



This Week in *Physician-Led Care*: Clips from News Sources
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Medical Xpress: (9/3) – Research from George Mason University’s College of Health and Human Services found that independent, physician-owned practices adopted more quality improvement strategies than hospital-owned practices and community clinics.

Fierce Healthcare: (9/3) – In August, 2% of primary practices closed and another 2% of practices are considering bankruptcy. According to a recent survey, one in ten practices indicated that they were uncertain of their solvency for the coming month, with 20% of clinicians reported that they were considering leaving primary care.

Revcycle Intelligence: (9/2) – According to a new survey from the Larry A. Green Center and the Primary Care Collaborative, primary care practice management challenges continue, with many physicians facing increased clinician workloads, environmental threats, and a lack of resources.

MedPage Today: (9/1) – COVID-19 has brought to light many issues in the healthcare system, leading many physicians and experts to call for a much-needed and overdue investment in primary care that focuses on prevention, chronic disease management, and patient-centered care.

Cumberlink: (8/31) – The coronavirus pandemic has threatened the financial solvency of many independent primary care practices, with many fearing they may need to abandon their independence in favor of joining larger medical groups or health systems.

AHIP: (8/31) – As many accountable care models focus on primary care, there is a need and a market to expand value-based models in specialty care as it accounts for around 70 percent of health care spending.

Revcycle Intelligence: (8/31) – Primary care doctors have faced financial hardship with the rapid transition from office-based business models to telehealth due to COVID-19. Companies like Heal and Firefly Health are looking to more permanently transition to virtual primary care.

Crain’s Cleveland Business: (8/28) – Primary care providers are the foundation of healthcare in America, with this opinion article arguing for increased direct primary care models, which would create a more sustainable, “pandemic-proof” future for private primary care practices.