



This Week in Primary Care Changing Times Also Demand Better Spending

These are unique times. Recent weeks have seen disturbing changes and remarkable responses with threats made and threats executed against primary care financing. For PC4AA this has special meaning because our network is a key part of movements building real-world solutions, in production across our great country. When people ask, “What’s the solution?” we say, “You’re the solution, and here’s examples of how to go about it in your village, town, or city.” In this issue and next, we’ll highlight where PC4AA already demonstrates and leads better spending.

Every American has a profound interest in the ever more urgent question of resources for healthcare, especially personnel and dollars. It is useful to step back and reflect on the fact that dollar amounts, in fact, are not the heart of the problem. The problem is where the dollars go.

In 2023, U.S. healthcare spending [reached \\$4.9 trillion](#), \$14,570 per person, and 17.6 percent of GDP. In 2012 Attorney General Eric Holder stood with Secretary of HHS Kathleen Sebelius, to [announce to great acclaim \(and pushback\)](#) an expansive effort to radically address the criminal [diversion of healthcare funds](#). In 2018 Attorney General AG Sessions stated in an [AARP interview](#) that, in Medicare, such diversion was undoubtedly higher than the customary upper estimate of [10% for healthcare fraud generally](#). That’s over \$490 billion annually going to criminal activities.

How many additional transformative PC4AA initiatives could we create with \$1.47 billion, just 1% of the low-end conservative theft range of 3% to 10%?

In this and future issues we will explore the opportunities and outcomes already in evidence in growing Primary Care for All Americans. Below you’ll find the second of David Chase’s two-part series exploring ways and means towards affordable care for all, [The Path to Healthcare for All: Removing Extreme Waste](#).

As we proceed, let’s pause to salute our enterprise as a changeagent. Change agents change too. Here at the newsletter we’re navigating transitions to continue along the stellar pathway created and maintained by you our reader-contributors, managed by its founding editor, Brian Keyser. His work is so

expansive that PC4AA has two people lined up to continue that work. We're here for the mission so keep sending, sharing, community-building.

To learn more about what we do—and what you can do—join our [Teach-In/Learn-In](#) on July 15 at 8:30 pm Eastern Time, when Jonathan Bushman, DO, will present **Pathway Program to Help Communities Build Primary Care in Oklahoma**

Become a Primary Care Champion!

Your support will help power the movement for primary care for all!

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The Path to Health Care for All: Removing Extreme Waste

This is the second in a two-part series exploring the path to affordable health care for all through practical, proven intermediate steps.

 DAVE CHASE
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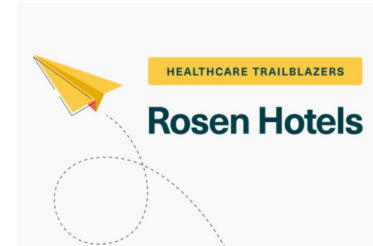
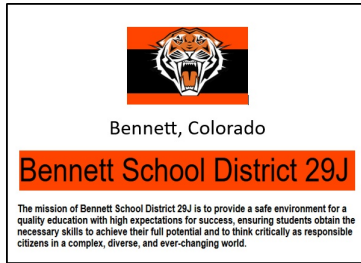
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care transformation stories.



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Teach-In/Learn-In

Tuesday, July 15
8:30pm EDT



Jonathan Bushman, DO

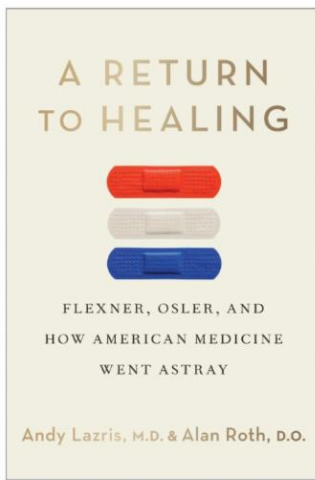
Pathway Programs to Help Communities Build Primary Care in Oklahoma

REGISTER NOW!
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Join PC4AA for a conversation about making primary care accessible for all!

Register Now!

PC4AA board member, Alan Roth, M.D., together with Andy Lazris, D.O., has written a new book that will empower you to navigate today's health care landscape!



Despite America's reputation for medical advancements, our healthcare system remains deeply flawed, plagued by high costs, bureaucratic inefficiencies, and a fixation on metrics rather than on patient well-being. For patients and providers alike, this system often prioritizes profit-driven protocols over compassionate, personalized care, resulting in a growing distrust among those it serves.

In **A RETURN TO HEALING: Flexner, Osler, and How American Medicine Went Astray** (University of Toronto Press; March 25, 2025), Dr. Andy [Lazris](#) and Dr. Alan Roth explore how American medicine reached this crisis point—and how we can get back on track.

With over 75 years of combined experience, Drs. [Lazris](#) and Roth trace the roots of our healthcare challenges to the early 20th century, when the 1911 Flexner Report, backed by powerful industry leaders, transformed medicine from a hands-on healing profession into a research-centered, numbers-driven industry. Through compelling patient stories and a critical examination of history, the authors contrast the prevailing approach with the compassionate, patient-centered philosophy advocated by William Osler—a vision that, if revived, could restore trust and efficiency to American healthcare.

Written for both patients and policymakers, **A RETURN TO HEALING** offers pragmatic advice for navigating today's healthcare landscape and provides actionable insights for reforming it. By shedding light on the origins of systemic issues like over-treatment and the prioritization of "fixing numbers" over genuine care, Drs. [Lazris](#) and Roth empower readers to become more informed patients and advocates for a healthcare system that is both sensible and humane.

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- The production associate will coordinate constituent relations, manage the mailing list, produce bi-weekly newsletters, manage the scheduling of meetings for multiple committees and state and local workgroups, update the website, and help out in other ways that come up. Five hours per

week.

- The communications associate will develop and nurture relationships with external partners, oversee internal and external communications, including social media, and contribute to the newsletter and website.

Please express your interest by emailing us:

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If You've Ever Participated in the National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program

We would like to interview you for an upcoming issue of the PC4AA newsletter to learn:

- What did your service mean to you?
- How did your experiences change your life and practice?
- How did your presence affect the health of communities where you served?
- What stories stay with you?
- What does the NHSC mean for healthcare today?

Please click below to contact [Eve Shapiro](#) and share your story!

Contact Eve

If you missed our most recent Teach-In/Learn-In with Gabrielle Yarru, *How to Invite Policy Makers to Help Bring Primary Care to Everyone*, you can watch here!



Watch Video

Become a Primary Care Champion!

We're excited to invite you to join us in making a meaningful difference in healthcare access for all Americans. By becoming a Primary Care Champion, you can support our vital work and help us create a healthier future for everyone.

Every contribution counts!

Together, we can drive impactful change in our communities.

Thank you for considering becoming a Primary Care Champion!

- Do you have a primary care story? Good or bad, **we want to hear it!**
- Follow PC4AA on **Instagram**, **Facebook**, and **LinkedIn!**
- We are looking for volunteers to work with our social media team! **Click here** if you are interested.
- Please **support PC4AA** in the fight for primary care for people, not for profit!

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Each week we 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. Was this newsletter forwarded to you? Do you believe in access to primary care for all Americans? [Click here to join our mailing list!](#)

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