

Ohio PCMH Weekly

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OPCPCC Educational Opportunity

The Patient Engagement Learning Center of the Ohio Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative (OPCPCC) is embarking on a new webinar series to educate Ohio primary care practices, healthcare consumers, and stakeholders about best practices in patient engagement in the Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) model of care. "Enhancing the Patient Experience through the PCMH Model" is the first webinar in the series, with an intended audience of primary care providers in Ohio who are interested in learning some basics about PCMH and educating patients about PCMH and their role in the PCMH. The session will begin with a half-hour presentation at 12:15 PM on Feb. 24 and will conclude with a 15 minute question and answer period. Pat Ecklar, MD and Ted Wymyslo, MD will serve as presenters. [Register now](#)

ODH updates

As part of the purchase of monthly data feeds from the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA), the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) has a sponsor discount code for NCQA fees. Members of the Ohio Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative (OPCPCC) can use this discount code to receive a **20 % discount on NCQA application fees**. The code can be used by OPCPCC members who are not eligible for the 50 % NCQA multi-site discount, which is given to practices that have 3 or more sites that share the same EMR. To use the ODH sponsor discount code, please first complete the free on-line membership form for OPCPCC and then call Amy Bashforth at 614-644-9756 to receive the code.

PCMH News and Articles

2014 Year in Review: AAFP, Family Physicians Embraced New Ideas, Fought Through Regulations

Each new year brings with it hopes, dreams and challenges. But before plunging ahead into 2015, family physicians have an opportunity here to glance back through 2014 and review many of the most pressing patient, practice and business issues the year had to offer. Topics covered in this year-end review include sharpened technology focus and practice innovations, with a nod to Donald Clark, M.D., of Dayton for employing risk-stratified care management as the first step toward improving efficiency in his practice. [Read AAFP article](#)

Evidence Grows for the Effective Patient-Centered Medical Home

How effective is the patient-centered medical home? A series of studies argue that coordinated care is worth the effort. [Read article](#)

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Top 10 Signs We are Building a Culture of Health

Last January the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation alerted the world to its new strategy: To build a Culture of Health for all, one that would allow every one of us to make healthy choices wherever we live, work, and play. So, 12 months on, RWJ asks - How're we doing? Pretty good, as it turns out. [Read RWJ Blog](#)

Report Predicts Big Growth in Use of Online Appointment Scheduling

By the end of 2019, about two-thirds of U.S. health systems will provide patients with the option of online appointment scheduling, which will save about \$3.2 billion by reducing the resources necessary for scheduling, according to a report released by Accenture. The report found that 40% of the top 100 U.S. health systems by revenue and 10% of smaller U.S. health systems currently allow patients to schedule their own appointments online. [Read article](#)

Evaluation of Pharmacist Care for Hypertension in the Veterans Affairs Patient Centered Medical Home: A Retrospective Case-Control Study

Patients referred to the pharmacist hypertension care management program had a significant improvement in most blood pressure outcomes and may be an effective method of improving blood pressure control among patients in a medical home model of primary care. [Read study article](#)

Half of Patients Want to Hide Some EHR Data from Providers

Researchers found that patients strongly desire the ability to control which EHR data to disclose, according to *Health Data Management*. Specifically, 49% of patients in the study chose to hide certain information in their EHR from at least one of their providers. [Read article](#)

Why the physician-patient relationship is not one-on-one

A mom blogs about her recent experience at a medical office, when taking her children for an annual physical. "But you know what might have quieted this silent internal struggle even more? If the nurse had just once, other than calling us out of the waiting room, addressed the children by name. The failure to address people by name has become a personal hot button for me, so please understand that in the grand scheme of things I know it's not that big a deal. But it would be so easy to fix. I realize that nurses get gobs of children on and off the scale and in and out of exam rooms all day every day. But their names are right there on the charts." [Read blog](#)

Spotlight

Boonshoft students receive Choose Ohio First scholarships

Eight students from the Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine were selected to receive a Choose Ohio First Primary Care Scholarship. The following students will receive an annual scholarship of \$30,000: second-year medical students R.J. Sontag of Milford and Columbus, and Caleb Dukeman of Beavercreek; third-year medical students Cara Schroeder of Sidney, Thao Tran of Dayton, Eric Thuney of Centerville, and Austin J. Williams of Trenton; and fourth-year medical students Stephen Knox of Zanesville, and Zenar Tekeste of Dayton.

Under the Choose Ohio First Primary Care Scholarship Program, 50 medical students can receive up to \$120,000 in scholarship funding over their four-year medical education. The program was created with the passage of Ohio HB 198, Ohio's patient-centered medical home legislation. Recipients are selected from Case Western Reserve University, Northeast Ohio Medical University, Ohio University, Ohio State University, University of Toledo, University of Cincinnati and Wright State University. [Read article](#)