

Kind Remarks About Siebens Patient Care Communications

I have observed Dr. Siebens develop the Siebens Domain Management Model ever since she taught me its principles during my rehabilitation residency. When I became Department Chair there was no question of bringing the SDMM to our Department as a method to think astutely and efficiently about our patients as well as document our care. This has been critical for teaching residents, focusing on improving care quality, and addressing reimbursement and documentation requirements. Better yet, with Dr. Siebens' guidance we introduced it with involvement of attendings, administrative staff, and the rehabilitation team over time and the adoption went smoothly.

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I have read your proposal for organizing patient care through the Domain Management Model with great interest. It is excellent... I think so highly of this program that I would recommend it not only for rehabilitation and geriatric patients, but also for all patients to help them better evaluate their own lives and their progress. If there is anything I can do to promote this proposal personally or professionally, I will be happy to do so.

The Late Rabbi Levi Meier, PhD
Jewish Chaplain
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA

After learning about the SDMM and trying it out, I've adopted it. You don't really appreciate what it does until you've tried it. I am using the model on a regular basis and it is working well for me. I really do think it has improved my follow-up visits so that I cover everything.

Mel Glenn, MD
Director of Outpatient & Community Brain Injury Rehabilitation
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I learned how to incorporate the SDMM progressively through discussions with Dr. Siebens. Now two years later I continue to actively use this framework in all my patient notes because I think it adds a great deal of value.

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Walter S. Kerr Jr. Professor of Urology
Harvard Medical School
Chief of Urology, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA

I just reviewed a physiatrist's consult using your SDMM model. WOW! The documentation is so good. It was more thorough than I usually see. The assessment was comprehensive and identified active issues and those requiring monitoring. This format made the medical necessity for the patient's rehabilitation clear. Personally, it made me feel that the physician was in touch with what was really going on in the patient.

Lisa Werner Bazemore
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Using the SDMM has really helped me. When used in my documentation, it highlights all of the patient's issues – medical as well as rehab (cognitive, functional, social, etc). This system allows me to focus more on integrating the key aspects of patient care. And using the framework doesn't take longer once I had learned it. Also, others in rehab hospital administration like the format as well. They say it shows the need for the hospital stay.

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Your Siebens Domain Management Model served as a theoretical model for the structure of our pilot course “Aging and Personal Wellness” offered in the Spring of 2009 at George Mason University. We used the Siebens Health Care Notebook as a tool to help our older adult students assess and organize information about their own strengths and weaknesses in the four domains. The Notebook was well received by members of the class, several of whom brought in all of their personal health care information and used a supplemental class period to fill and organize their Notebooks.

As a clinician who has worked with individuals with pervasive developmental disorders, disabilities, and chronic health conditions, as well as older adults, I have often helped clients assemble a binder of their own ... to help us consider the whole person in the process of assessment, diagnosis and treatment planning. Too often, some aspect of the body-mind-social-functional-environmental interdependence is forgotten. While the bio-psycho-social framework has been discussed by many and for many years, your Domain Model with the Notebook translates a critical conceptual model into a concrete and useful tool for both service providers and health care consumers.

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