

INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO REDUCE HEALTH DISPARITIES

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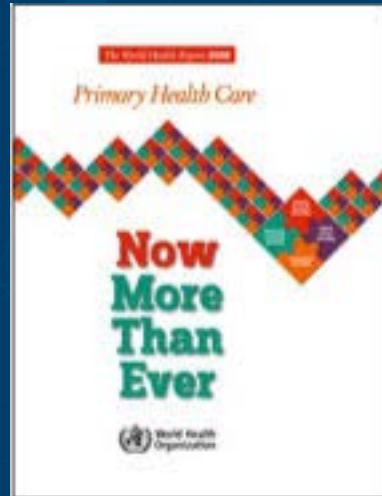


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- “Inequity is built into health systems - especially western health systems that are based on a view of health needs disease by disease. Therefore, the benefits of primary care, which is person- and population-, rather than disease-focused, are underappreciated. Data provide evidence not only of its (primary care’s) benefit to populations but also of its preferential benefit to the socially disadvantaged.”
 - Barbara Starfield. The hidden inequity in health care. International Journal for Equity in Health, 2011;10:15.



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Barbara's final message for WONCA

- "Here are the three challenges I think you should focus on:
 - "How do we develop primary care research to address the challenges of care for people with comorbidities?"
 - "How do we use the information from primary care to improve population health?"
 - "How do we truly adopt patient-centeredness into primary care?"

