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.

OPCPCC updates

The fall OPCPCC newsletter is now available on the [OPCPCC website](http://www.odh.ohio.gov/landing/medicalhomes/Membership.aspx). Topics featured in this newsletter include cultural competency and the National Health Service Corps. OPCPCC is interested in your ideas and contributions for future newsletters. Please contact Amy at amy.bashforth@odh.ohio.gov if you have suggestions for the winter newsletter.

The 2016 Ohio Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative annual conference will be held on Friday, November 18, 2016 at the Pinnacle Golf Club in Grove City. The conference theme is “Mobilizing prevention and practice teamwork in the neighborhood: Leveraging the primary care relationship.” The full conference agenda is available on the [OPCPCC website](http://www.odh.ohio.gov/landing/medicalhomes/Membership.aspx). Registration has now begun; the $30 registration fee includes coffee and lunch. Parking is free. Please [register](http://www.odh.ohio.gov/landing/medicalhomes/Membership.aspx) by November 7.

Save the date: The next OPCPCC Patient Engagement webinar is scheduled for Tue., Nov. 22 at 12:15 PM. The November topic is Strategies for Effective Language Access for the Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) community.

The OPCPCC Center for Provider and Patient Engagement is redesigning the [OPCPCC Patient Engagement Toolbox](http://www.odh.ohio.gov/landing/medicalhomes/Membership.aspx). The new and improved toolbox will be launched on November 18. Watch for more information soon!

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During National Primary Care Week, the American Medical Student Association is partnering with a number of organizations to discuss hot topics and provide tools for education and advocacy with like-minded individuals passionate about improving health for everyone.

**Mon., Oct. 3 at 6:00 pm**
Advocating for Maternal and Child Health in Primary Care

**Tue., Oct. 4 at 7:00 pm**
Taking Care of LGBT Populations in Primary Care

**Wed., Oct. 5 at 12:00 pm**
Addressing the Opioid Epidemic in Primary Care

**Wed., Oct. 5 at 9:00 pm**
Primary Care and the Health Care System

**Thur., Oct. 6 at 8:00 pm**
Addressing Mental Health in Primary Care

**Fri., Oct. 7 at 12:00 pm**
Primary Care and Underserved Populations

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PCMH News and Articles

Effects of New Funding Models for Patient-Centered Medical Homes on Primary Care Practice Finances and Services: Results of a Microsimulation Model
This study concludes that PCMH funding through PMPM payments could substantially improve practice finances but will not offer sufficient financial incentives to expand services beyond minimum requirements for PCMH funding. The authors conclude that achieving goals of the PCMH will likely require more radical payment reforms, including more robust non-visit-based payment mechanisms specifically targeting funding toward the delivery of desired services. Read study

Characteristics Associated with Patient-Centered Medical Home Capability in Health Centers: A Cross-Sectional Analysis
Commonwealth Fund–supported researchers sought to identify key tactics that health centers could use to transform into patient-centered medical homes (PCMHs), given their unique financing, payer mix, and patient population. Adoption of the PCMH model, which focuses on providing coordinated, high-quality care, could improve patients’ experiences and lower total costs by reducing unnecessary hospitalizations and emergency department visits. Learn more

Patient-Centered Medical Homes and the Care of Older Adults: New paper provides a guide for improving health outcomes
PCMHs are uniquely positioned to provide outstanding care for older adults by embracing approaches to care that are whole person-oriented, coordinated, and comprehensive, with an emphasis on safety and quality of care. In focusing on their older patients, PCMHs can achieve their goals of great patient care to their most vulnerable populations and succeed in the emerging value-based payment health care environment. This paper from the John A. Hartford Foundation Change AGEnts provides a roadmap to guide primary care practices in how to enhance care to older, complex patients and their families. Learn more

Keep Patient Perspective Prominent in Value-based Health Care
It's important that patients’ values, views and concerns not be forgotten in the nation's race to create a true value-based health care system. To ensure the patient perspective is indeed recognized, the Health Care Transformation Task Force recently released a white paper titled "Addressing Consumer Priorities in Value-Based Care: Guiding Principles and Key Questions." The task force is a consortium of patients, payers, providers and purchasers looking to accelerate the pace of health care delivery system transformation in the U. S. Read AAFP blog

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

Observances
The Health is Primary campaign focus on health for September is healthy aging. Use the Monthly Toolkit on the topic in your work to champion primary care. The toolkit includes patient information sheets on how patients can stay active and keep their bodies and brains healthy as they age. You will also find in the toolkit the September calendar with facts and sample tweets to help amplify the message, as well as a few ads and to print and share.

National Health IT Week
National Health IT Week is September 26-30. The goal of this week is to raise awareness and assemble key healthcare constituents dedicated to working together to elevate the necessity of advancing health through the best use of information technology. Learn more