



This Week in Primary Care

Each week we send you articles that showcase how access to primary care makes people healthier, saves money, and can be the cornerstone of a healthcare system that puts people over profit.

In the wake of the holidays, today's is a short newsletter. Happy New Year!

- **Shortage of Primary Care Physicians in Massachusetts is a Major Health Crisis.**
 - **Upcoming Teach-In/Learn-In with former US Surgeon General, Dr. Jerome Adams!**
 - **Your gift to PC4AA will still be matched!**
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Shortage of primary care physicians "a major public health crisis"

A loss of primary care options spells trouble for health care costs and already-crowded ERs, according to Massachusetts Medical Society's Dr. Barbara Spivak.

By **Abby Patkin**



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The Massachusetts Medical Society is sounding the alarm about a troubling “dearth” of primary care physicians as the state’s largest health care system, Mass General Brigham, says some of its Boston-based primary care practices have limited spots for new patients.

Mass. General Brigham confirmed in a statement that certain primary care practices at **Brigham and Women’s Hospital** and **Massachusetts General Hospital** in Boston are struggling with capacity. However, MGB was quick to note that it does have availability elsewhere for new primary care patients.

“We have primary care availability in practices associated with our community hospitals, in our suburban community physician practices, and with our affiliated practices throughout the region, including **One Medical**,” Mass General Brigham noted. “We can offer appointments with advanced practice providers to new patients.”

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**Dr. Jerome Adams To Speak at PC4AA
Teach-In/Learn-In on January 9th**



Primary Care for All Americans Teach-In/Learn-In

January 9, 2024, 8:30pm EST

Guest Speaker

Dr. Jerome Adams
former U.S. Surgeon General

*What Communities in Partnership with
Primary Care Clinicians Can Do to Reduce
Health Disparities*



Primary Care for All Americans is building a movement to bring accessible primary care to every American, in every neighborhood and community.

Join PC4AA for a conversation about making primary care accessible for all.

Health care for people, not for profit!

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**Register Now for the
Teach-In/Learn-In Event on January 9th**

<https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/o7zNbxUX92>



Use the QR Code
to access the
registration form

Register Now

Invite a Friend to Join the Movement!

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Invite Someone

Your Donation Will Be Matched!

We know you are being asked to donate to a lot of causes this time of year. But if you believe that everyone should have affordable access to a primary

care provider, now is a great time to donate to PC4AA. A generous donor has offered to match all donations of \$500-\$1,000 up to \$10,000! But no donation is too small! Your gift of any amount will help us spread the movement for primary care to every American community!

Donate

Watch the first PC4AA Teach-In/Learn-In!



On December 5th Dr. Lynn Blanchette addressed our inaugural Teach-In/Learn-In, sharing the inspiring story of how affordable, accessible primary care has transformed Scituate, RI.

Watch the video here!

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