VA Centers of Excellence in Primary Care Education

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### Purpose
Foster transformation of clinical education by preparing graduates of health professional programs to work in and lead patient-centered interprofessional teams that provide coordinated longitudinal care.

### Objectives
Develop and test innovative approaches for curricula related to core competencies of patient-centered care. Study the impact of new educational approaches and models on health professions education; to include collaboration, cultural shifts in educational priorities, and educational and workforce outcomes within and beyond VA.

### Educational Domains

- **Shared Decision-Making:** Care is aligned with the values, preferences and cultural perspectives of the patient. Curricula focus is on communication skills necessary to promote patient’s self-efficacy.

- **Sustained Relationships:** Care is designated to promote continuity of care; curricula focus on longitudinal learning relationships.

- **Interprofessional Collaboration:** Care is team based, efficient and coordinated, curricula focus is on developing trustful, collaborative relationships.

- **Performance Improvement:** Care is designed to optimize the health of populations; curricula focus on using the methodology of continuous improvement in redesigning care to achieve quality outcomes.

### Highlights for Trainees
- Development of longitudinal relationships with preceptor and patients; 30% of clinical training in COE
- Integration of medical and nursing training schedule rather than traditional academic calendar
- Completion of the Ottawa Decision Support Framework Module for Shared Decision-Making at the West Haven COE
- Partner with experts to complete a scholarly project at Seattle COE
- Gain insight into own values and preference with Medicine and Art course at Cleveland COE
- Development of Distance learning curriculum at the Boise COE
- Participation in TeamSTEPPs training at San Francisco COE

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