

[Curriculum Vitae]

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[Abstract]

Lecture Title	<i>Family Medicine - Essential to Primary Care Transformation</i>
<p>It is now many years since Prof Barbara Starfield determined that there was good evidence, that good primary care is associated with better health outcomes, lower costs, and greater equity in health.</p> <p>The World Health Organization (WHO) has stated, in 2023, that the world is off track to make significant progress towards Universal Health Coverage (UHC) by 2030. Improvements to health services coverage have stagnated since 2015, and this global pattern is consistent across all regions and the majority of countries. WHO's recommendation is to reorient health systems using a primary health care (PHC) approach.</p> <p>WONCA believes that family medicine is essential to comprehensive Primary Care and the broader concept of Primary Health Care and thus it is essential to its transformation.</p> <p>We need to provide strong family medicine in all of our countries – what can help us provide high value high quality care? How can WONCA help?</p>	