The Physician Under Managed Care

Traditional medical school curriculum provides only a cursory look at the business of medicine. To help your student develop an understanding of managed care's influence on your practice, assign the following worksheet. Be sure to debrief the responses with the student within one week.

| Student Name: _____________________ |
| Date: _____________________ |

1. **What managed care plans does my preceptor participate in?**
   - Plan Name: ___________________
   - Managed Care Type: ___________________
   - Definition of that Type: ___________________

2. **Are any of these plans capitated? How does capitation work in these plans?**

3. **Does my preceptor, or his/her facility, receive a rating from any Quality Management agencies (NCQA, JCAHO, HEDIS, other)? What results has my preceptor noticed from earning that rating?**

4. **Which formularies does my preceptor use?**

5. **How does my preceptor get referrals? Make referrals? Are there any restrictions? Are there any required forms?**

6. **What is the rate at which my preceptors' patients use the emergency room?**

7. **What are the patient education expectations of the managed care plans my preceptor participates in?**

8. **What are the computer hardware and software expectations of the managed care plans my preceptor participates in?**

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