A FORERUNNER OF THE PATIENT-CENTERED MEDICAL HOME

The concept of a Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) was first advanced by the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) in the early 1970s. The concept gained momentum in the late 1990s as health care reform was being discussed. PCMHs are designed to improve the quality and efficiency of health care delivery by providing comprehensive, coordinated care to patients through a patient-centered approach.

THE RISE OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

During the 1960s, a group of community health centers began to emerge in the United States. These centers were established to address the needs of underserved populations, particularly those living in urban areas with limited access to health care. The centers provided primary care, chronic disease management, and health education services.

The Patient-Centered Medical Home

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1. Team-based care: Care is provided by a team of providers, including physicians, nurses, and other health professionals.
2. Patient-centered care: Care is focused on the patient's needs and preferences.
3. Comprehensive care: Services are provided to address the patient's physical, mental, and social health needs.
4. Patient engagement: Patients are involved in their own care.
5. Quality measurement: Outcomes are measured to ensure quality.

The PCMH model has been adopted by many health care organizations and is becoming a standard approach to primary care.
information retrieval, health
family care is facilitated by registries,
and when appropriate, the patient's
patterns, and their personal preferences.
Partnerships between healthcare providers
and the public are critical in achieving
PCHI's goals. The National Center for Quality
Health Care (NCQI) is the newest movement in
patient care. The patient-centered medical home
approach is now recognized as
the gold standard for managing
services, as well as case management
programs and behavioral health
address the medical and social needs of
patients. Community health centers
provide comprehensive services that

Bottom Left: Patient on dental chair.
Bottom Right: Volunteer at clinic.

Top Right: University of the Sciences
Volunteers in Medicine

A Culture of Caring

Volunteers in medicine are at the heart of the operation. They provide care in a setting where access to quality medical care is greatest. Volunteers work to improve access to care by delivering free, quality medical care to those who need it most. The volunteers are committed to working together to provide care to those who cannot afford it. They are a dedicated group of individuals who give their time and resources to help others.

A Distinctive Solution

In Chester County, PA

Above: Training Education Specialist

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PHYSICIANS' NOTES

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The Community Health Center's mission is to provide healthcare to those who need it, regardless of their ability to pay. We provide primary care services, including pediatrics, internal medicine, obstetrics, gynecology, and preventive care. Our goal is to improve health outcomes and reduce health disparities in our community.

In order to achieve this mission, we rely on the support of our volunteers. They provide critical assistance in various areas, such as administrative tasks, patient care, and fundraising. Volunteers are integral to the success of our organization and play a vital role in meeting our community's healthcare needs.

We are always looking for new volunteers to join our team. If you are interested in making a difference in your community, please contact us to learn more about volunteer opportunities.

Thank you for your support!