



# Welcome

## Patient Centered Medical Home Webinar

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# Patient-Centered Medical Home:

## Introduction to Concept

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# Patient-Centered Medical Home



- A widely used term
- National Committee for Quality Assurance- the gold standard?
- What does this mean for HCH programs?



# Presenters



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# Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) and Homeless Health Care:

## A Brief Introduction



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# Agenda



- A review of the PCMH concept
- The reasoning behind one HCH's plans to prioritize seeking PCMH recognition
- A discussion of the early challenges and foreseeable hurdles to recognition for HCH programs



# Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH):

What is it and why should we care?

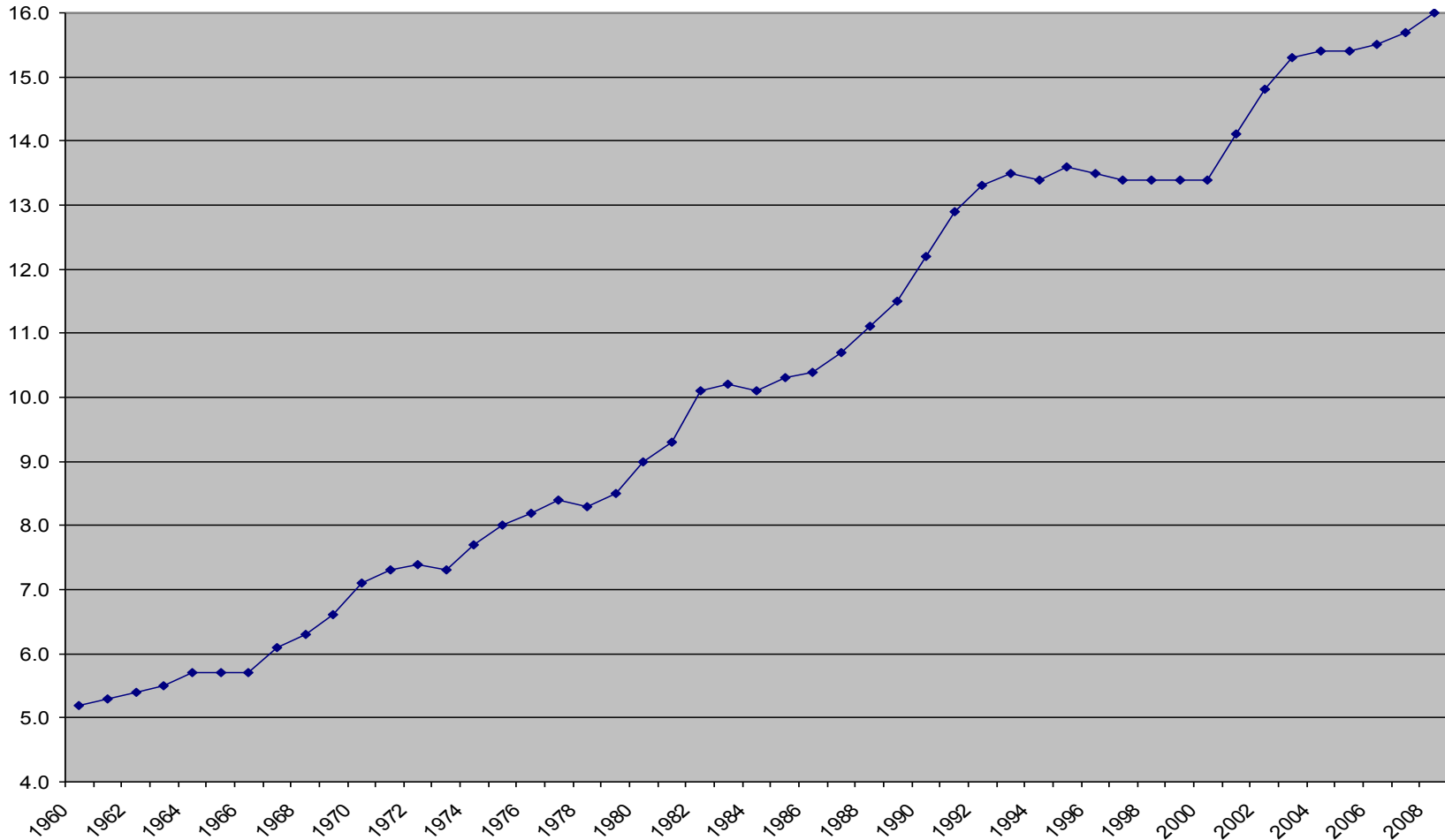


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# + Today's Health Care System: Rising Costs

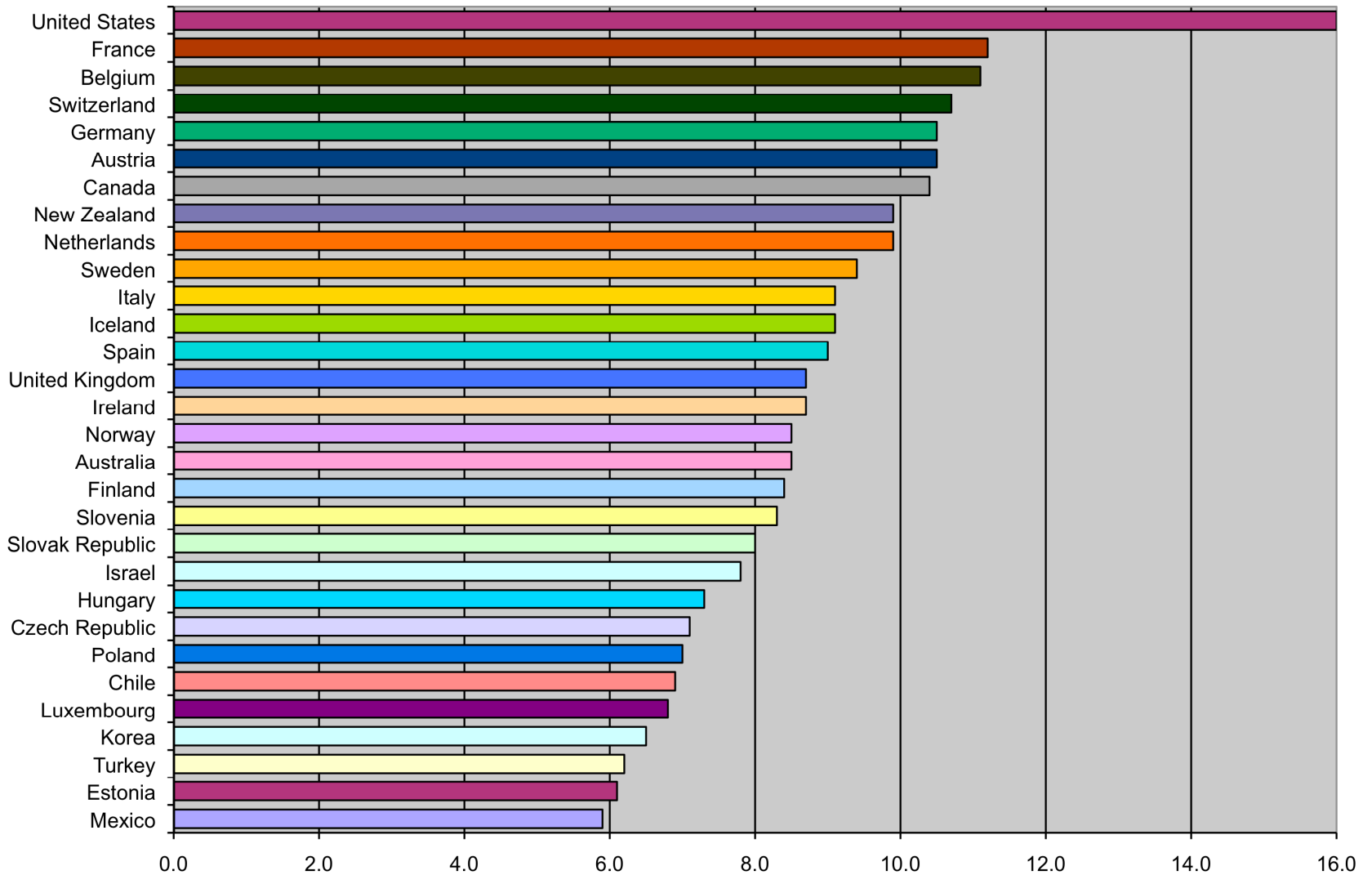
U.S. Health Care Spending as % of GDP



Data from Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Health Data. 2008.



# Health Expenditure on Health as % of GDP, 2008

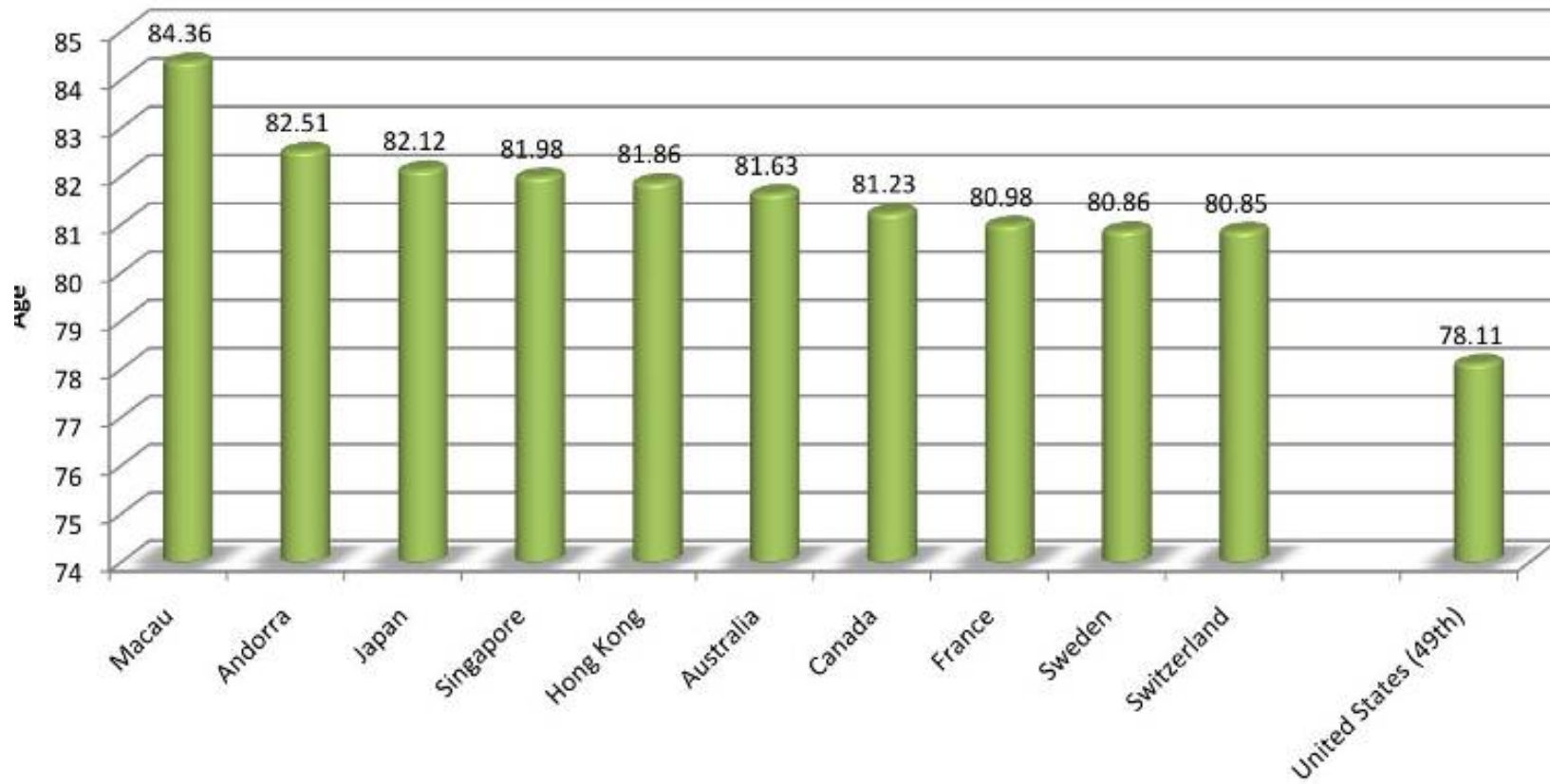


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# + Today's Health Care System: Poor Quality

## Top Ten Countries With the Highest Life Expectancies at Birth

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# + Today's Health Care System: Explanations for Poor Quality

## Fragmentation



## Inequality



## Increase in chronic illness



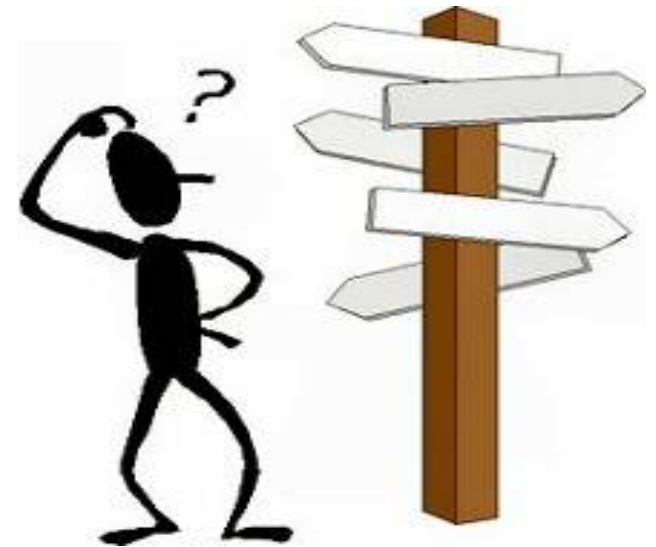
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Shift away from primary care



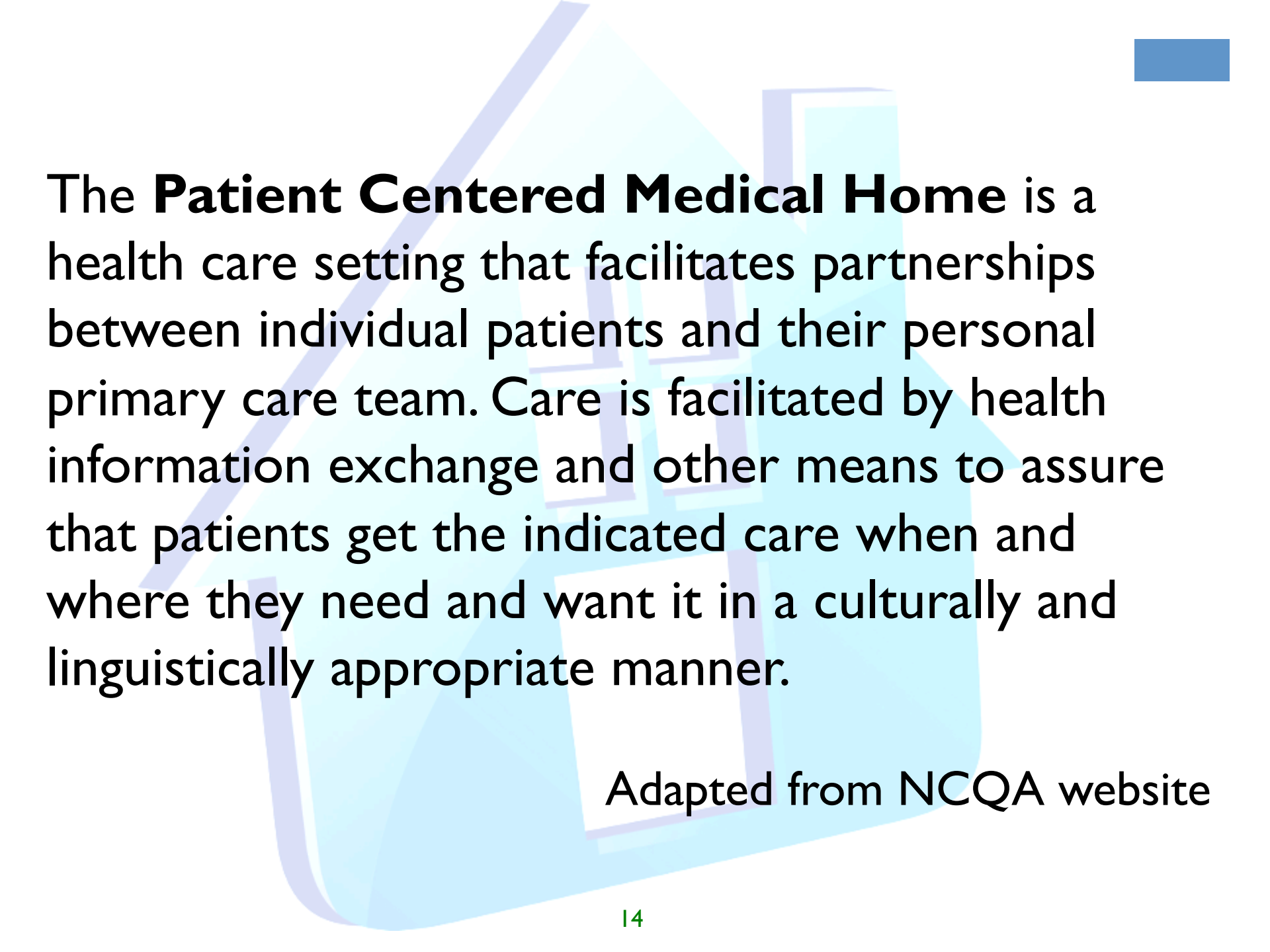
Growing complexity of  
science and technology



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In comes PCMH...





The **Patient Centered Medical Home** is a health care setting that facilitates partnerships between individual patients and their personal primary care team. Care is facilitated by health information exchange and other means to assure that patients get the indicated care when and where they need and want it in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner.

Adapted from NCQA website



# Joint Principles

## Key Tenets of PCMH



- Personal Physician/Primary Care Provider
- Team-based Care\*
- Whole person orientation
- Care is coordinated and integrated
- Quality and safety are hallmarks
- Enhanced Access
- Payment reform

## + NCQA and PCMH

The National Committee for Quality Assurance has adapted these joint principles to set standards and guidelines for:

- Working in teams
- Organizing care around patients
- Coordinating and tracking care over time

National Committee for Quality Assurance. 2011. Standards for Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) 2011.





# PCMH 2011 Standards

Standard	Content Summary
Enhance Access/Continuity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Patients have access to culturally and linguistically appropriate routine/urgent care and clinical advice during and after office hours</li><li>• The practice provides electronic access</li><li>• Patients may select a clinician</li><li>• The focus is on team-based care with trained staff</li></ul>
Identify/Manage Patient Populations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The practice collects demographic and clinical data for population management</li><li>• The practice assesses and documents patient risk factors</li><li>• The practice identifies patients for proactive and point-of-care reminders</li></ul>
Plan/Manage Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The practice identifies patients with specific conditions, including high-risk or complex care needs and conditions related to health behaviors, mental health or substance abuse problems</li><li>• Care management emphasizes:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Pre-visit planning</li><li>– Assessing patient progress toward treatment goals</li><li>– Addressing patient barriers to treatment goals</li></ul></li><li>• The practice reconciles patient medications at visits and post-hospitalization</li><li>• The practice uses e-prescribing</li></ul>

## + PCMH 2011 Standards (cont' d)

<b>Provide Self-Care Support/ Community Resources</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The practice assesses patient/family self-management abilities</li><li>• The practice works with patient/family to develop a self-care plan and provide tools and resources, including community resources</li><li>• Practice clinicians counsel patients on healthy behaviors</li><li>• The practice assesses and provides or arranges for mental health/substance abuse treatment</li></ul>
<b>Track/Coordinate Care</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The practice tracks, follows-up on and coordinates tests, referrals and care at other facilities (e.g., hospitals)</li><li>• The practice follows up with discharged patients</li></ul>
<b>Measure/Improve Performance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The practice uses performance and patient experience data to continuously improve</li><li>• The practice tracks utilization measures such as rates of hospitalizations and ER visits</li><li>• The practice identifies vulnerable patient populations</li><li>• The practice demonstrates improved performance</li></ul>



# Why PCMH? Why now?



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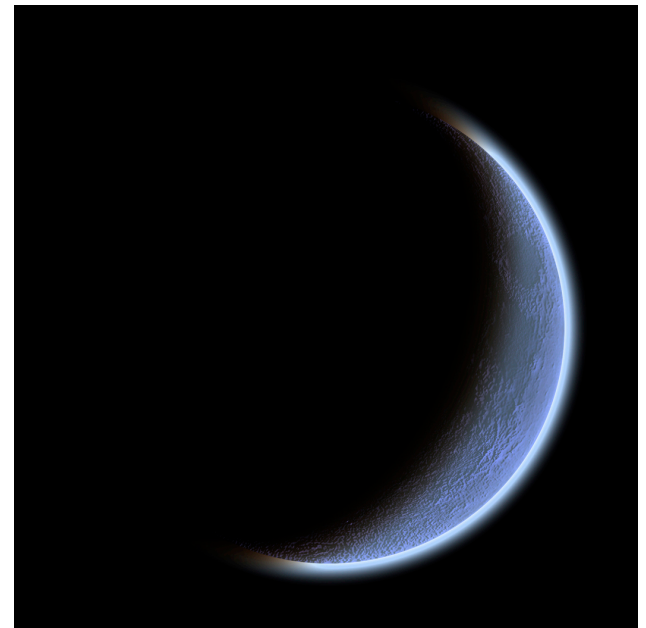


- The Gold Standard
- Quality improvement
- Centering care around patients
- Staff satisfaction
- State initiative
- Reimbursement restructuring



# Goals in Seeking Recognition

- Improved processes with high-functioning teams providing high quality care for well-defined panels of patients
- Level 3 Recognition





# Challenges





Transformation requires substantial investment and can be costly. The PCMH model itself is likely very resource intensive.

## SOLUTIONS:

- Seek alternative funding
- Transformation must include gains in efficiency
- Manage spread of change gradually



Health Care for the Homeless Programs are often built on outreach and are necessarily decentralized.

## **SOLUTION:**

- Multidisciplinary teams with shared panels



## Chronic and Preventive Care Focus



Patients in crisis prioritize acute issues over chronic and preventive care

## SOLUTIONS:

- “Do today’s work today”
- Shared ownership of the patient – multidisciplinary team and patient



PCMH emphasizes tracking and follow-up for referrals and tests, but homeless patients are often transient and follow-up can be challenging

## SOLUTIONS:

- Maximize HIT whenever possible
- Build relationships with other parts of the health care system
- Tap relationships with the homeless service system



Homeless patients can be among the most costly, but many payer systems are focused on reductions in utilization and overall costs.

## SOLUTIONS:

- Improve your system
- Build your case
- Compare apples



# Questions & Answers



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# Resources



- Join the Council! [www.nhchc.org](http://www.nhchc.org)
- On this page you will find links to a myriad of helpful tools and information including: Meaningful Use, Standards and Certification, and Medicare/Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs, Health Center EHR Selection Guidelines.  
<http://www.hrsa.gov/healthit/>
- Assistance and resources for the various stages in implementing Health IT.  
<http://www.hrsa.gov/healthit/toolbox/HealthITAdoptiontoolbox/index.html>
- Regional Extension Centers (REC) offer technical assistance, guidance and information on best practices to health care providers for becoming meaningful users of EHRs  
<http://healthit.hhs.gov/portal/server.pt?open=512&mode=2&objID=1835>
- A list of Health IT Partners and Collaborators  
<http://www.hrsa.gov/healthit/healthitpartners.html>

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