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PHARMACIST-IMPLEMENTED PATIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO FACILITATE HOSPITAL DISCHARGE IN AN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY (B2), Yvonne Ofosu-Ameyaw, Jim Stewart, Heather Gamache, Angela Stewart. Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital, Yakima, WA (yvonneofosu@yvmh.org) IRB approval received.

The objective of this study is to evaluate the impact of a pharmacist-implemented patient assistance program for discharge medications in a community hospital. Specific aims of the project are to improve patient adherence to medications, minimize patient and institution's financial burden, and decrease adverse events associated with medication non-adherence. The memorial medication assistance program will be created and will include a formulary of medications for common medical conditions diagnosed at our facility. Program interventions by pharmacists will include therapeutic medication substitutions to formulary agents and assistance with patient enrollment in other appropriate programs. Data will be collected via retrospective review of the patients' electronic medical record for those who have used the new assistance program. Measured outcomes will include patient adherence, rates of recurrent hospitalizations and assistance program expenditures. Adherence will be evaluated by looking at the number of transfer prescriptions from our facility to community pharmacies. The decrease in our health-system's financial burden will be measured by comparing pharmacy expenditures for charitable care

before and after program implementation. The full results of this study will be presented.