

Review of: "[Commentary] Potential Mechanisms of Continuity of Care and Future Research"

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Thank you for inviting me to review this commentary. I applaud the author for picking this topic, which he rightly points out is challenging to delineate causation because it largely involves a review of observational and self-reported data. The commentary is well laid out to give readers a broad framework to consider possible mechanisms.

As more primary care systems move towards an interdisciplinary team approach, it may be good to consider how these dynamics may impact the mechanisms and roles of each party within the primary care provider team. I thought it was a rather strong statement to make that the absence of facilitating conditions will translate into a beneficial impact on outcomes not being realised. The author may wish to consider adding more references for the section on facilitating conditions. Regarding the point on the matching of patient and provider, it may not necessarily depend on the presence of multiple providers but can be as straightforward as the availability of options within a reasonable proximity.

On the point of measuring continuity of care, I would have liked to hear the author's thoughts on whether it is more important to look at the degree or impact, and how the data can be translated into comparisons across providers or even across countries and health systems.

Minor points on spelling, second last sentence of facilitating conditions section: "care is coherent~~und~~ non-interrupted over time" and first sentence of future research section: "c) mechanisms that *underly* these impacts".

Overall, a great commentary, and I look forward to more insights from the author!