

## **PHARMACISTS CAN BECOME THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT TRANSFORMATIVE FORCE IN IMPROVING HEALTH CARE AND REDUCING COSTS - BUT WILL THEY?**

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McInnis will discuss:

- The shifting role of pharmacists from dispensing to direct clinical practice in various settings
- The opportunity presented for comprehensive medication management in coordinated care systems such as Accountable Care Organizations (ACO) and Patient Centered Medical Homes (PCMH) to improve clinical outcomes and reduce overall health care costs
- The work of the Patient Centered Primary Care Collaborative and the Medication Management Taskforce to standardize "Comprehensive Medication Management"
- The need for pharmacy organizations, academia, managed care (health plans and Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBM)), and retail to support the evolution and work to align financial incentives (from those associated with products to those associated with clinical practice) to support robust comprehensive medication management
- The importance of becoming a true and valued provider of clinical pharmaceutical care as a member of the PCMH or ACO team by linking medications and their use directly to clinical goals of therapy. Get pharmacists out of the medication silo!