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Patient-Centered Medical Home Facts

What is a Patient-Centered Medical Home?

A Patient-Centered Medical Home is medical practice comprised of a physician-led team of health care professionals, such as physician assistants, nurses, mental health specialists and dietitians. The medical team provides comprehensive and coordinated preventive care, acute care, chronic care management and follow up for every family member, including children, teens, adults and seniors while ensuring each patient receives the highest care directed by their personal physician.

A Patient-Centered Medical Home is the primary point of contact with the health care system – where people receive most of their medical care, all in one place and right when they need it. The Patient-Centered Medical Home team of health care professionals share common patient data tools that seamlessly provide real-time personal health care information to each provider at the moment care is needed. This allows every member of the team to have a whole picture of each patient, which promotes integrated, individualized, and comprehensive care.

What are the Benefits of a Patient-Centered Medical Home?

A Patient-Centered Medical Home delivers an enhanced primary care experience by providing improved access, follow up and promotion of self-care. At a Patient-Centered Medical Home the patient is a vital and active participant in his or her own health.

Why does the Colorado Academy of Family Physicians support this model of primary care medicine?

The Colorado Academy of Family Physicians believes that everyone deserves a personal medical home, where the care they receive is individualized to meet their own health care needs throughout their entire life. Medical homes are a proven means of delivering higher quality care, better outcomes and greater patient satisfaction, all while lowering costs.

Studies show that Patient-Centered Medical Homes reduce overall healthcare costs by more than 15 percent. When high quality care is delivered and costs are reduced, everyone benefits!

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