

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

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The article is on designing mechanisms for ensuring continuity of care within primary healthcare settings. While previous studies have sought to uncover the benefits of continuity of care, such as improved health outcomes, increased efficiency, and enhanced productivity, much of the empirical evidence available comes from data collected in middle- and high-income countries. Despite these efforts, there remains a lack of comprehensive understanding regarding the concept of continuity of care, its intricate interrelationships, and its overall impact.

There is a positive perception of the advantages associated with continuity of care, particularly in light of the increasing prevalence of chronic diseases and the growing emphasis on early detection. However, the operationalization of mechanisms to achieve continuity of care remains largely unexplored. This article addresses this critical gap by initiating a crucial discourse through the proposition of an eight-step framework. Its significant contribution lies not only in addressing this previously overlooked aspect but also in catalyzing conversations surrounding the topic.

While this is a commentary, for the sake of completeness, it would have benefited from discussing certain aspects before proposing the mechanism. These aspects include describing the perspective of the primary stakeholder - the patient, and reviewing relevant theories that inform the process components and potential barriers to achieving continuity of care. Additionally, some statements require citations. Despite these suggestions, I found the commentary to be stimulating, and I believe it has the potential to encourage further research on this important topic.