

Migrant Clinicians Network - Patient Perspectives on Primary Care

Committee on Implementing High-Quality Primary Care

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Our mission is to create practical solutions at the intersection of vulnerability, migration, and health.

We envision a world based on health justice and equity, where migration is never an impediment to well-being.



What does primary care mean to the people your group represents?



Patients

There is a general lack of understanding of what primary care means. For some it might mean a well visit for their child. By and large, for our patients, primary care is medical care. Primary care becomes the place you go when you can't go anywhere else to address your health concerns, even if primary care only means venturing to the hospital to die.

Clinicians

Primary care is:

- Offered in a safe and trusted environment, where patients are treated with dignity.
- Centered on the patient, emphasizing care coordination and communication to transform primary care into "what patients want it to be."



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How can primary care
better support the
people your group
represents?



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Primary care must include direct connections between poverty, health, social equity and access to basic human rights.



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If you could insert one recommendation in the report, what would it be?



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Universal healthcare coverage is essential to primary care and it must be provided without exceptions, including immigration status and ability to pay.

Thank you!

