



The Chronic Care Model

Key Points

- The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Institute for Improving Clinical Care partnered with the program on Improving Chronic Illness Care (ICIC) of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and launched the Academic Chronic Care Collaborative (ACCC) to facilitate adoption of the Chronic Care Model in academic settings.
- The Chronic Care Model is a guide to higher-quality chronic illness management within primary care.
- The model predicts that improvement in its six interrelated components—self management support, clinical information systems, delivery system redesign, decision support, health care organization, and community resources—can produce system reform in which informed, activated patients interact with prepared, proactive teams.
- The Academic Chronic Care Collaborative at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and the Birmingham VA Medical Center will adapt and implement the chronic care model in the change package to improve the care of patients with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (ACCC-COPD).
- The Birmingham ACCC-COPD will be implemented over an 18-month period whereby multidisciplinary teams will apply evidence-based and practice-based learning strategies and tools in the management of patients with COPD.