Reminder! Friday, October 18, 2019

The 8th Annual Jules Amer Lectureship

“Medical Homes Really Work - Reducing Emergency Department/Urgent Care Overuse”
James K. Todd, MD & Steven R. Poole, MD

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm - Mt. Oxford Auditorium
Children’s Hospital Colorado
2nd Floor Conference and Education Center
13123 E. 16th Avenue, Aurora, Colorado

“As the new doctor in the practice on Vine street, I was in charge of making the house calls. I visited as many as 20-30 patients a day, working through the evening and into the night. When I first began making house calls, I charged $2 a visit and eventually increased it to $3. Even so this was more money than most of my patients could pay.”


Steve and Jim, among many others in the Department of Pediatrics and Children’s Hospital Colorado, have been advocating for the pediatric medical home for many years. In 2006, Steve created the Colorado Children’s Healthcare Access Program (CCHAP) which successfully worked with other advocates, Colorado State Medicaid and pediatric practices to increase the percentage of practices accepting Medicaid children from 20% to nearly 100%, while addressing many process issues that improved access to and quality of care. In 2007, Jim led a coalition of stakeholders and policymakers to adopt Colorado legislation that defined the medical home for children with the assertion in statute that “the best medical care for infants, children, and adolescents is provided through a medical home . . . medical care provided through emergency departments, walk-in clinics, and other urgent-care facilities is often more costly and less effective than care given by a physician with prior knowledge of the child and his or her family.”

Join us to answer the questions:

1) Can the pediatric medical home reduce ED/urgent care visits?
2) Can it reduce overall cost of care?
3) Can it improve quality of care and satisfaction?
4) Is the medical home only for children with special health care needs?

James K. Todd, MD, is Professor Emeritus of Pediatric Infectious Diseases and Epidemiology at University of Colorado and the former Jules Amer Chair in Community Pediatrics.

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