Background:
The expansion of Medicare preventive services coverage that took effect on January 1, 2011 provides a valuable opportunity for healthcare professionals to focus on preventive screening and wellness of patients, particularly in the context of an Annual Wellness Visit (AWV). Teams of health professionals working together and applying teamwork skills will promote safe, quality health care delivery as indicated by the IOM Health Professions Education.

We initiated an Interdisciplinary Care Model that brings the health care professionals in different disciplines to serve the patient at their AWV. The ultimate goals of this model are:

- To achieve better patient outcomes through preventive care
- To promote the better understanding, respect, and collaboration among the health care providers from different disciplines
- To provide the students with an interdiscipliary learning experience

This poster describes how this model was initiated and developed in a primary care setting.

Project Developing Process:

**Phase I. The Initiative:** The administrative leaders of TTUHSC decided that additional interdisciplinary models of care were needed and the new AWV could serve as an appropriate platform to facilitate this. This decision received the full support of all schools of HSC, and a core group of faculty from SOM, SOP, SON, and SOAH was formed.

**Phase II. The Planning:** Core faculty from each school met regularly to discuss the potential objectives, outcomes, implementation process and evaluation strategies (Figure 1). A template (Table 1) delineating the various professional roles delivered at each AWV was developed. In addition, an evaluation tool to assess student interprofessional attitudes and perspectives was also developed (Figure 2).

**Phase III. The Pilot:** The clinic was initiated on August 16, 2011 and continues to evolve. Student pre/post surveys are being conducted among the students participating.

**Phase IV. The Revision and Polishing:** The core group of providers continues to meet and discuss and modify the clinic flow, student learning, and outcomes assessment.

**Phase V. The Dissemination:** Report of Interdisciplinary Medicare Wellness clinic implementation and evaluation will be generated and disseminated internally and externally.

**Figure 1. Overview of the Interdisciplinary Care Model**

**Figure 2. Student Assessment Tool**

**Table 1. Integrated Medicare Wellness Exam Planning Template**

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**Table 2. Long-term Objectives**

1. Establish the Medicare wellness exam clinic model
2. Promote interprofessional education targeting students of different health care disciplines

**Table 3. Short-term Objectives**

1. Promote interprofessional collaboration among health care providers from different disciplines
2. Achieve better patient outcomes through preventive care

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**Scenes from the AWV Pilot, August 16, 2011**