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| Title | **Primary Care & Family Medicine** |
| Purpose | To develop an understanding of the role of primary care and primary care providers in the US health care system |
| Objectives | By the end of the session, learners will be able to:1. Understand the core components of primary care.
2. Assess the value of primary care in health care delivery.
3. Evaluate the importance of primary care, in the context of health system transformation.
4. Evaluate the current challenges and opportunities for primary care.
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| Discussion Questions | 1. What role does primary care play in our current health system?
2. What is the role of primary care in high performing health systems?
3. What are the current challenges and opportunities for primary care medical practice?
4. What are the fundamental differences between care as envisioned in a PCMH and care as it is delivered by most primary care practices today?
5. How well does the PCMH model address the needs of our health system and promote the goal of health equity?
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