**Abstract Submission – 15 minute, 30 minute, 1 hour oral session or poster**

**Title**

**The future of General Practice ,are we an endangered species?**

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**Background**

**Our present delivery of care system is antiquated and not adapted to the present needs of the population in particular for chronic illness, yet the General Practitioner remains the most cost effective and quality oriented method of treatment.**

**We are wasting 20 billion dollars each year in potentially avoidable hospital admissions for chronic illnesses or associated comorbidities .**

**On the other end General practice is undergoing increasing financial, administrative , and regulatory pressures , and the scope of practice is gradually decreasing .**

**We do not have incentives in place and we do not have the adequate support system to help the General Practitioner regain control on what will become soon a medical and financial catastrophe**

**Aims**

**Health care reform is needed but there needs to be complete alignment between payer, provider and patient .**

**In this setting , the general practitioner is no longer at the centre but rather at the top of the delivery of care where simple tasks can be delegated to a practice nurse , and more complex issues reserved to the doctor , in his domain of expertise**

**The reimbursement needs to be changed to incentivise GPs to increase the scope of their practice and get rewarded to prevent avoidable admissions .**

**The government also must understand that it needs to change its views on quality indicators for disease management indices ,often dependent on the patient, not the GP, but rather provide us with a strong case management support with domiciliary intervention capabilities.**

**Method**

**With 20 years of experience in California , the author will present a methodology which will achieve the goals described above .**

**The encouraging fact is that all the elements of a new delivery of care do already exist , and can be easily coordinated in a uniform measurable and expandable program**

**Results**

**The author will present unpublished data on home hospitalisation and the “virtual Hospital “**

**Conclusion**

**We are in a period of changes but it is imperative that General Practice regains control for the benefit of the patient, the provider and the payer**

**References**

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