



Uniform Post Acute Care Patient Assessment in the US

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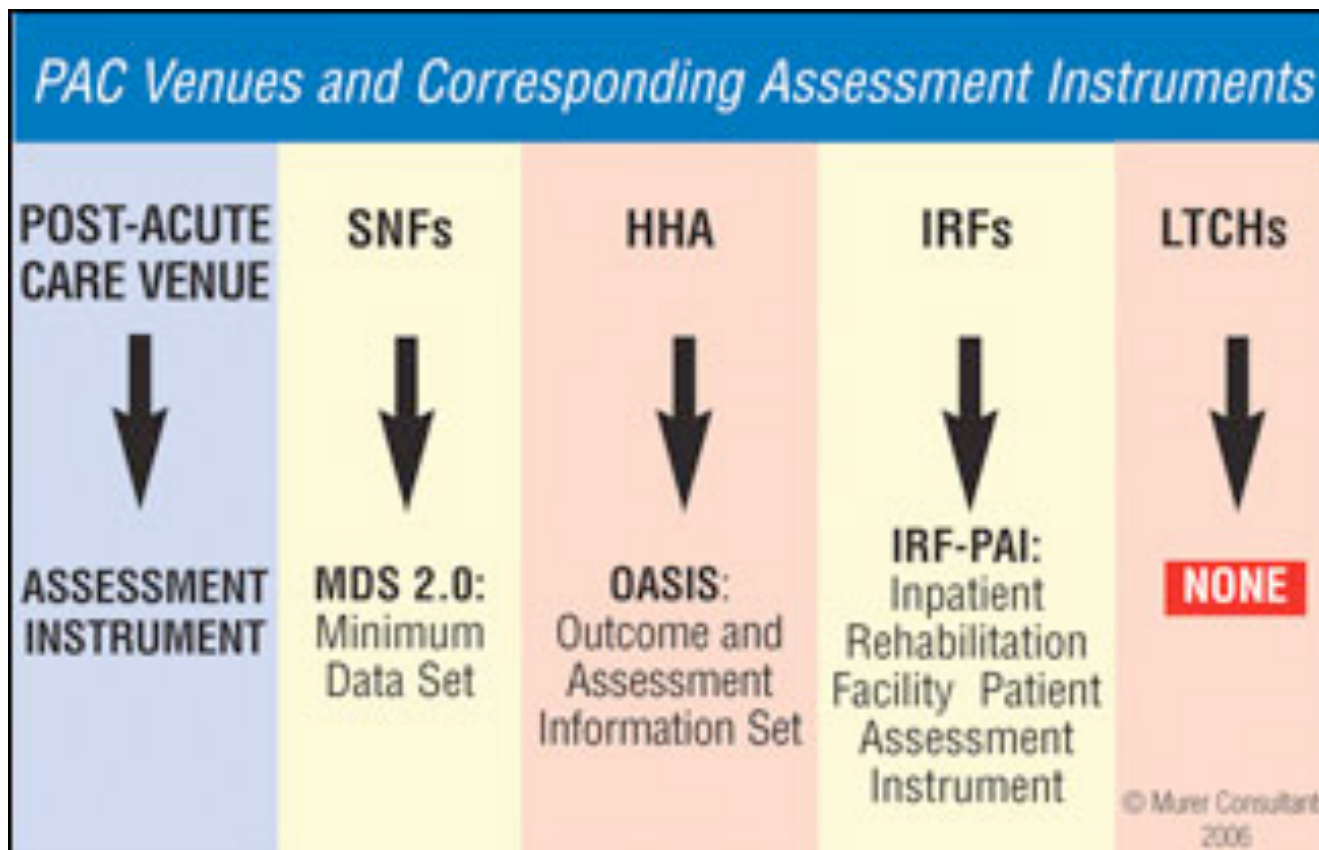
Focus of this Presentation



- **Discuss post acute care (PAC) initiatives underway in the US.**
- **Focus on the Assessment Instrument being Developed**



Current Tools for Measuring Patient Needs are Setting- Specific



Differences in Tools

- **Individual Items to measure each concept**
- **Scales used to measure each item**
- **Look-back or assessment periods**
- **Unidimensionality of individual items**

Deficit Reduction Act of 2005



- **Congressional mandate to establish a PAC Payment Reform Demonstration by January 2008 to examine cost and outcomes across different post acute sites**
 - Single comprehensive assessment at acute hospital discharge
 - Standardized assessment in all PAC settings to measure health and functional status and other treatment factors
 - Collection of information on resources/patient costs

A more Beneficiary-centered System of Post-Acute Care



- **Optimize choice and control of services;**
- **Ensure that placement decisions are based on patient needs with both the patient and their family receiving honest and useful information about the patient's situation and prognosis;**
- **Provide coordinated, high-quality care with seamless transitions between settings;**
- **Reward excellence by reflecting performance on quality measures in payment;**
- **Recognize the critical role of family caregiving; and**
- **Use health information technology.**

Continuity Assessment Record & Evaluation (CARE) Assessment Tool



- **Developing effective measures in order to drive the PAC system toward the delivery of high-quality care in the most effective manner, which will ultimately improve payment efficiency.**
- **The CARE tool targets measures that document variations in a patient's level of care needs related to treatment needs and staffing patterns.**

The CARE Assessment Tool



- **CORE Items:**
 - Pre-Admission
 - Medical
 - Function: Self Care and Basic Mobility
 - Cognitive
 - Social/Environmental
 - Discharge
- **Supplemental Items**
 - For those who answer yes on a screening item –
 - Pressure ulcer/wound items
 - Function items
 - Caregiver items

Issues in Selecting Items



- **Identify Standard –**
 - Measures that applied across severity groups but capture the range of severity
 - Scales that do not lead to ceiling or floor effects when measuring severity
 - Assessment windows that would allow severity comparisons at time of discharge and across settings
- **Self-report/observed/and provider-reported items**
- **Minimal burden on providers**
- **Meet minimum technology requirements across different care settings**

Current Status of the Project



- **Conducting a demonstration across PAC settings in several markets across the US.**
- **Examining the reliability of CARE tool components**
- **Developing an Outpatient common assessment tool that has elements in common with the CARE tool.**



Merci !