

Creating Action Plans to Improve Communication and Collaboration between ILD Centers and Community Pulmonologists: Interim Results

SUSTAINABLE

IMPROVEMENTS

made through

participation,

clinical trial

awareness,

and referrals

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Objective
The objective of this project was to improve communication and collaboration between interstitial lung disease centers (ILD-Cs) and community pulmonologists (CPs), aiming to increase multidisciplinary discussions (MDDs) and help to address systems barriers related to the diagnosis and management of IPF.

Nine ILD-Cs with 2-5 CPs each participated in a survey to identify areas of communication to be improved. Action plans were developed and implemented to resolve barriers. Results from the 2 major barriers common to most ILD-C/CP action plans are reported here.

CPs Request Access to ILD-Cs MDDs -

Baseline Survey on MDD Participation





2. Action Plan Goals: MDDs

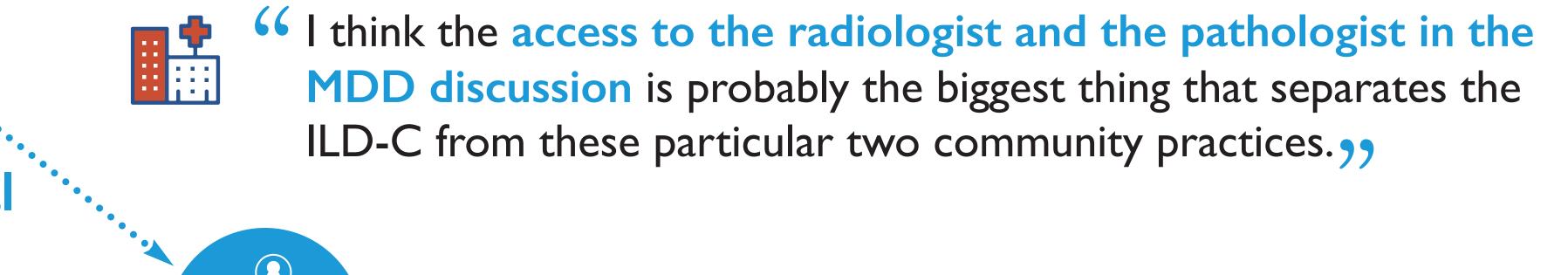
CPs want remote access to ILD-C MDDs
42% Cite the need for radiology expertise

3. MDDs: From Improving Diagnosis to Future Learning

[Collaborating with the ILD-C] is a learning opportunity is a learning opportunity for the community provider from the expert. I think it's a great, great, great collaboration. 55



Participation





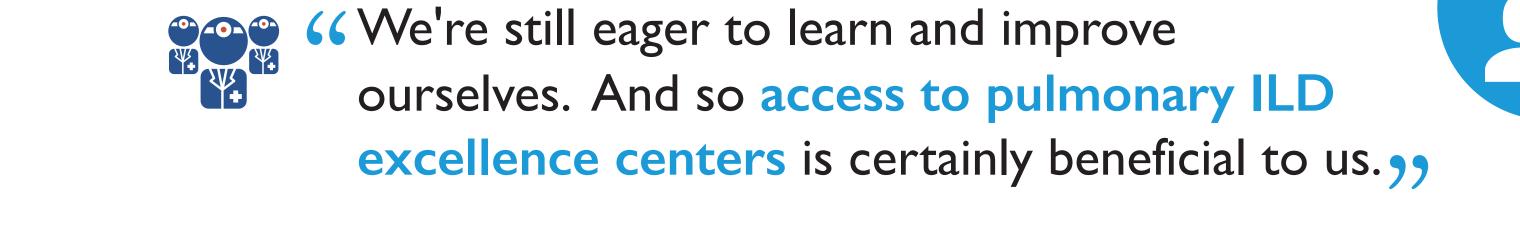


ILD-C from these particular two community practices. 55 The biggest value from my perspective...is in that





initial diagnostic phase. The earlier we see the patient...the better off. >>



4. MDDs: Progress Toward Action Plan Goals

Shared Learning

& Resources

OPROGRESS:

- Using GoToMeeting
- CPs presenting cases
- Telemedicine to review images Regularly scheduled MDDs
- Extending invitation to all local pulmonologists
- Including rheumatology, transplant & palliative medicine
- ILD-C faculty visiting CPs MDD
- ILD-C adding an outreach clinic closer to CPs

- remote access
- Radiology compensation

5. Sustainability-6 Month Follow-Up

Community providers are still participating in MDDs at ILD-C

I think improved access and interest in sharing our multi-disciplinary pathology conference is the biggest benefit. It is more work to arrange at first but not too difficult to sustain.

It [access to MDDs] would educate me so that I can do a

better job managing these patients.,,

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Recurring technology challenges

Need for new location to accommodate

CPs Request Information About On-Going Clinical Trials at ILD-Cs

1. Baseline Survey on Knowledge of Clinical Trials



2. Action Plan Goals: Clinical Trial Information 38% CPs want access to clinical trials



3. Clinical Trials: From Improving Diagnosis to Future Learning



Even just knowing if there is something else...if there is a trial and if they would be a candidate, then we can help the patient in that direction. ??

Shared Learning & Resources

It would be really useful for us to know what active studies you have going so that when we see a patient, we think about enrolling them in a particular study... That's always a good hook for getting them sent over to see you, just keeping us abreast of what active protocols are underway would be very useful. ??

4. Clinical Trials: Progress Toward Action Plan Goals

OPROGRESS:

- ILD-C webpage shared
- Quarterly newsletters disseminated
- Clinical trial flow sheets shared
- Unique ILD email address created
- CPs involvement in clinical trials
- Communication pathway for referrals

© CHALLENGES

- Keeping webpage up-to-date
- Widely sharing new contact information for ILD-C

5. Sustainability-6 Month Follow-Up



I think it has improved [the CPs] understanding of the benefits of referral to an ILD center including access to transplant, research, patient education materials and support groups.

