This special issue of *TBM* solicits papers that focus on the coordination of chronic care, particularly cancer. According to the National Quality Forum, “Care coordination is about what happens in the space between providers.” The Institute of Medicine has reported that patients with cancer—and other chronic diseases—often receive poorly coordinated care, however. Poor care coordination may be associated with poor quality of care, lower symptom control, medical errors, and high costs. According to a recent Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality review, coordination of cancer care depends upon effective information exchange and regular communication among patients, physicians, family members, support staff and services, and even community organizations. Some patients are able to manage this complex care environment alone or with the help of family or social supports, but others become lost, with direct negative impacts on the quality of care they receive. The complexity of cancer care—and other chronic diseases—is exacerbated when the health care delivery system is neither integrated nor organized in its design.

A growing number of government agencies, medical organizations, payers, and consumers have become engaged in efforts to improve care coordination, including the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services’ (CMS) Medicare Coordinated Care Demonstration. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has advanced initiatives designed to improve payment for the coordination of care under the Affordable Care Act, including CMS coverage of care coordination for Medicare recipients with chronic illnesses.

Yet little is known about the extent to which coordination occurs in cancer care—and other chronic diseases such as diabetes—across the United States, and whether approaches to increase the effectiveness of care coordination result in greater health care quality and improved patient experiences.

The Journal is especially interested in reports of research in the following areas:

- Describing the empirical evidence for the value of care coordination in treatment.
- Elaborating theoretical models of care coordination across the continuum of care.
- Developing, implementing, and testing a set of conceptually and psychometrically sound, evidence-based, and clinically relevant measures of cancer care coordination.
- Sampling diverse populations and conducting analyses of socio-demographic subgroups to assess any differential impact of care coordination interventions on health outcomes.
- Applying multiple levels of observation and intervention to cancer care coordination, from policy/community, organization/health system, and provider/provider teams to the family and individual patients.
- Examining the differential use of chronic care coordination intervention approaches—including those facilitated by interoperable electronic health records—across systems of care, clinical settings, and the cancer care trajectory.
- Developing new interventions to enhance patient self-management.
- Measuring the full economic costs of care coordination.
Original, empirical studies as well as literature reviews are encouraged for submission. Qualitative, quantitative, or mixed-methods papers are welcome.

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