



AHRQ and the Medical Home: Introducing PCMH CAHPS

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Primary Care

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the Nation's primary care system
is foundational to achieving
high-quality, accessible, efficient
health care for all Americans.

The Medical Home

- AHRQ believes that the primary care medical home, also referred to as the patient-centered medical home (PCMH), advanced primary care, and the health care home, is a promising model for transforming the organization and delivery of primary care.

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- AHRQ believes that **Health IT, workforce development, and payment reform** are critical to achieving the potential of the medical home.



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AHRQ PCMH Research

■ Retrospective Evaluations

- Health Partners (Minnesota)
- WellMed (Texas)

■ Mixed Methods Evaluations

- Transforming Primary Care Practice
 - 14 2-year awards
 - \$600K per study
 - Awarded summer 2010

■ Establishing a Research Agenda

- Co-funded with CWMF and ABIMF
- Collaboration of SGIM, STFM, APA
- Results published June 2010 in *JGIM*

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- Foundational White Papers and Decision Maker Briefs
 - Engaging Patients and Families in the Medical Home
 - Integrating Mental Health into the Medical Home
 - Meeting the Needs of Complex Patients
 - and many more
- Developed in collaboration with Mathematica Policy Research and National Committee for Quality Assurance

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- **Address Policy and Research Issues**

Synthesis

- Database of published literature on the medical home
 - Over 500 citations
 - Searchable by PCMH domain, policy relevance, and outcomes
 - Includes a section on foundational documents and articles

Implementation

- Toolkit on integrating the CCM in safety net setting
 - Visit: <http://www.ahrq.gov/populations/businessstrategies/>
 - Companion toolkit on utilizing practice coaching
 - Visit: <http://www.ahrq.gov/populations/businessstrategies/coachmanl.htm>
 - Currently conducting field evaluation

- Coming Soon: A How-to-Guide for Creating and Sustaining a Practice Facilitation Program



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- Develops Quality Measures

Measurement

- Developing measures of care coordination in primary care
 - Care Coordination Measure Atlas
 - Collaboration of Battelle and Stanford
 - Includes a conceptual framework and over 60 existing measures mapped to the framework
 - Coming Soon: Synthesis of the best existing measures

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- Development of a PCMH version of the Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS)
 - Keeping Patient-Centeredness at the front of PCMH

Dissemination



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The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality recognizes that revitalizing the Nation's primary care system is foundational to achieving high-quality, accessible, efficient health care for all Americans. 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.

This Web site provides policymakers 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.

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Commissioned Research

[Necessary, but not sufficient: The HITECH Act's Potential to Build Medical Homes](#)
[Engaging Patients and Families in the Medical Home](#)
[Integrating Mental Health and Substance Use Treatment in the Patient-Centered Medical Home"](#)

Supporting Resources

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- Targeted towards meeting the needs of Policy Makers and Researchers
- Includes:
 - AHRQ definition of the medical home
 - Searchable article database
 - Summaries of federal activities in support of the PCMH
 - Foundational white papers and decision maker briefs
 - Tools and resources



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