How Can Beginning Medical Students Help in a Medical Home?

Some ideas from preceptors...

- Contact patient after hospital discharge
- Accompany patient to specialist visit

- Help with QI projects
- Work on registry-based initiatives

- Find and link to community resources
- Counsel patients on healthy behaviors

- Pre-plan office visits
- Help patients with action planning
- Reconcile medications

- Interact with all members of team
- See the same patient multiple times over longitudinal experience

- Assess patient risk factors (e.g. smoking)

Steps to Get There...

1. Talk to students about your PCMH concept, roles, and expectations
2. Identify and select suitable patients to work with students
3. Plan next steps
4. De-brief with students

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