



Welcome to the Movement

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How To Build a Health Care System for Colorado and the US

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Six key ideas about health care in the US

- We have a market, not a system
- We have failed to deliver public health. What we do is ineffective and unaffordable.
- It doesn't matter who pays for health care.
 - *What matters is what services we supply to everyone.*
 - The services we supply (or fail to supply) to everyone *determine effectiveness and costs.*
 - *(It's the denominator.....)*
- The market spends **\$750 million** a year to keep things as they are. That's bad for health care. And worse for democracy.
- *It's time to stop admiring the problem.*
- No one is in charge



Health care in the US is off the rails

\$5 trillion a year, of
which \$2.5 trillion
is unnecessary or
wasted

Twice the cost of
the average of
other industrialized
nations

Public health
outcomes that rank
the US 30th-50th in
the world

Outrageous
disparities by race
and income

It will take a
social
movement to
fix the health
care mess

- The history of the US is a history of social movements to fix our most difficult social problems
 - The Abolitionist Movement
 - The Movement for Women's Suffrage
 - The Labor Union Movement
 - The Civil Rights Movement
 - The Antiwar Movement



Primary Care for All Americans is that social movement

- To build a health care system for the US that is for people, not for profit.
- That starts by bringing robust primary care to everyone, in every American neighborhood and community.





Primary Care

Primary care is having a trained and experienced clinical team, and one person, often a doctor but sometimes a nurse practitioner, physician's assistant or community health worker, who knows and likes you, and knows your family, community, and about your life, who you can trust to help you with any and all problems about your health and well-being, and who will work with your team to tell you about the things that will keep you healthy, remind you about those things and help you to get them done.

Why primary care?

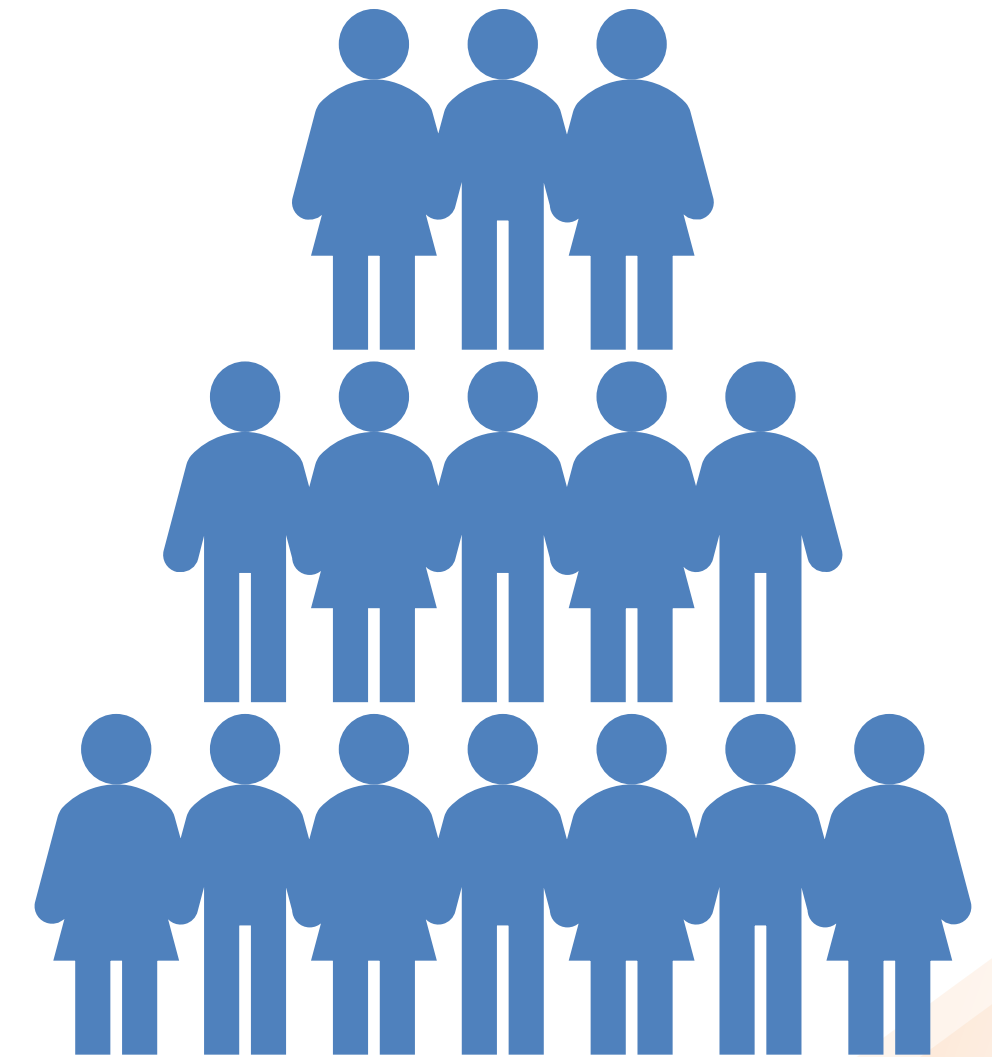
Primary care is an *essential service* that everyone needs

Primary care is affordable – it now costs about \$700 per person per year, or about the same as police and fire protection, or the cost of electricity, or roads.

Primary care is the only medical service that has been *proven* to improve public health outcomes, and lower health care costs for employers and consumers.

How Will We Build a Social Movement?

- We'll involve *thousands* of people in every state
- And start working in first 25, then 100 communities. Then 1000 communities.
- While we work at the state to *quadruple* the number of health workers of all stripes who can get primary care to all
- We'll try to change how Medicaid pays for primary care
- AND THEN talk to Congress





Teach-In/Learn-In
Tuesday, June 25
8:30pm EST



Breaking the Stranglehold
Building the Movement

Taking the steps to bring primary care to ALL Americans

Join a Breakout Group to see how you can be a part of this movement.

Health care for people, not for profit!

REGISTER NOW!

tinyurl.com/PC4AAZoom

Join PC4AA for a conversation about making primary care accessible for all!

If you can see the invisible, you can do the impossible ...

- + Bernard Lown, M.D.
- + Co-recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1985
- + For co-founding International Physicians to Prevent Nuclear War



Primary Care for All Americans



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- Join us !

- Volunteer!

- DONATE

