

I.Q. -- Interesting Quotes

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Single specialty IPAs are largely motivated by protectionism and not by effort to improve the quality of care.

-- Jeff Goldsmith, PhD, sociologist, and president of Health Futures, Inc.

A Patient-Centered Paradigm

"The characteristics of a patient-centered paradigm agreed upon include self-healing, recognition of the patient as a unified whole, respect for the patient's values, beliefs, and dignity, involvement of the patient as a partner in health promotion, and a natural and conservative approach to evidence based care. Patient-centered research must reach beyond the randomized controlled trial, involving designs where clinicians apply their own patient-centered therapy in a 'real world' assessment."

Gatterman MI. A patient-centered paradigm: a model for chiropractic education and research. Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine Vol. 1, Number 4, 1995. pp. 371-386.

In Search of Truth

"Physicians and practitioners of alternative medicine must recognize that there are truths to be sought in other camps."

From "Alternative Medicine: The challenge of Nicht-Schulmedizin (or what is not taught in medical schools). Editorial. Journal of Rheumatology 1997;24:12.

Medical "Internal Self-Sabotage"

While the chiropractic profession has been trying to overcome its internal divisions for years, the medical profession is just beginning to reveal deep rifts between the doctors in its profession. A good example is the following quote, published in the AMA News:

"But we are now succumbing to a sort of internal self-sabotage, where physicians demean other physicians, forgetting that the pluralism of practice is what made medicine great, where physicians resort to legislation to establish their credentials, and where physicians sue fellow physicians over procedure, patient infringements, and even practice modes."

-- James S. Todd, MD, executive vice president, AMA.

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