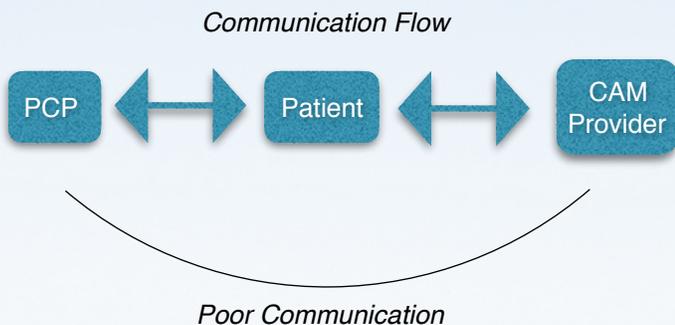


Primary Care Physicians, Acupuncture and Chiropractic Clinicians, and Chronic Pain Patients: A Qualitative Analysis of Communication and Care Coordination Patterns

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	PCP's	A/C Providers
No Effective Communication	"We do not get any written documentation of what they've done."	"I don't know if I'm supposed to [communicate with PCP's]"

Research continually indicates that quality interdisciplinary communication combined with evidence-based care strongly contributes to positive outcomes for patients with chronic conditions. This article from BMC showcases the challenges that exist between Primary Care Physicians and CAM providers.

Our office takes a pro-active approach to these challenges by providing case notes for the evaluation, re-evaluation, and discharge of your patients; as well as providing monthly research updates such as this. We believe that our patients will ultimately receive the best outcome possible when their primary care provider and CAM providers are working together. As one of our referral partners, please let us know any other ways we can assist in the treatment and care of your patients.

"Our analysis of the main players in the CAM health care triad highlight deficiencies of communication between PCP's and A/C providers, with patients being left to manage the information and communication."

"CAM plays a major role in the management of chronic pain for many patients. Thus the inefficiencies and quality of care deficiencies inherent in such a dysfunctional communication system may be contributing materially to suboptimal outcomes."

"Notably, many PCP's stated they did not know enough about A/C, nor about the practitioners who are treating the patients, to feel qualified to make decision about referrals."

We believe in creating a healthier community. We believe patients have better outcomes when physicians work together. Let's build a healthier tomorrow.