

In Search of Joy in Practice: *Innovations in Patient Centered Care*



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Agenda

- Introduction: Framing thoughts burnout
- ABIMF Study: In Search of Joy in Practice
- Discussion

“Working at Starbucks would be better”



Ben Crocker, MD
Internist
MGH

There is not much real time to listen to patients.... The little things have become the big things—I fear our roles as healers, comforters, and listeners are being lost.

Working at Starbucks would be better

2008

ONLINE FIRST

Burnout and Satisfaction With Work-Life Balance Among US Physicians Relative to the General US Population

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Arch Intern Med 2012; E1-9

Background: Despite extensive data about physician burnout, to our knowledge, no national study has evaluated rates of burnout among US physicians, explored differences by specialty, or compared physicians with US workers in other fields.

Methods: We conducted a national study of burnout in a large sample of US physicians from all specialty disciplines using the American Medical Association Physician Masterfile and surveyed a probability-based sample of the general US population for comparison. Burnout was measured using validated instruments. Satisfaction with work-life balance was explored.

physicians were more likely to have symptoms of burnout (37.9% vs 27.8%) and to be dissatisfied with work-life balance (40.2% vs 23.2%) ($P < .001$ for both). Highest level of education completed also related to burnout in a pooled multivariate analysis adjusted for age, sex, relationship status, and hours worked per week. Compared with high school graduates, individuals with an MD or DO degree were at increased risk for burnout (odds ratio [OR], 1.36; $P < .001$), whereas individuals with a bachelor's degree (OR, 0.80; $P = .048$), master's degree (OR, 0.71; $P = .01$), or professional or doctoral degree other than an MD or DO degree (OR, 0.64; $P = .04$) were at lower risk for burnout.

Nearly 1/2 of MDs Burned Out

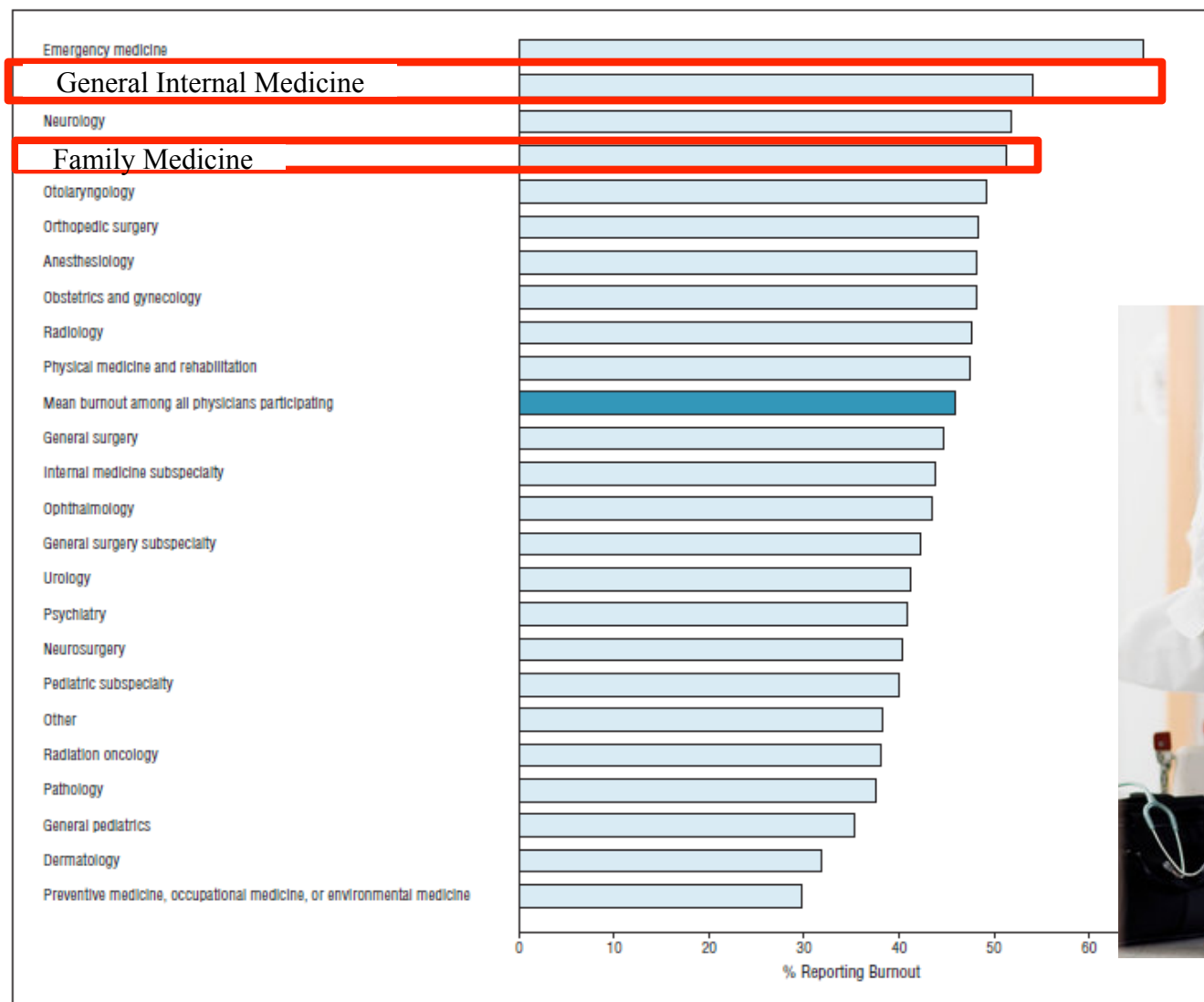
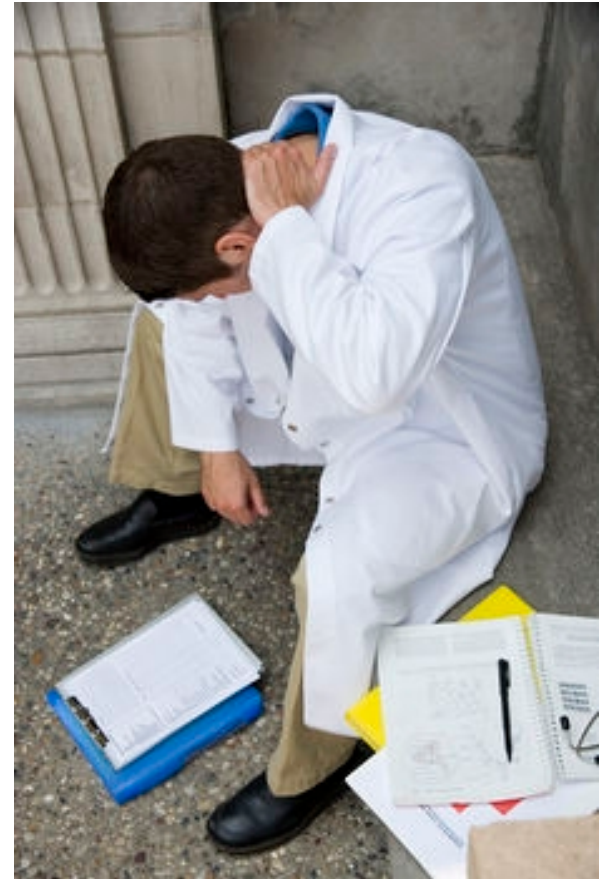


Figure 1. Burnout by specialty.

Burnout affects Patients

Physician burnout is associated with...

- ↑ Mistakes
- ↓ Adherence
- Less empathy
- ↓ Patient satisfaction



Sources: Dyrbye. JAMA 2011;305:2009-2010.; Murray, Montgomery, Chang, et al. J Gen Intern Med 2001;16:452–459.; Landon, Reschovsky, Pham, Blumenthal. Med Care 2006;44:234–242.

The Widespread Problem of Doctor Burnout

By PAULINE W. CHEN, M.D.

1 in 2 US physicians burned out implies origins are **rooted in the environment and care delivery system** rather than in the personal characteristics of a few susceptible individuals.



In Search of Joy in Practice

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In Search of Joy in Practice: A Report of 23 High-Functioning Primary Care Practices

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ABSTRACT

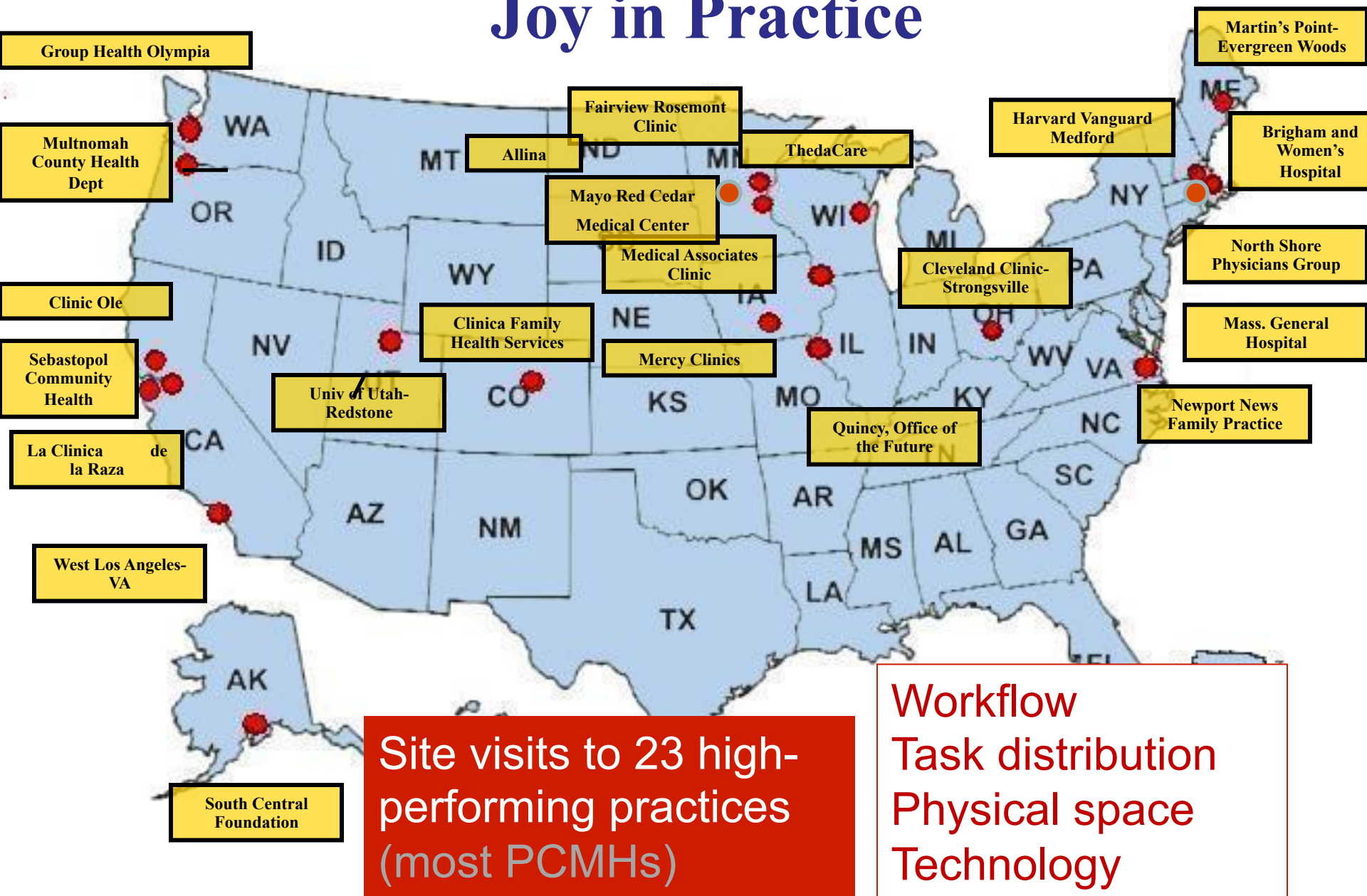
WE wanted to gather innovations from high-functioning primary care practices that we believe can facilitate joy in practice and mitigate physician burnout. To do so, we made site visits to 23 high-performing family practices and focused on how these practices distribute functions among the team, use technology to their advantage, improve outcomes with data, and make the job of primary care feasible and enjoyable as a life's vocation. Innovations identified include (1) proactive planned care, with previsit planning and previsit laboratory tests; (2) sharing clinical care among a team, with expanded rooming protocols, standing orders, and panel management; (3) sharing clerical tasks with collaborative documentation (scribing), nonphysician order entry, and streamlined prescription management; (4) improving communication by verbal messaging and in-box management; and (5) improving team functioning through co-location, team meetings, and work flow mapping. Our observations suggest that a shift from a physician-centric model of work distribution and responsibility to a shared-care model, with a higher level of clinical support staff per physician and frequent forums for communication, can result in high-functioning teams, improved professional satisfaction, and greater joy in practice.

Places Where PC Physicians & Staff are Thriving?



- Where the work of primary care is do-able
- Enjoyable as a life's vocation

Joy in Practice



Challenges

Chaotic visits

EHR → work to MD

Inadequate support

Teams function poorly

Time documentation

Challenges

1. **Chaotic visits**
with overfull
agendas

Innovations

- Pre-visit
planning
- Pre-appt labs
- Systematic
Prescriptions

A woman with brown hair in a ponytail, wearing a dark grey hoodie, is seated at a desk in an office. She is holding a black corded telephone receiver to her ear with her left hand. Her right hand is on a computer mouse. The desk is cluttered with various items: a black computer monitor displaying a web application, a keyboard, a mouse, a blue folder, a black telephone base, a small black container with pens, and a blue sticky note. In the background, there is a cubicle wall, a shelf with a red container, and a framed picture on the left wall.

Fairview: Care Model Redesign

MA pre-visit call

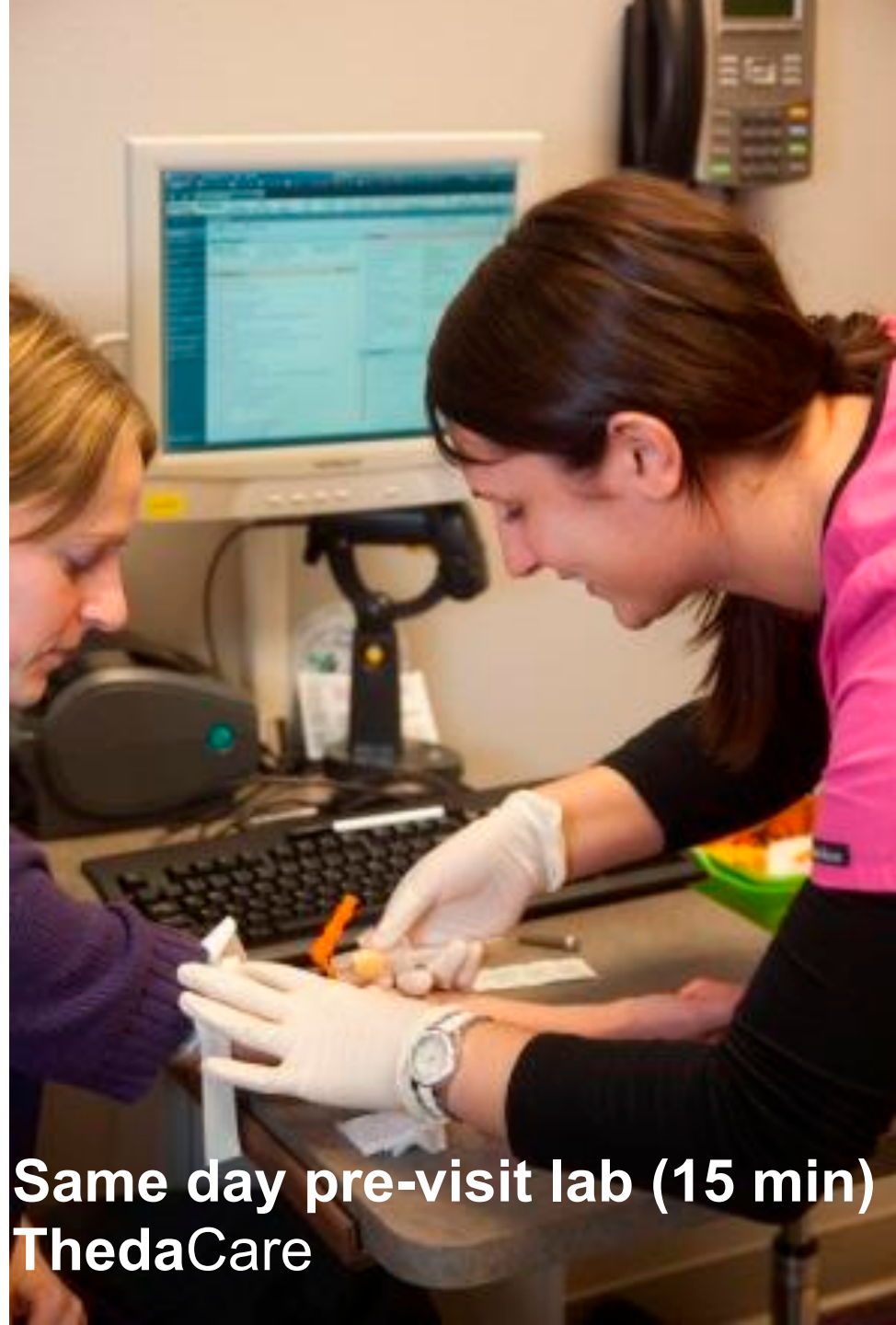
Agenda, Med review

Depression screen

Advanced directive

Mayo-Red Cedar arranges for pre-visit lab





Same day pre-visit lab (15 min)
ThedaCare

Annual Prescription Renewals

- Physician time
 - 0.5 hour/day
- Nursing time
 - 1 hour/day per physician
- 80 million PC visits/year

350,000 PCPs x 220d/yr x 1 visit/d



Script Renewal Calls

- \$10,000/yr per MD
 - Surescripts estimate as reported in WSJ
 - <http://www.marketwatch.com/story/the-doctor-wont-take-your-call-2013-07-16>
 - (Similar to our observation of 1 RN: 6-8 MDs)
- Each call costs \$15-20

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Challenges

1. **Chaotic visits**
with overfull
agendas

Action Steps

Insurers

- Single co-pay lab/visit

Institutions

- Hold future orders

Regulatory

- Prescription 15 mo

Challenges

2. **Inadequate support** to meet the patient demand for care

Innovations

Sharing the care
among the team

- 2:1 or 3:1
- Rooming protocol
- Between visit
 - Health coaching
 - Care coordination
 - Panel mgm't

Mayo Red Cedar : New Model of Nursing (2:1)



Physician centric to team based model Immunization diabetic foot, lifestyle, HTN visits; even though 25% more visits/day, less harried; proud

Challenges

2. **Inadequate support** to meet the patient demand for care

Action Steps

Educators

- MA, nurse: MI, SMS

Institutions/Regulators

- Staffing
- Scope of practice ↑

Payers

- Fund non-MD services

Challenges

3. Vast amounts of **time spent documenting** care

More time doc
than delivering
care

Innovations

- **Scribing**
- Assistant order entry

I used to be a doctor. Now I am a
typist.

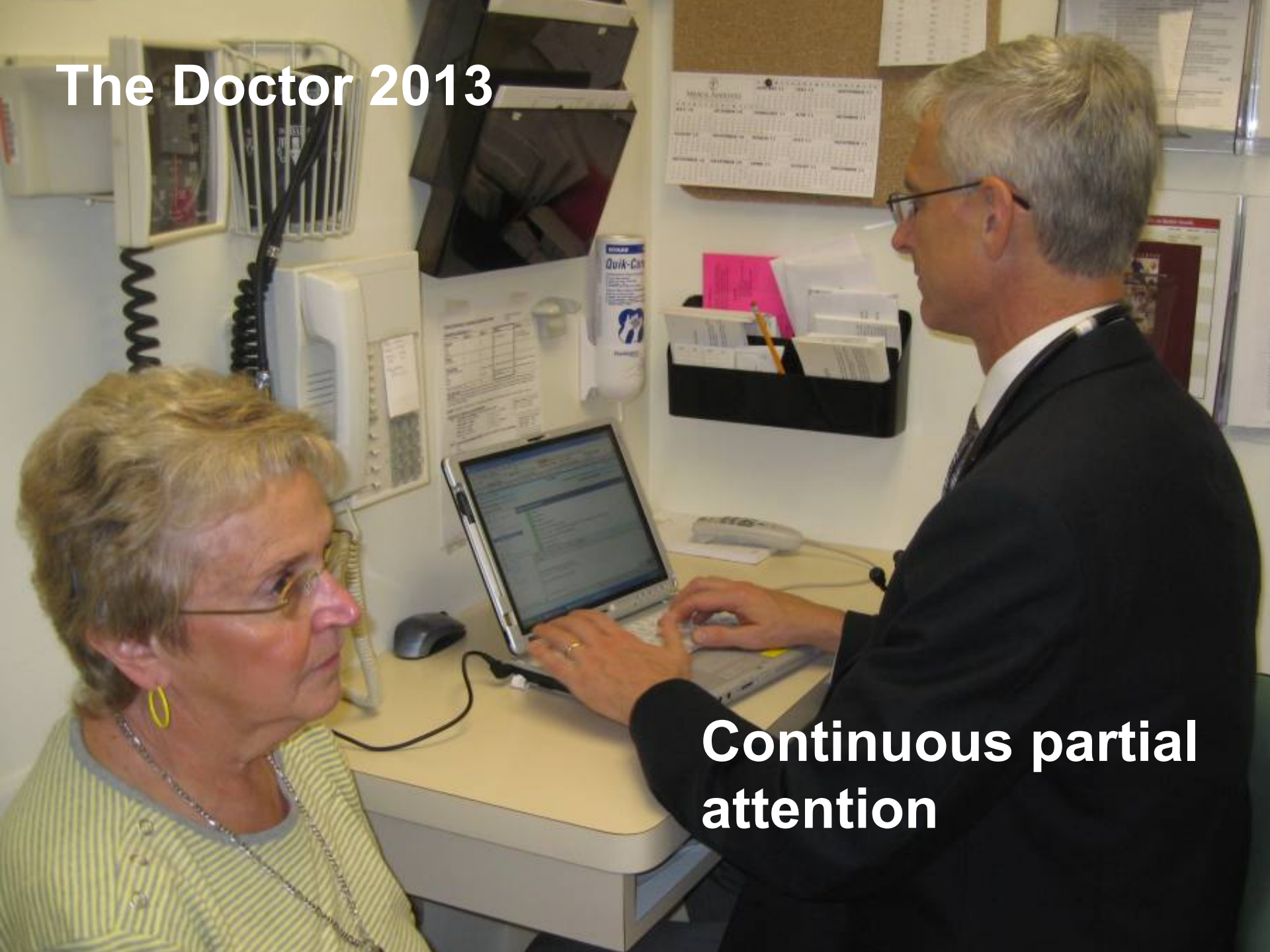
Personal communication. Beth Kohnen, MD,
internist Anchorage AL 8.3.11

The Doctor 1891 Fildes



Undivided attention

The Doctor 2013



**Continuous partial
attention**

Challenges

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Innovations

- **Scribing**
- Assistant order entry



**Scribing: Newport News
Family Practice**

Collaborative Care

Newport News

- What we all hoped for
- Team: 3:1 Nurse/physician

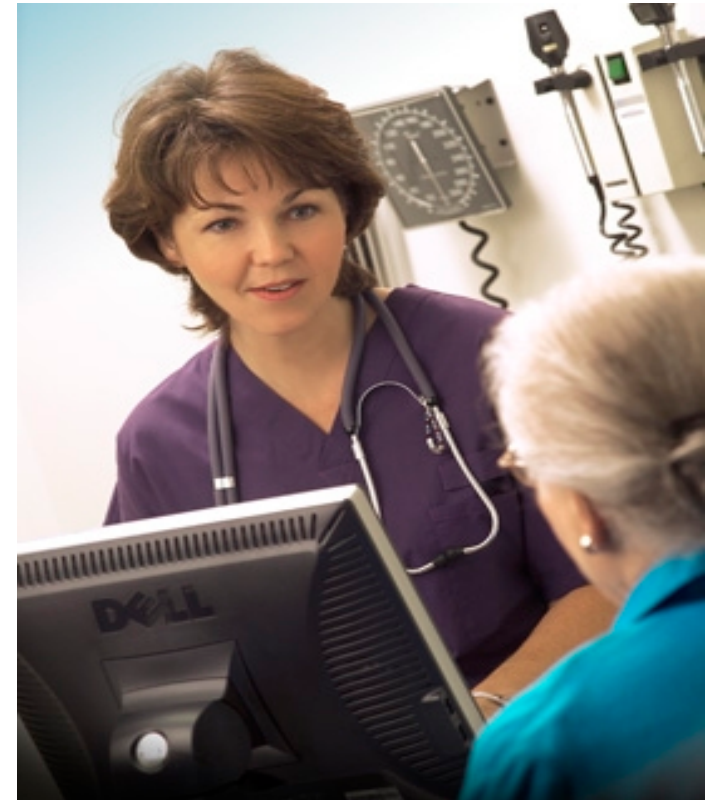


[http://
primarycareprogr
ess.org/insight/3/
profiles](http://primarycareprogress.org/insight/3/profiles)

Pre-visit

Nurse with Pt (8-12 min)

- Nurse gathers, records
 - Vitals, Med Rec.,
 - Previous two notes
 - ER, Consult notes,
 - New lab or x-ray
 - Agenda, HPI
 - ROS guided by templates



Visit

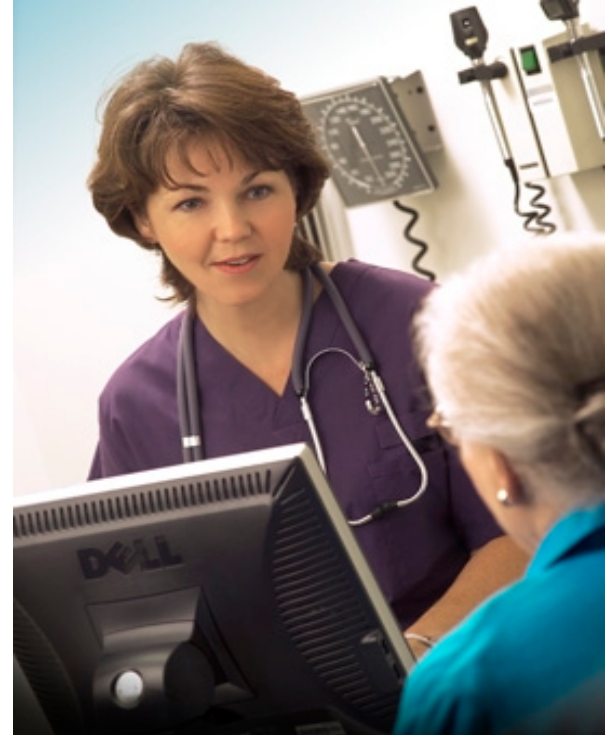
Nurse, Patient and MD

- Nurse gives report
- M.D.
 - Hx, PE
- M.D.
 - verbalizes med changes
 - lab, x-ray orders
 - diagnosis/billing codes
 - next follow-up appt.
- Nurse records



Post-visit Nurse with Patient

- Nurse
 - Reviews plan
 - Prints and reviews visit summary
- US Army



Scribing at Cleveland Clinic

Kevin Hopkins M.D.



Collaborative Care

Cleveland Clinic: Stonebridge

- New Model
 - 2 MA: 1 MD
 - 2 pt/d cover cost
 - 21 → 28 visits/d
 - 20-30% ↑ revenue
 - Spread to others
 - We're having FUN



The MA's are more fully engaged in patient care than they have ever been and they enjoy their work...They have increased knowledge about medical care in general and about their individual patients in particular.

Kevin Hopkins M.D.

Collaborative Care

University of Utah: Redstone

- 2.5 MA: 1 MD



I get to look at my patients and talk with them again. We're reconnecting.... Our patient satisfaction numbers are up, our quality metrics have improved, our nurses are contributing more, and I am going home an hour earlier to be with my family.

Amy Hauptert MD, family physician, Allina-Cambridge 11.29.11
personal communication

Office Practice of the Future

Quincy Family Practice

- 2 MA: 1 LPN: 1 MD



Collaborative Care

- Six sites
- Similar results
 - Access 30% ↑
 - Costs covered
 - Satisfaction ↑
 - Quality metrics ↑
 - Physician
 - home hour earlier
 - no work at home



Challenges

3. Vast amounts of **time spent documenting** care

Action Steps

Regulatory

- Team log-in
- Meaningful Use Stage 2

Institutions

- Staffing ratios
- Assistant order entry

Technology

- Seamless transitions between users

Challenges

4. Computerized **technology that pushes more work** to the clinician

Innovations

- Verbal messages
- **In-box management**

The task list is unbearable. I spend 1.5 hours clearing out my task list before leaving and another 1.5 hours at home after the kids go to bed.

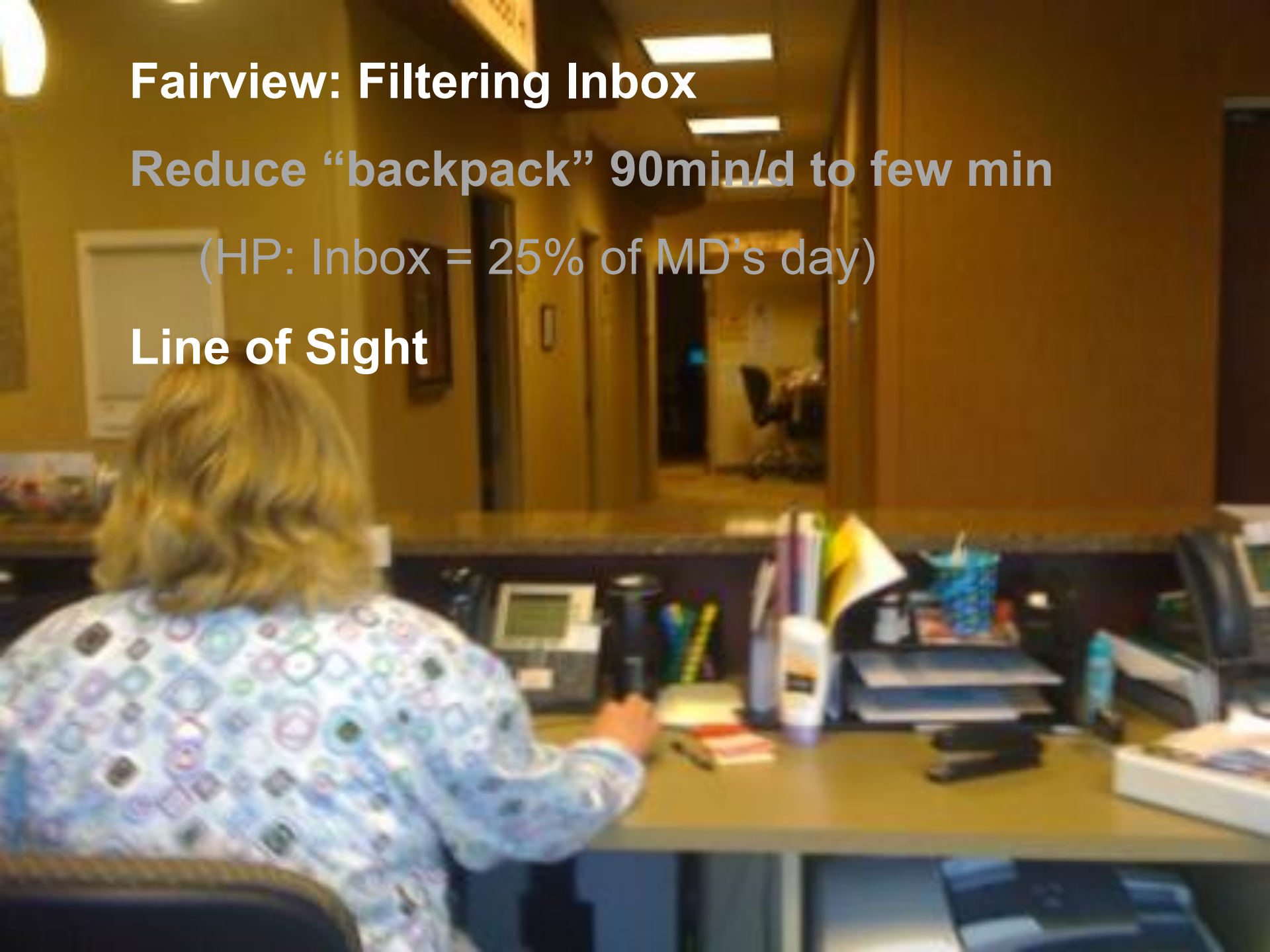
Primary Care Physician, Des Moines, IA; 2011

Fairview: Filtering Inbox

Reduce “backpack” 90min/d to few min

(HP: Inbox = 25% of MD's day)

Line of Sight





Verbal messaging at Fairview rather than series e-
messages going round and round the office



Semi-circular desk, APF



Iora Health, Dartmouth-Hitchcock

Challenges

4. Computerized **technology that pushes more work** to the clinician

Action Steps

Institutions

- ↓ message generation
- Nurses filter inbox

Regulators

- Security modifications to accommodate workflow

Technology

- Improved usability
- Team-based design

Challenges

5. **Teams that function poorly** and complicate rather than simplify the work

Innovations



support trust and
reliance



Flow station at North Shore Physicians Group

HP: Saves 30 min/day/physician



Printer in every room University of Utah Redstone

HP: Saves 20 min/day/physician



Fairview
Co-location of scheduler



**Co-location at South Central
Foundation, Alaska**



**APF, Massachusetts
General Hospital**

Team Meetings

Do Work + Make Work Better



Health coach running meeting “we all own the outcomes of the practice, we all own meeting”





**ThedaCare: All staff trained in QI,
Pulling in same direction,
capacity for change**



Clinic walls lined with data
ThedaCare

Priority of Problems Identification

BENEFIT

HIGH

Implement

Plan to do

LOW

Check to do

Kick out

Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates



26 Improvement Specialists
South Central Foundation, Alaska

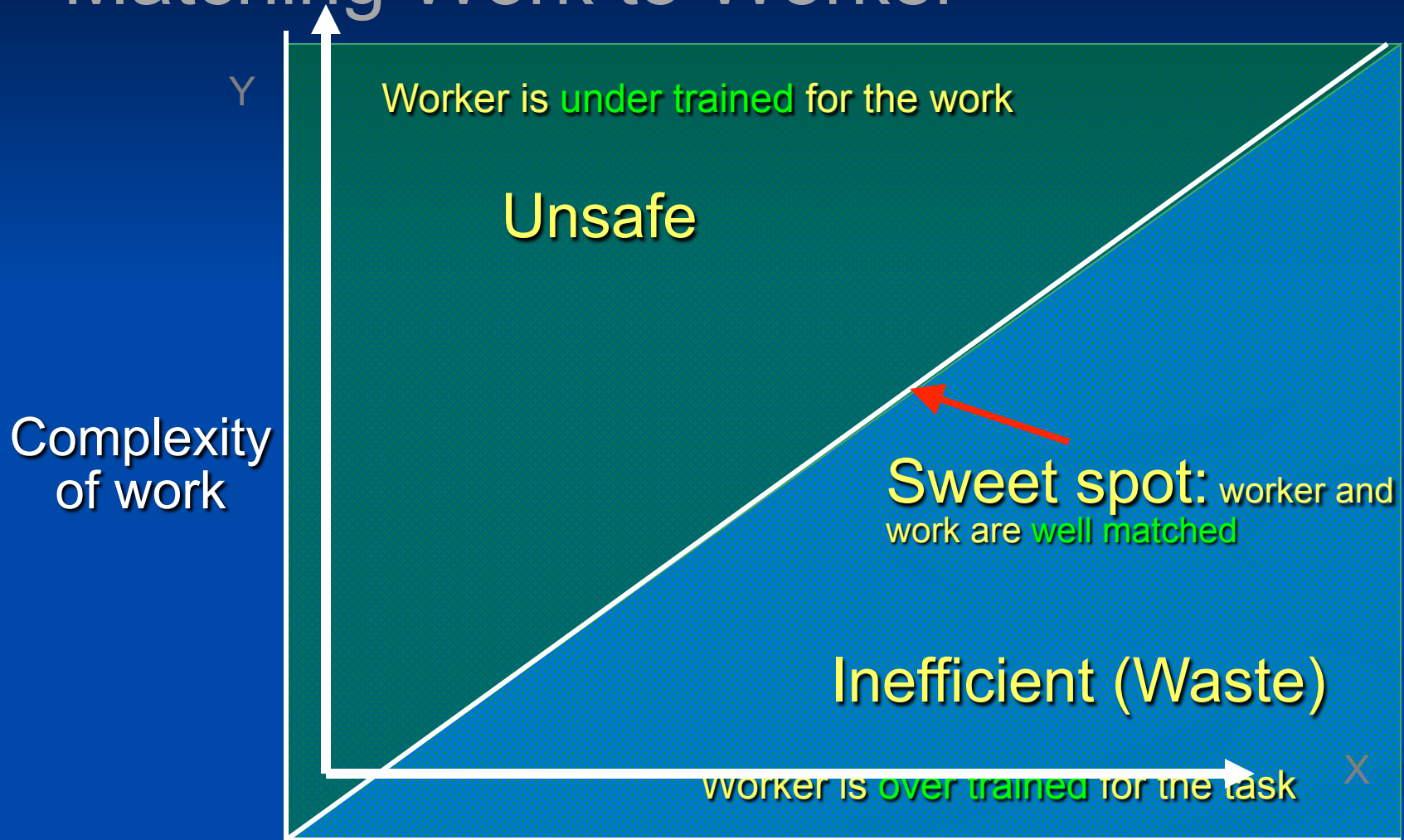
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Action Steps



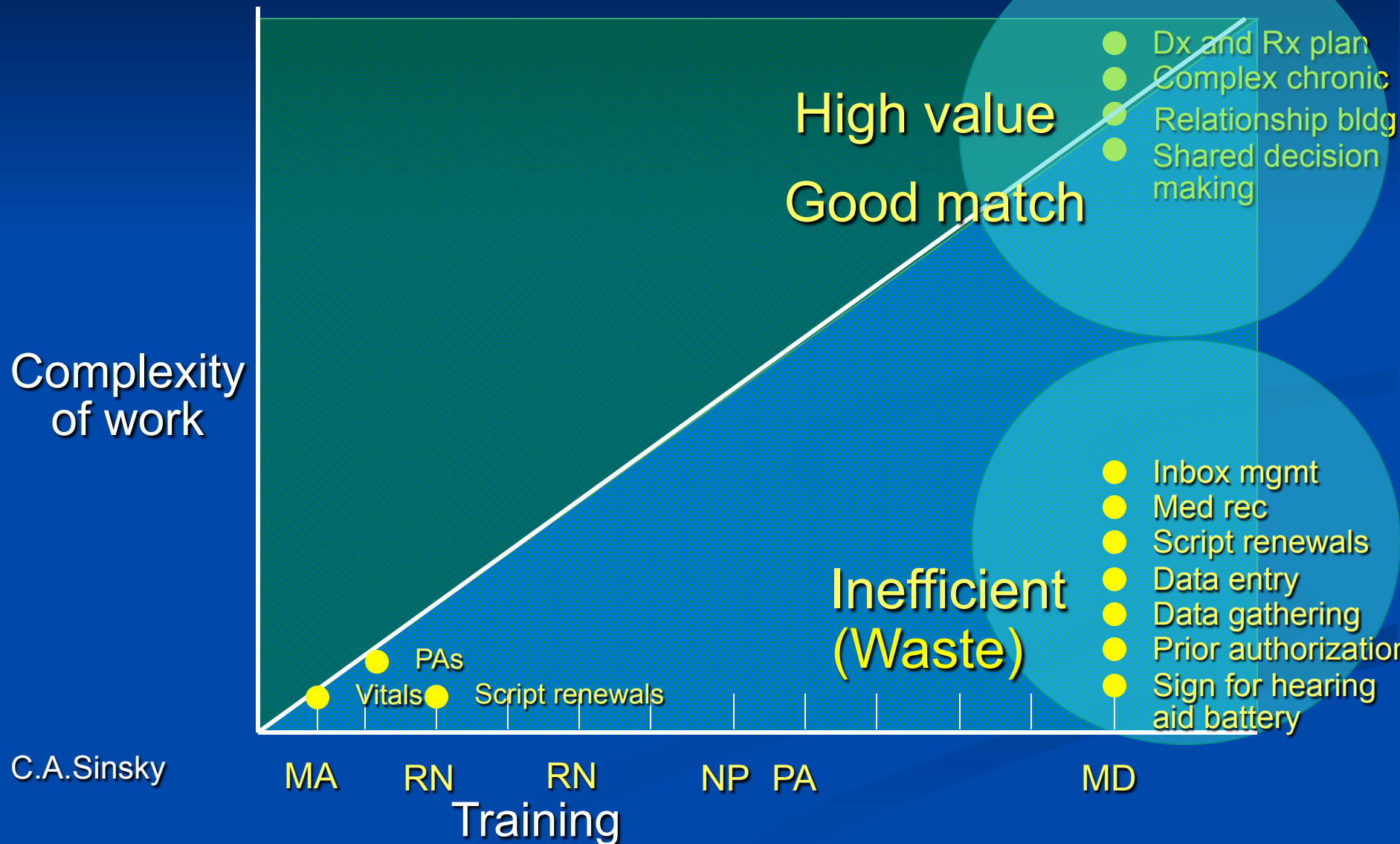
Conceptual Model: Matching Work to Worker



C.A.Sinsky; Modified from A. Mulley

Training

Current Work Distribution in PC

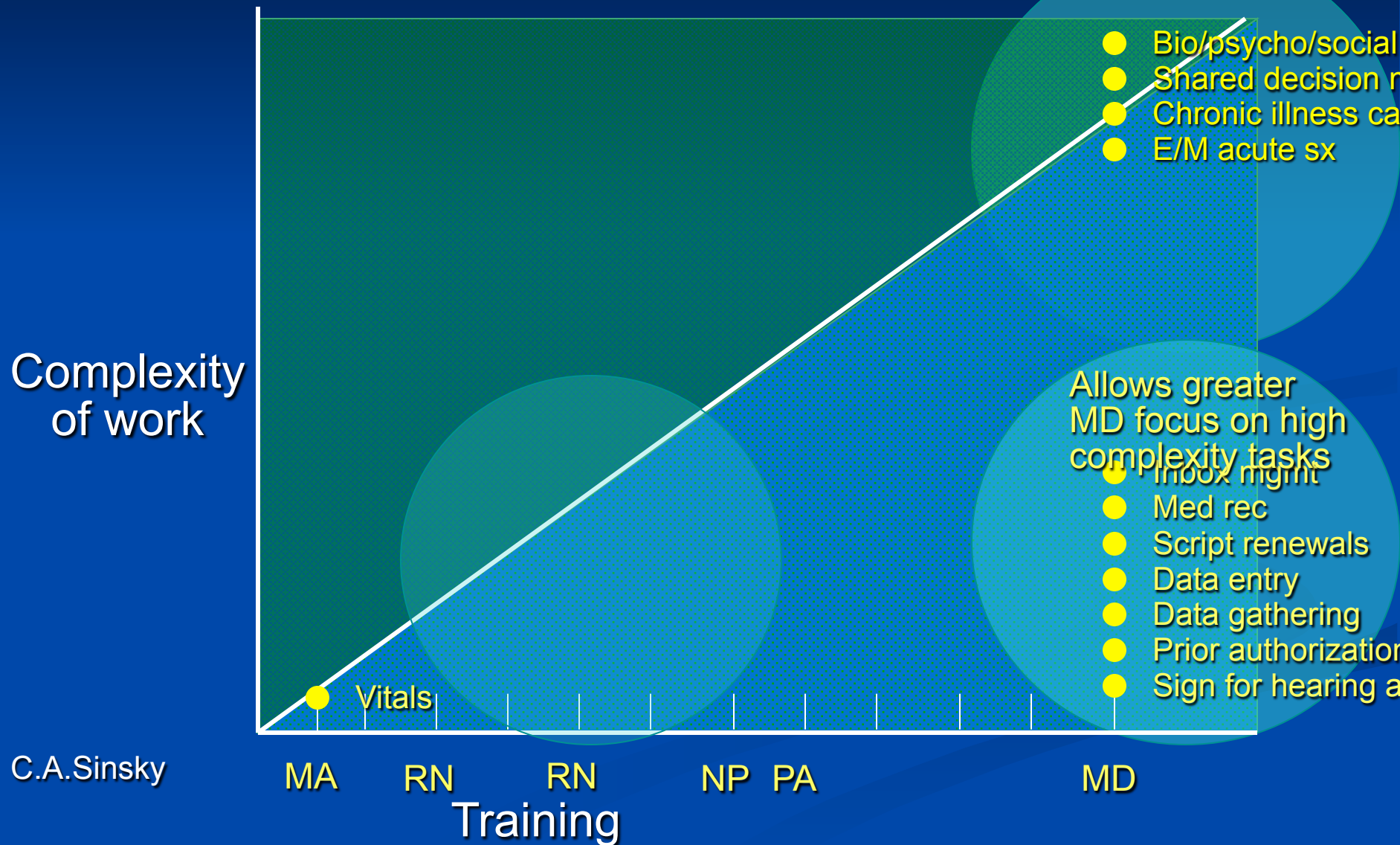


We have developed a new mental model:

Pull the doctor out of the infrastructure (typing, EHR, etc) and get them back to being present to the patient.

David Moen, MD
Director Care Model Innovation, Fairview Clinic Mlps
Personal communication 2.10.10

Matching Work to Worker



Key Lessons

For ↓ Burnout and ↑ Joy

- Share the care with team
 - 2:1 or 3:1 staffing in stable
 - Physician-centric to team-based care
- Clear communication
 - Co-location
 - Team meetings
- Systematic Planning
 - Pre-visit planning
 - Workflow mapping

Standing orders

In-box management

In-visit scribing

Pre-visit planning

Health Coaching

How innovations relate to Patient-Centered Medical Home?

Share the Care

Huddles

Panel management

Care Coordination

Co-location

Team meetings

Patient-Centered Medical Home

In-box management

Standing orders

Scribing

Pre-visit planning

Health Coaching

Access and Continuity

Manage Populations

Plan and Manage Care

Self-Care and Support

Track and Coordinate Care

Measure/Improve Performance

Share the Care

Care Coordination



Panel management

Meetings

Checkback 2011



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The biggest difference -- is team, culture and time.

Time with patients to better understand who they are, their story

I wouldn't trade that for anything. I'm loving it.

Our Work Going Forward

How can we contribute to transformation

“Starbucks would be better”

“I’m loving it”



Ben Crocker

What patients want is that
deep relationship with a
healer;

this is the foundation upon
which we need to build
healthcare.

Paul Grundy, MD

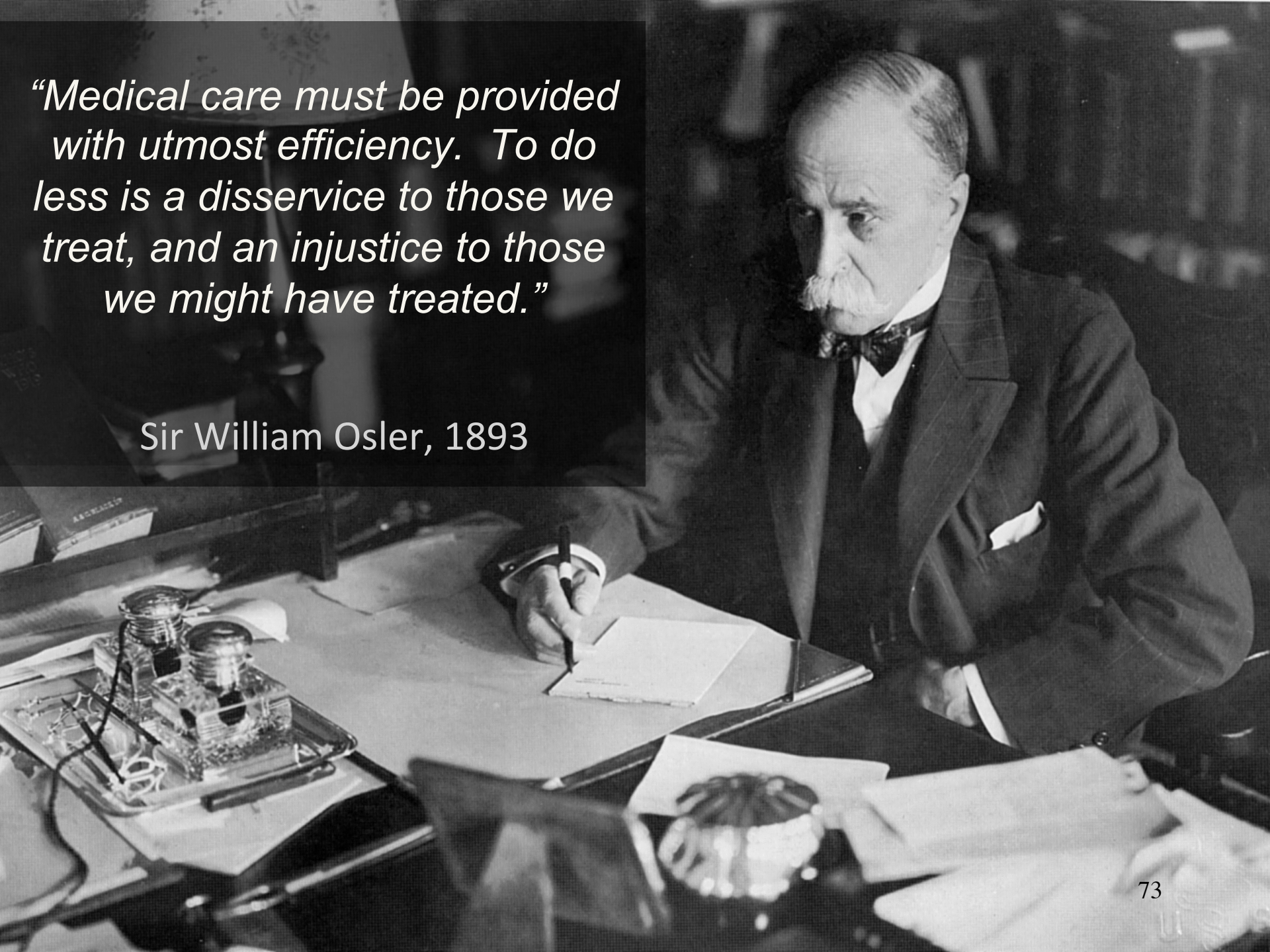
IBM, PCPCC

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“Medical care must be provided with utmost efficiency. To do less is a disservice to those we treat, and an injustice to those we might have treated.”

Sir William Osler, 1893



Discussion

