## DESIGNING PILOT PROGRAMS TO DISTRIBUTE PATIENT MEDICATION INFORMATION

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# **Does it Work?**

- Theory base
- Elements of actionable instruction design
- Focus groups (groups of 8 to 12 persons)
- Laboratory testing (20 to 30 individuals)
- Pilot tests in the field on intermediate outcomes
- Possible test on clinically-relevant outcomes

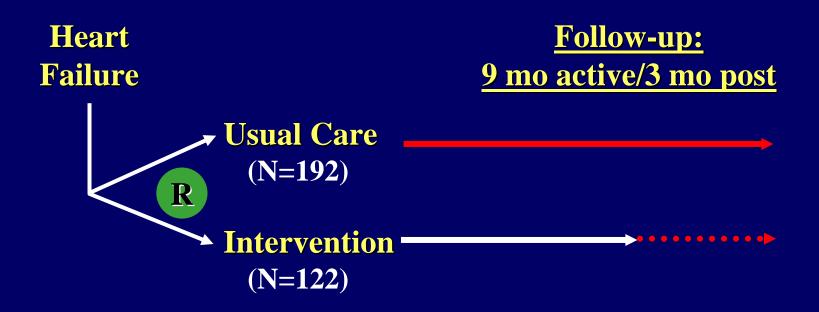
# **Improving Drug Use for Elderly Patients**

HeartFollow-up:Failure9 mo active/3 mo postVsual Care<br/>(n=192)Emergency visits<br/>Hospital admissions<br/>HRQL<br/>Satisfaction<br/>Costs



Murray MD, R01 AG19105; Annals of Internal Medicine 2007; 146:714-25.

### **Improving Drug Use for Elderly Patients**









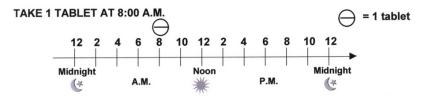
#### **IDENTIFYING YOUR MEDICATION**

- The ACE Inhibitor label is red.
- ACE Inhibitors are used to manage blood pressure and chronic heart failure.
- The types of ACE Inhibitors are Fosinopril (Monopril<sup>®</sup>), Benazepril (Lotensin<sup>®</sup>), Enalapril (Vasotec<sup>®</sup>), Lisinopril (Prinivil<sup>®</sup>,Zestril<sup>®</sup>), Quinapril (Accupril<sup>®</sup>), Ramipril (Altace<sup>®</sup>), Moexipril (Univasc<sup>®</sup>), and Trandolapril (Mavik<sup>®</sup>).

#### DIRECTIONS

The pills in the bottle with the red label are used to decrease the blood pressure and severity of chronic heart failure, and should be taken continuously. Ask your pharmacist if you can take this medication with food.

If you forget to take your ACE Inhibitor on time, take it as soon as you remember. However, if it is almost time for your next dose, skip the dose you missed and go back to your regular schedule. DO NOT DOUBLE-DOSE.



#### **SIDE EFFECTS**

Some patients experience dizziness, headache, low blood pressure, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, bad rash or swelling, difficulty breathing, fever or a cough. Contact your doctor if these symptoms become bothersome to you.

#### NOTES

Before taking these medications, make sure your doctor and pharmacist know about all other prescription and over-thecounter medications that you take.

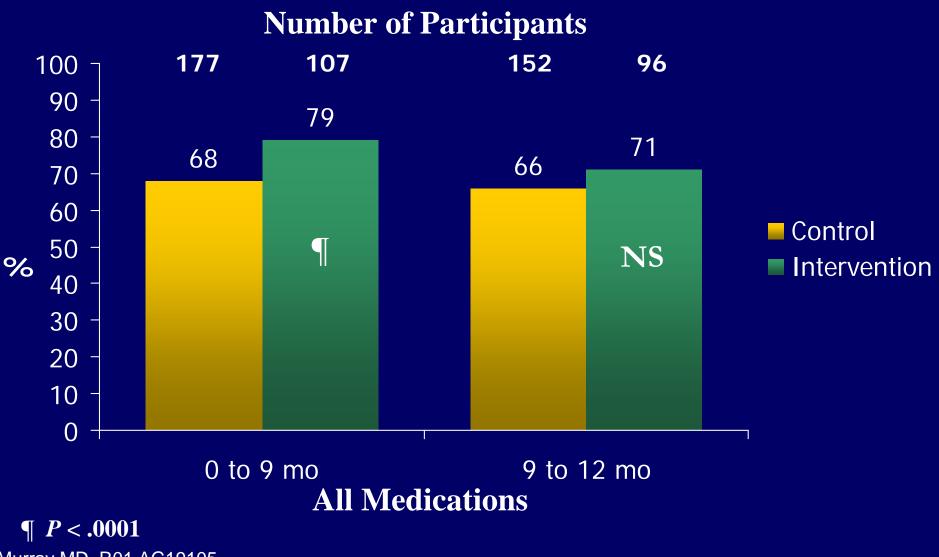
#### PLAY TO WIN. WIN FOR LIFE.

REMINDER:

WINNING TAKES WORK. YOU HAVE TO CONCENTRATE.

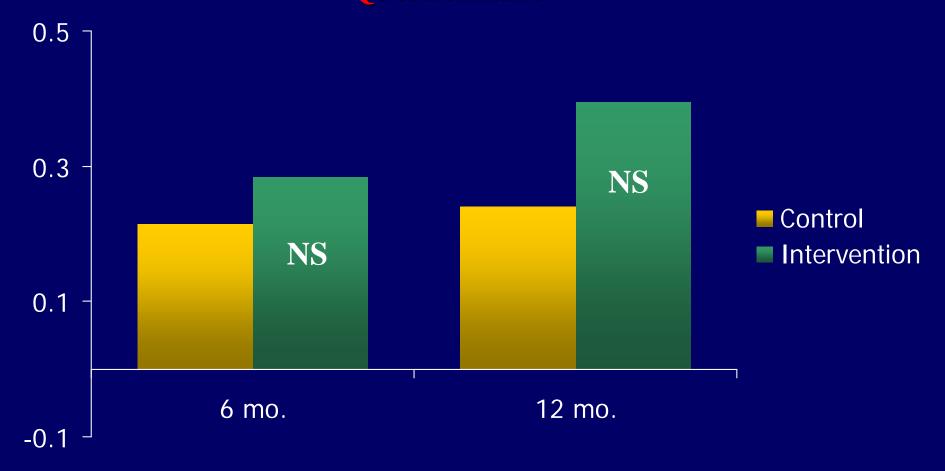
GETTING BETTER TAKES WORK. YOU HAVE TO FOCUS ON YOUR GOAL: A BETTER TOMORROW.

## **Overall Taking Adherence by Group**



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### Disease-specific Quality of Life McMaster Chronic Heart Failure Questionnaire



## **Study Outcomes**

Emergency Dept Visits and Hospital Admissions	0.82	0.72 to 0.93
Total Direct Costs, \$ *	- 2,960	- 7,603 to 1,338
Patient Satisfaction	+	P = 0.022
Adverse Drug Events and Medication Errors †	0.66	0.55 to 0.88

\* Includes fixed and variable costs of the intervention.
† Pooled analysis of two studies; Arch Intern Med 2009; 169:757-63