daily  
losartan 50 mg po daily  
calcium 500 mg po daily  
EC ASA 81 mg po daily



# Medication List Update per follow up phone call to MN

- Hydrocortisone cream (outdated )
- Eucerin cream (outdated)
- Steroid nasal spray daily (now as needed)
- Lax a Day regularly (now as needed)
- Low dose ASA was started 4 – 6 months ago on recommendation of chiropractor for a procedure to prevent clot
- Unsure of vitamin D dose in calcium supplement product
- Allergies verified; remote allergy to penicillin low risk

# MN Medication Management

- Discussed to hold calcium until ciprofloxacin course completed (drug interaction)
- Query need for low dose ASA – message MD
- Query clarify vitamin D dose to ensure at least 1000 units per day – message MD
  
- Inquire about tolerability and adherence to new medicines; pt denies any upset stomach from antibiotics and states she uses a dosette for adherence.

# MN Medication Management

- MD follow up post discharge visit:
  - confirms chiropractic care completed and risk benefit to discontinue low dose ASA
  - MD communicates recommendation at least 1000 units per day of vitamin D
- FHT-P updates EMR medication profile with follow up phone call to patient.

# Discussion

- Medication reconciliation at discharge provides medication management opportunities :
  - encourage individual patient health literacy with respect to medications.
  - ensure communication and collaboration of care within interdisciplinary team.