CMA Statement on the Governance of Health Information: A patient-partnered health information governance framework

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WHAT IT IS

The purpose of this statement is to endorse the development of a digital health information governance framework that is patient-partnered. The framework is based on an understanding of the needs of patients, health-care providers, and health-system managers. It recognizes the importance of patient involvement in health-care decisions and emphasizes the need for a comprehensive approach to health information management. The framework aims to establish a clear and transparent process for the governance of health information, ensuring that patient privacy and confidentiality are protected. It also promotes the use of technology to improve the accessibility and usability of health information.

WHY IT MATTERS

1. **Enhanced Patient Engagement:** By involving patients in the governance process, the framework ensures that patient needs and perspectives are at the center of decision-making. This leads to more informed and effective health-care decisions.
2. **Privacy and Security:** The framework promotes the use of robust security measures to protect patient information, ensuring that health information is handled in a safe and secure manner.
3. **Efficiency and Effectiveness:** By streamlining the governance process, the framework helps to reduce administrative burden, allowing health-care providers to focus on patient care.
4. **Innovation:** The framework recognizes the role of technology in advancing health-care practices, promoting innovation and the use of data-driven solutions.

HOW TO IMPLEMENT

The implementation of the framework involves several key steps:

1. **Engagement with Patients:** Health-care organizations should initiate dialogues with patients to understand their needs and perspectives on health information governance.
2. **Stakeholder Collaboration:** Stakeholders, including patients, health-care providers, and health-system managers, should collaborate to develop and implement the governance framework.
3. **Technology Integration:** The framework supports the integration of technology to enhance the accessibility and usability of health information.
4. **Ongoing Evaluation:** The framework should be evaluated regularly to ensure its effectiveness and to make necessary adjustments.

The implementation of the framework is crucial for ensuring that health information is managed in a way that respects patient privacy, confidentiality, and security, while also promoting patient engagement and innovation in health-care practices.
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