Integrating patient-generated data into primary care

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There are many new and innovative ways that individuals can track their personal health data, including through third-party applications. These data are considered patient-generated data (PGD) and some patients are tracking information about their health on an ongoing basis. These data may present opportunities for clinicians to have a deeper understanding of the health of their patients between visits, since most patients only see their doctors a few times a year.

One type of PGD is observations of daily living (ODL). ODLs are people's observations, patterns and experiences of daily life such as diet, physical activity, sleep, pain episodes and mood. ODLs are unique in that they are patient-generated and patient-informed, meaning that they are not predetermined by others, but provide the opportunity for clinicians and patients to work together to choose the cue, behaviors and experiences to track and record. Read more

Richmond holds first Cooking Matters at the Store Tour

Family Medicine at Richmond held its first Cooking Matters at the Store Tour in partnership with the Oregon Food Bank on Dec. 19. The two-hour, single-session grocery store tour teaches participants to compare unit prices, identify three ways to purchase produce, find whole grains and read food labels. The tour ended with a $10 challenge, requiring participants to use the skills they learned to buy food for a healthy meal for four people for $10 or less. Participants took home a recipe booklet with shopping tips, a reusable grocery bag and $10 worth of healthy groceries.