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Dear sir/madam,

I am a family physician working in HA.

Please find my comments below:

1. Agree in principle that a primary care registry is a way forward. Also agree that initial recruitment needs to be inclusive rather than exclusive. However, what next? Is there a deadline by which doctors must fulfill certain criteria before the initial recruitment? What professional body will oversee this registry? Who will define the criteria?
2. In the future, will new graduates just finishing internship be allowed to practice in private as a solo practitioner? Personally, I think this is very dangerous, and unheard of in developed countries.
3. I disagree that family medicine specialists are the only ones that can provide primary care. However, for an effective primary care healthcare system, training in general practice or family medicine is essential. Reinforcing the need for training to get into the registry in the future, as well as a system to ensure effective ongoing training for established "family doctors" would be needed. As I heard in the recent HA convention – "air pilots have half yearly assessments, why can't doctors have this as well?"
4. Funding policy – any funding that is voluntary is bound to fail.
5. What will be the future role of MCHC, EHS and other DH related "preventive" healthcare services? For example, current antenatal and infant healthcare is taken up by MCHC. In UK or Australia, the GP can do the same; there is no MCHC in these countries. Mind you, they have a very strong community support such that home visits can be made for those in need. Will there be a greater development in allied healthcare as support?

Regards,

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