A Care Plan is Worth a Thousand Words

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Care Plan advantages for the patient
- Crucial information all in one location
- Specialists are able to stay up to date
- Therapists are able to stay up to date
- ER docs and hospitalists have information to make appropriate decisions

Care Plan Advantages for the primary pediatrician
- Contact information for specialists and therapists is available
- DME companies and pharmacies are identified
- Medication list is kept as up to date as possible

Elements of an Effective Care Plan
- All crucial information in one easily accessible location
- Contact information for all involved providers included
- Medication list including the prescribing MD
- Updated at an appropriate interval
Barriers to an Effective Care Plan

- Staff time and effort (care coordinator) with significant cost to practice
- Periodic updates required
- Patient/ family must be invested in the process