



2017 Texas Primary Care and Health Home Summit

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San Antonio, TX

Jack Welch, the former CEO of General Electric once said “Change before you have to.” Mr. Welch’s words resonate when reflecting on our health system. Change is swirling around us. But, we have the opportunity and the obligation to be change agents. The timing is perfect for the 5th Annual Texas Primary Care and Health Home Summit.

An excellent series of articles about the future of primary care was recently published in the [Journal of General Internal Medicine](#). The common thread in these articles was the importance of preserving and supporting human relationships. In the current climate, this requires practice and workflow redesign; rational use of information technology; use of teams; increased patient engagement and meaningful payment reform.

These timely articles help set the backdrop for this year’s Summit. The agenda for the Summit reflects and reinforces the principles set out by the authors:

- Payment must support the primary care functions and reward value, facilitating a shift away from visit-based health care.
- Relationships will continue to serve as the bedrock of value in primary care and will be increasingly enhanced by teams, improved clinical operations and technology with patients and non-physicians assuming an increasing role in most aspects of healthcare.
- Generalist physicians will increasingly focus on high acuity and high complexity presentations and primary care teams will collaborate to manage conditions that specialists managed in the past.

- Primary care teams will develop greater ability to support health and wellness, not only by managing most routine mental illness but also by refined approaches to supporting the patient's healthy lifestyle, oral health, vision and more and by more effectively integrating with other social service organizations.

The 2017 Texas Primary Care and Health Home Summit will address these principles in and share real-life examples of how to achieve these changes to primary care and the care of our patients. This year's Summit features an additional set of breakouts on Thursday afternoon. There is simply that much information to share!

To register for the Summit, please click [here](#)

We look forward to seeing you in beautiful and historic downtown San Antonio May 11-12.

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