

## AHRQ's Primary Care Practice Facilitation Forum

# New & Noteworthy

### PCMH Resource Center

The primary care medical home, also referred to as the patient centered medical home (PCMH), advanced primary care, and the healthcare home, is a promising model for transforming the organization and delivery of primary care.

We provide implementers, decisionmakers, and researchers with access to evidence-based resources about the medical home and its potential to transform primary care and improve the quality, safety, efficiency, and effectiveness of U.S. health care.

Please visit us at [pcmh.ahrq.gov](http://pcmh.ahrq.gov).

*This electronic newsletter continues our efforts toward building a learning network for individuals with an interest in practice facilitation. We will use this listserv to share questions and answers submitted by learning forum members, as well as resources, research articles, and events of interest to the community.*

### Upcoming Newsletter Topic

#### Assessing Practices

##### *Using Data to Facilitate Effective Improvement Work and Assess Key Performance Measures*

The topic of the next newsletter will be reasons and methodology for assessing practice effectiveness and quality. This topic is the focus of [Module 6](#) in [The Practice Facilitation Handbook: Training Modules for New Facilitators and Their Trainers](#). The upcoming newsletter will explore different assessment tools that can help facilitators determine a practice's efficiency and effectiveness in providing care for their patients.

### What Do You Think?

For our upcoming newsletter, we'd like to include your opinions on assessing practice readiness for change:

- Which tools are most vital in the assessment of practice effectiveness?
- What type of data is most critical in order to ensure practice facilitators are able to achieve accurate practice assessments?
- What criteria can aid practice facilitators in choosing the correct tools for the assessment of a particular practice?
- Which assets of a practice are most vital when beginning practice facilitation and improvement work?

*Please join the discussion by sending your thoughts to us at [PracticeFacilitation@mathematica-mpr.com](mailto:PracticeFacilitation@mathematica-mpr.com). We look forward to receiving your responses and sharing them in the next newsletter.*

### Upcoming Event

***AHRQ Webinar on Contemporary Issues in Economic Assessments of Interventions in Primary Care***

**Register Now! July 29 from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. (ET)**

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) will be hosting a webinar on contemporary issues in economic assessments of interventions in primary care. The presenters will discuss economic assessment methods including activity-based cost surveys, qualitative interviews, and Medicaid claims analysis. The presenters will give examples of how these methods have been used to assess the costs of patient-centered medical home (PCMH) activities and shared medical appointments (SMAs) or

group visits. The presenters will also describe how these methods have been applied to safety net primary care settings.

Presenters will include:

- Elbert Huang, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.P., Associate Professor of Medicine, The University of Chicago and Director, Center for Translational and Policy Research of Chronic Diseases
- Robert Nocon, M.H.S., Senior Health Services Researcher, The University of Chicago
- Ming Tai-Seale, Ph.D., M.P.H., Senior Scientist, Palo Alto Medical Foundation Research Institute
- Cheryl D. Stults, Ph.D., Research Sociologist, Palo Alto Medical Foundation Research Institute
- Colleen Payton, M.P.H., C.H.E.S., Clinical Research Specialist, Thomas Jefferson University, Department of Family and Community Medicine

Moderator: Rebecca Roper, MS, MPH, Director, Practice-Based Research Network Initiative, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

Application for CME credit has been filed with the American Academy of Family Physicians. Determination of credit is pending.

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