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A Growing Healthcare Crisis

According to the American Academy of Medical Colleges, the U.S. will face an estimated shortage of 31,000 primary physicians within the next 10 years. With approximately 10,000 Americans turning 65 everyday and becoming Medicare eligible, and more than 30 million Americans projected to obtain health insurance through the Affordable Care Act, the physician shortage is expected to grow exponentially.

Creating a Solution

Concerned with the state of the nation's healthcare system, former UC San Diego School of Medicine professor, Dr. Leonard Glass, began analyzing ways to help bolster the industry's workforce. In 2010, he built the foundation of what would soon become Physician Retraining and Reentry – an online educational program created to help solve the nation's growing physician shortage in three ways:

- 1) By giving retired physicians the opportunity to reenter the workforce as primary care practitioners
- 2) By providing working specialists with the tools necessary to practice primary care
- 3) By helping slightly disabled surgeons who are far from voluntary retirement return to practice in a primary care setting

In 2013, Dr. Glass solidified a pivotal collaboration with UC San Diego School of Medicine faculty – one of the leading institutions of higher learning in the country. At the same time, he recruited PRR's leadership team from UC San Diego including Dr. David Bazzo (Chief Medical Officer), Dr. William Norcross and Dr. Stephen Miller. Together the team hired a group of faculty members with the strategic relationships and experience necessary to create PRR's curriculum and exams.

How It Works

Designed and developed by primary care physicians and professors at UC San Diego School of Medicine, the PRR program consists of 15 online courses that cover a wide range of critical subject matter from cardiology to dermatology, medical records and more. Participants are able to work through the program at their own pace giving them ample time to master each course before taking a final examination. Upon completion, participants may be awarded up to 180 hours of *AMA PRA Category 1 credit™* from the UC San Diego School of Medicine. The program's full-time placement division is also available to help identify conveniently located job opportunities. They do this by working with clinics, hospitals and recruiters nationwide who are actively searching for qualified adult outpatient primary care physicians who are interested in part-time or full-time work.

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Who Benefits

The PRR program is a great option for any licensed physician who wishes to practice primary care full or part-time including:

- Retired physicians
- Physicians nearing retirement who wish to transition to part-time work
- Working specialists interested in offering primary care
- Physicians who took a leave of absence to start a family and are ready to return to work
- Slightly disabled surgeons who are far from voluntary retirement but are fully capable of diagnosing and treating patients in a primary care setting
- Retired military physicians interested in returning to patient care

Leadership Team

PRR's leadership team consists of UC San Diego School of Medicine professors and leading healthcare professionals who have collaborated to tackle the country's growing shortage of primary care physicians.

Leonard Glass, M.D. – Founder; Chairman, Board of Directors

Dr. Glass served as a clinical professor of plastic surgery at UC San Diego School of Medicine for six years. As a leading physician certified by the American Board of Surgery and American Board of Plastic Surgery, he operated a private plastic and reconstructive surgery practice for nearly 30 years. Dr. Glass is a member of several professional associations including the San Diego County Medical Society, the San Diego County Plastic Surgery Society, the California Medical Association, the American Society of Plastic Surgery and the American Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery.

David Bazzo, M.D. - Chief Medical Officer; Member, Board of Advisors

Dr. Bazzo is associate director of the UC San Diego School of Medicine Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program where he is also a clinical professor of family medicine. In addition to operating an active practice in family and sports medicine, Dr. Bazzo serves as co-director of the Primary Care Core Clerkship for the UC San Diego Family Medicine Residency Program and the UC San Diego Sports Medicine Fellowship.

William Norcross, M.D. – Chief of Quality Control; Member, Board of Advisors

Dr. Norcross is the founder and director of the UC San Diego School of Medicine Physician Assessment and Clinical Education (PACE) program. He also serves as a clinical professor of family medicine and preventive medicine at the university where – for more than a decade – he served as the residency director of family medicine.

Stephen Miller, M.D., MPH – Member, Board of Advisors

Dr. Miller has served as Assistant Professor and Chief of Plastic Surgery at UC San Francisco, and Chief of Plastic Surgery at San Francisco General Hospital. He has also served as a professor of plastic surgery at several institutions including Penn State School of Medicine, Oregon Health Sciences University and UC San Diego School of Medicine. In 2005, Dr. Miller became president and CEO of the American Board of Medical Specialties and is certified by the American Boards of Surgery and Plastic Surgery. From 1984 to 1990, he served as director of the American Board of Plastic Surgery and chairman of the board from 1989-1990. Dr. Miller was also editorin-chief of the Yearbook of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery and has published more than 200 articles and abstracts.

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