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Table S1: Patients Interviewed in Shanghai, 2018-2019

Participants' organizational affiliations were coded to maintain confidentiality.

Patient code	Setting	Age	Education attainment	Gender
P01	CHC1	68	Junior middle school	Female
P02		68	Junior middle school	Male
P03	CHC2	59	High school	Female
P04		77	Vocational education	Female
P05	CHC3	63	Junior college	Male
P06		65	Junior college	Male
P07	CHC4	80	Undergraduate	Male
P08		71	Undergraduate	Male
P09	Tertiary hospital 1	69	Junior high school	Male
P10		64	[unknown]	Male
P11	Tertiary hospital 2	65	Junior high school	Male
P12		77	Undergraduate	Male

Table S2: Providers and Policy Makers Interviewed in Shanghai, 2019

Code	Category	Organization	Gender
S01	Endocrinologist	Tertiary hospital 1	Female
S02		Tertiary hospital 2	Female
FD01	Family Doctor	CHC3	Female
FD02		CHC2	Female
FD03		CHC4	Female
M01	CHC manager	CHC3	Female
M02		CHC2	Male
M03		CHC4	Female
M04		CHC1	Male
PM01	Policy makers and senior managers	District health bureau	Male
PM02		District health insurance department	Female
PM03		Research center for diabetes policy	Female
PM04		Municipal Center for Disease Control	Male
PM05		Municipal health policy center	Male

Table S3. Facilitators and Barriers of Quality Measurement in Primary Diabetes Care in Shanghai Categorized According to CFIR Constructs

CFIR Construct	Facilitators	Barriers
CFIR domain: process		
Planning	Top-down planning allows for uniform implementation and evaluation of goal attainment on a national scale.	The exclusion of frontline clinicians from indicator planning may result in a mismatch between intended policies and actual context.
Reflecting & Evaluating	An online app allows directors and providers to reflect on their relative performance daily.	Lack of transparency – the app provides information to managers and providers but not patients.
CFIR domain: inner setting		
Goals	Quality indicators bridge national goals and family doctors’ work.	Policies are directed by top-down goals, with insufficient bottom-up feedback.
Culture (organizational)	A culture of team effort allows managers to increase cohesion and achieve goals. Family doctors perceive their working environment as harmonious.	A rigid organizational culture leaves less room for the involvement of family doctors and patients in decisions on quality.
CFIR domain: outer setting		
External policy and incentives	Family doctors are financially rewarded for encouraging patients’ quarterly visits and glycemic control. Monetary incentives and honors motivate to improve measured care.	Indicators are not adjusted for regional variation in incidence nor patients’ social-demographic characteristics. Sometimes, incentives induce false reporting.
Patients’ needs	CHCs improved at addressing patients’ needs. Patients gradually establish a trusting and continuous relationship with their family doctors. The “signing policy” supports this change.	Distrust in family doctors’ abilities still drives patients to tertiary hospital care. Current quality indicators are dissociated from how the patient experiences his/her health.
CFIR domain: individual		
Knowledge about intervention	Growing awareness regarding the advantages of CHC – encourages care by family doctors and enables quality improvement in CHCs.	Low awareness of CHC services still obstructs quality measurement and improvement in primary care.
Support of intervention	Family doctors support the quality evaluation system, perceiving it as a “scientific” and effective way for providing diabetes care.	Support may be limited due to the exclusion of frontline primary healthcare providers from decision processes.
CFIR domain: intervention characteristics		
Cost	Hospitalizations are expensive - better primary care for diabetes reduces medical costs for patients and insurers.	Quality indicators are associated with human resource and equipment costs - not funded by public insurance schemes.
Trialability	Evidence-informed indicators which were successfully implemented abroad can be first piloted in a subset of CHCs.	Local initiatives must be aligned with the national health policy discourse, limiting their flexibility.

Abbreviations: CHC - Community Healthcare Center, CFIR – Consolidated Framework for Implementation Research

Figures S1-S3: Thematic Networks - Produced with ATLAS.TI



