

Ohio PCMH Weekly

Ohio PCMH Weekly is a summary of Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) news from around Ohio, as well as a sampling of national PCMH news and educational opportunities. Comments and suggestions can be directed to PCMH@odh.ohio.gov. To become a member of the Ohio Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative (OPCPCC) and receive Ohio PCMH Weekly, go to <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/landing/medicalhomes/Membership.aspx>.

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Educational Opportunities

PCMH Learning Session
Wed., Oct. 29 at 6- 8:30 PM

HealthCare Too has partnered with Cardinal Health's Fuse to set up a PCMH learning session at Cardinal Health's Fuse (in Dublin). An expert panel discussion will be followed by small group breakout sessions. [Register for this free event](#)

October National PCPCC Briefing
Thur., Oct. 30 at 1 PM

The Director of Milbank Memorial Fund's Multi-State Collaborative, [Lisa Dulsky Watkins](#), will join the PCPCC to discuss her latest report, "Aligning Payers and Practices to Transform Primary Care: A Report from the Multi-State Collaborative." [Register](#)

Ohio conference updates

The annual Ohio Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative conference will take place on Friday, November 7, 2014 at COSI in Columbus. The theme of this year's conference is *PCMH as a Path to Population Health*. The keynote speaker will be Peter Anderson, MD, who authored *The Familiar Physician*. More information, including a conference agenda is available on the [OPCPCC web site](#). Questions may be directed to PCMH@odh.ohio.gov.

The 2014 Ohio Rural Health Conference and Flex Annual Meeting will be held on Nov. 20 - 21 in central Ohio. Visit the [conference website](#) for more information.

PCMH News and Articles

The Safety Net Medical Home Initiative

The Safety Net Medical Home Initiative, sponsored by The Commonwealth Fund in collaboration with eight co-funders, was a five-year (2008 to 2013) demonstration project designed to help 65 community health centers in five states transform into patient-centered medical homes. [Read more](#)

A seat at the table: Fostering collaboration between primary care and public health

Primary care and public health: They've been aloof allies, like two nations with closely aligned interests but little motivation to relinquish their autonomy. For a long time, the disciplines have independently managed distinct, yet often overlapping, populations. But it's no longer reasonable or affordable to keep working in silos. A March 2013 Institute of Medicine report warns the separation between primary care providers and public health professionals impedes their mutual goal of ensuring the health of populations. [Read issue brief](#)

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Patient Centered Medical Home model raises patient satisfaction

A recent survey documents what Florida Blue has long believed: The Patient Centered Medical Home model is helping to produce higher rates of patient satisfaction than traditional care. [Read more](#)

School-based health centers may serve as patient-centered medical homes

School Based Health Centers (SBHC) show potential to increase access to care. This study surveyed adolescents and parents who attended a middle or high school and used an SBHC. Overall, the survey responses indicated that SBHCs met the AAP criteria for PCMHs from a parent and patient perspective. Of note, a majority were generally satisfied with the care received. [Read article](#)

It's time to get mad about the outrageous cost of health care

Person for person, health care in the U.S. costs about twice as much as it does in the rest of the developed world. In fact, if our \$3 trillion health care sector were its own country, it would be the world's fifth-largest economy. If you have health insurance, you may think it doesn't matter because someone else is paying the bill. You'd be wrong. This country's exorbitant medical costs mean that we all pay too much for health insurance. Overpriced care also translates into fewer raises for American workers. And to top it off, we're not even getting the best care for our money. [Read Consumer Reports article](#)

Study Gives Insight on Strategies to Engage Patients, Increase Patient Portal Use

Many family physicians who have implemented electronic health records in their practices know that simply creating a patient portal where patients can access their personal health records doesn't mean patients will use the technology. New research published in the September/October *Annals of Family Medicine* could prove helpful in moving those reluctant patients along. [Read more](#)

Study: Primary-care clinics realize positive ROI from EHRs

Primary-care clinics recovered their financial investments in electronic health record (EHR) systems in 10 months on average, a recent study found, in part because EHRs allowed them to see more patients. [Read more](#)

Pilot program promotes primary care

An MD candidate is exposed to various types of medicine and specialties in order to gauge their interests and acquire hands-on experience. With this norm, it may be hard to gain insight into real, long-term medical care. The University of Alabama School of Medicine seeks to remedy this with a new pilot program called Tuscaloosa Longitudinal Community Curriculum (TLC2). "TLC2 is a unique clinical educational opportunity for medical students to live and train in a community under the supervision of experienced primary care physicians," Brooke Hubner, program director in the department of medical education, said. "TLC2 students learn to practice medicine in the way that community physicians practice medicine – caring for patients over time through office visits and hospitalizations." [Read article](#)



Spotlight

Do you have some PCMH news to share? We would like to highlight your achievements in this section of Ohio PCMH Weekly. Please send your submissions to PCMH@odh.ohio.gov.

Resources

Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation: Interprofessional Resources

The Macy Foundation is dedicated to improving the health of the public by advancing the education and training of health professionals. Resources and information on the website include interprofessional resources. [Learn more](#)

PCMH Assessment

The PCMH-A is intended to help sites understand their current level of "medical homeness" and identify opportunities for improvement. The PCMH-A can also help sites track progress toward practice transformation when it is completed at regular intervals. [Access PCMH-A](#)