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NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

[Primary Care Collaborative Presents Advanced Primary Care Practice Award](#)

is a post on the PCC website announcing this year's recipient of this prestigious award: the Westminster Medical Clinic, a practice that serves as a model for transformation through innovation as reflected in the Shared Principles of Primary Care including patient- and family-centered, team-based care and high value. This independently owned practice was established in 1952 serving 6,500 people. Congratulations, friends!!!

[Revival](#) is a perspective piece in the *NEJM* by J. Schor, N. Koscal, and K. Knoper, depicted graphically, about a physician traveler who responds to a medical crisis on the train he's taking and who is moved and inspired by the conductor whose quick action, dedication, and compassion save the day.

[Avoid the Thanksgiving trap](#) is this week's newsletter from Ben Miller who writes about the benefits of sharing our gratitude.

[Monoclonal antibody treatment part of state's effort to fight COVID-19](#) is a story covered by Luis de Leon for *9News* about a State effort to get monoclonal antibody treatment into assisted living facilities.

[Dos and don'ts for navigating political, COVID-themed conversations during the holidays](#), an article in USA Today by Scott Gleeson, provides some suggestions for boundary-setting consideration as the holidays approach.

[Pediatric Suicide Prevention: A Practical Care Pathway for Primary Care](#) is the title of the upcoming ECHO series on Wednesdays, 12-1PM MT January 12th-February 9th. The purpose of this series is to support primary care providers in the outpatient setting by offering a practical suicide prevention care pathway based on the Zero Suicide framework.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION

[COVID-19 Pandemic: As hospitalizations surge, a federal effort to protect US workers is challenged](#) is the title of this week's commentary from Dr. Jon Samet, dean, Colorado School of Public Health, who discusses the COVID-19 Testing and Vaccination Testing Emergency Temporary Standard and its “non-sensical” challenges.

[COVID-19 advisory group looks to revise crisis standards of care for hospitals](#) is a story on *Colorado Newsline* by Sara Wilson about how Colorado hospital capacity is stretched with more than 1,400 COVID-19 patients, and what is being considered in terms of hospital crisis standards of care.

[Will COVID patients who reject vaccines embrace monoclonal antibodies? Colorado is counting on it.](#) is a story in the *Colorado Sun* by John Ingold about how Colorado officials are hopeful that expanding monoclonal antibody treatment will help avert a crisis as hospitalizations top 1,500 statewide.

[It's Okay to Be Exhausted](#) is a blog post by Dan Rather and Elliot Kirschner who point out the “existential wellsprings of exhaustion” and offer some wise considerations for us all.

[Northpoint Nebraska opens outpatient rehab center](#) is a story by Zach Williamson for *3News* about how Northpoint opened a rehab center in September to house and treat people in the community struggling with alcohol and drug addiction, along with those fighting mental illness. And now they are opening a new facility, which offers a flexible treatment arrangement depending on need.

[The Psychology Behind Meeting Overload](#) is a post on the *Harvard Business Review* site by Ashley Whillans and colleagues who share strategies to help employees, managers, and organizations overcome the psychological pitfalls of scheduling and attending too many meetings.

[How a volunteer-led group in South King County is working to eliminate barriers to mental health care](#) is a story in *The Seattle Times* by Esmey Jimenez who writes about an organization that aims to bring community mental health to local communities of color by providing virtual, free group and individual sessions.



POLICY EFFORTS

[When Women and Children Made the Policy Agenda – the Sheppard – Towner Act, 100 Years Later](#) is a perspective piece in the *NEJM* by Dr. Jeffrey P. Baker who writes about a policy experiment launched 100 years ago. The

author suggests that if the program had survived, we might have developed a model for promoting child health that integrated preventive care with social services.

[Increasing Access to Medications for Opioid Use Disorder: Policy Strategies During and After the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) is an issue brief on the *Milbank Memorial Fund* by Caroline M. Au-Yeung and colleagues in which the authors explore policy changes with recommendations to policymakers to keep certain changes in place beyond the emergency period.

[Emergency Response: Policy and Funding Solutions to Combat the Youth Mental Health Crisis](#) is a playbook for children and youth mental health sponsored by several agencies that provides policy and funding solutions in response to the crisis at hand.

[Build Back Better Act: Health Coverage Provisions Explained](#) is a useful summary of the health provisions in the legislation as developed by the Center for Children and Families, Georgetown University Health Policy Institute.

[With More than Half of Americans Experiencing Emotional Distress, Comprehensive Plan for 988 Crisis Hotline Envisions Robust Continuum of Care](#) is a roadmap to guide mental health crisis response from 15 of the nation's leading mental health professional organizations, advocacy groups and funders for the creation of a comprehensive crisis response system.

[Patients Get Stranded Out of Network as Insurer-Hospital Contract Talks Fall Apart](#) is a post on the *Kaiser Health News* site by Andy Miller about how negotiations between hospital systems and insurers are increasingly breaking down, leaving patients stuck out of network.

[California joins other states with laws limiting wait times for mental health issues](#) is an *NPR* story by April Dembosky about how California's new law for insurers, limiting those wait times to two weeks or less.

[The Doctor Will Not See You Now](#) is a story in *Washington Monthly* by Merrill Gozner who writes how "primary care is a disaster, consolidation is making it worse, and a revolution is coming."



[Homicide is a top cause of maternal death in the United States](#) is an article in *Nature* by Nidhi Subbaraman that discusses a study involving the evaluation of death certificates from a national database that paints a grim picture for pregnant women.

[Trends in US Patients Receiving Care for Eating Disorders and Other Common Behavioral Health Conditions Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) is an article on *JAMA Network* by Dr. David A. Asch and colleagues who examined trends in health care for eating disorders from January 1, 2018, to December 21, 2020, alongside other common behavioral health conditions

among a large cohort of commercially insured individuals in the United States.

[Why Health-Care Workers Are Quitting in Droves](#) is a story in *The Atlantic* by Ed Yong about how one in five healthcare workers has left their job since the pandemic started...this is their story and those left behind.

[100,000 Americans Overdosed During 12-Month Period, Largely Fueled by Fentanyl](#) is a *News and Guts* story about new data that says that this number is a 28.5% increase from the same period the year before, indicating that the growing popularity of fentanyl contributed to an average of 275 overdoses every day.

[DrPH students examine the role of public health in racism in Harvard Review article](#) is a post on the Colorado School of Public Health website in which doctoral students outline actionable steps to address national public health inequities in a first of its kind of paper.

[Most say police shouldn't be primary responders for mental health crises: NAMI poll](#) is a story by Justine Coleman in *The Hill* that provides findings from a recent National Alliance on Mental Illness poll in which most Americans say mental health professionals should be the primary first responders to mental health crises.



[Cleveland Clinic Receives \\$8 Million Gift from Jones Day and the Jones Day Foundation to Support New Community Initiatives](#) is a post on the *Cleveland Clinic* website about how the donation will fund community health worker program and partnership with the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland.

[In Some States, Legal Aid Steps in to Improve Patient Health](#) is a post on *Undark* by Jakob Rodgers about how mending legal ills is as important for health as diet and exercise among medical-legal partnerships across the country.



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