THE VALUE OF SHARED DECISION MAKING

A coordinated, shared decision making (SDM) approach, places people facing or living with serious illnesses at the center of all HCP and care team communication.

The SDM process starts with a conversation between the HCP, patient, and caregiver. The patient and caregiver share their values and goals. Decision support tools, such as clinical pathways and online resources, lead to a care plan that incorporates both HCP recommendations and patient/caregiver values.

Care navigators and technology tools work in tandem to provide an extra layer of support for patients and caregivers throughout their care plan. The SDM process creates a continuous communications loop between HCPs and patients, allowing the care team to change course to reflect evolving patient goals.

Sources: