

October 2015 Update

Health is Primary in Colorado. The *Health is Primary* campaign visited Denver on October 2 during the AAFP's Family Medicine Experience (FMX). More than 100 leaders representing primary care and the broader health care community were joined by consumer advocates, policy and business leaders to hear a panel discussion focused on innovations in care delivery and integration and access to primary care. Strong investments in primary care are resulting in healthier patients and expanded access to care. Click [here](#) to read the AAFP News piece on this event. To learn more about the primary care transformation underway in Colorado, go to <http://healthisprimary.org/node/26>. Next stop: [Detroit](#) on October 21.

T.R. Reid Speaks at FMX. Journalist and documentary filmmaker T.R. Reid opened the final general session at the 2015 FMX on Oct. 2 with an update on the *Health is Primary* campaign, which launched one year ago this month. Mr. Reid, who has served as moderator of the city tour panels, wrote a powerful [piece](#) about his experience on the road with the campaign.

Health is Primary Publishes Anniversary Report. The *Health is Primary* campaign released a one-year wrap up of the stories featured at the first three city tour events. This report will be expanded as the campaign visits more cities during the next few years. Click [here](#) to view the online version of the report.

Technology Team Gathers Input on Primary Care Technology Needs in 2020. The Technology Tactic Team is exploring viewpoints on what primary care technology needs to look like in the value-based world of 2020 and beyond. As part of its work, the team is conducting interviews with innovators and stakeholders in primary care, Health IT, and related fields. Having developed a set of interview guidelines and recruited volunteers, the team expects to invite wide input on a vision for how technology can support the primary care function under new payment models.

The Practice Core Team Welcomes Volunteers. The Practice Tactic Team invited approximately 12 prospective members to their September Team meeting. In this meeting, the prospective Tactic Team members were introduced to the work in which the team is currently engaging. New members were invited to identify which project area best aligns with their interests.

FMAHealth celebrates National Primary Care Week! Dr. Glen Stream, President and Chair of FMAHealth, led a live webinar on October 5 on the AAFP's *Family Medicine On Air* program where he discussed the evidence for needed change in the U.S. health care system and the crucial role of primary care. Dr. Stream also participated in a panel on October 13 hosted by Primary Care Progress where viewers learned about their vision, advocacy strategies and why the healthcare community needs to start engaging "the grassroots."

The Workforce Team spearheaded a collaboration among 14 organizations to support National Primary Care Week. The organizations joined together to provide resources that demonstrate the importance of primary care and help make National Primary Care Week a success across the United States. The resources included helpful flyers, presentations, and links to videos and webinars. The collaboration included FMAHealth and its eight sponsoring organizations, the American Medical Student Association, the Association of Native American Medical Students, the Latino Medical Student Association, the Patient Centered Primary Care Collaborative, Primary Care Progress, and the Student National Medical Association.

Family Medicine Releases Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs). As part of the strategic planning process of Family Medicine for America's Health, entrustable professional activities (EPAs) were developed for the discipline of family medicine relating to residency completion. Evidence for improved health outcomes, healthcare system efficiency, and equity in care were used to develop these EPAs.

EPAs are broad categories of activities that define the essential professional work of a discipline. With regard to residency training, EPAs define the expectations for the education of family physicians. EPAs integrate all of the core competencies, subcompetencies, and their specific milestones.

EPAs define the knowledge, skills, attitudes and behaviors that each family medicine resident physician must master. Additionally, physicians in osteopathic designated residencies will incorporate the utilization of osteopathic principles and practice in their overall evaluation and treatment of patients. Each resident physician must be able to perform each activity without supervision before graduation from a family medicine residency training program. Family Medicine educators must ensure that systems of assessment align with the expectations of the future activities of the trainees.

For family medicine, EPAs collectively define a type of care that residency graduates can be trusted to deliver to the public. It is understood that some graduates of family medicine residency programs will not practice the breadth described in these EPAs. Through such comprehensive training, the goal for the discipline is for more family physicians, rather than fewer, and for the majority of family physicians, rather than some, to practice this breadth.

To learn more about the EPAs, go to <http://fmahealth.org/resources>.