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On April 25-26, 2006 the University of California, San Francisco Department of Family and Community Medicine and The Permanente Medical Group sponsored a national meeting, Primary Care at the Crossroads: New Models for the 21st Century. This meeting served as the founding event of the **Center of Excellence in Primary Care**. About 100 people participated in the conference, which took place at UCSF's new Mission Bay Campus. Most participants were health professionals from primary care safety net practices (community health centers and public hospital systems), The Permanente Medical Group, other integrated delivery systems and private practices, clinicians from academic departments of family medicine and general internal medicine, patient advocates, researchers, payers and funders concerned with primary care. Presenters were from across the US, England, and Sweden.

For this *e-letter*, we'd like to share with you the pre-conference papers and the PowerPoint presentations on primary care innovations and reimbursement issues. You can find these materials at [CEPC Website: Conferences](http://www.familymedicine.medschool.ucsf.edu/cepc). <http://www.familymedicine.medschool.ucsf.edu/cepc>

In this, our 5th issue of the *Primary Care e-letter*, we're expanding beyond the original format of posting citations from peer reviewed journals. (For those reviewers who have submitted citations for the May e-letter, I want to reassure you that I've saved these and will use them for the next *e-letter*.) As we expand the *e-letter*, we'll begin to include brief descriptions of primary care innovations written specifically for the *e-letter*. That's where you come in. If you'd like to write a description of your practice innovation for the *e-letter*, please contact Tom Bodenheimer at tbodenheimer@fcm.ucsf.edu. We're also interested in posting your responses to the material that we send out. If you would like to comment on an article or innovation, please send an email to me at egoldstein@fcm.ucsf.edu and let me know that you'd like to include the comment in the *e-letter*. You're also welcome to comment on what we post and ask not to have it posted for general viewing. Feedback is always helpful!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Conference. We look forward to expanding the dialogue and moving forward the action steps proposed in April.