

# The Future of Primary Care: The Critical Role of Title VII Education and Training

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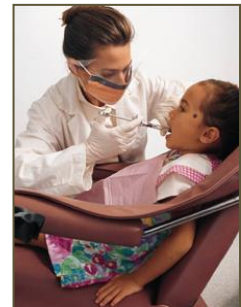
## Project Overview

Insight worked with the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Advisory Committee on Training and Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry (ACTPCMD) to develop a Congressional Report on preparing future primary care providers to meet the changing challenges of the U.S. population.

Since 1999, ACTPCMD has advised Congress and the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on issues under the domain of Title VII, Section 747 programs, including the undergraduate- and graduate-level training of primary care providers, the recruitment of underrepresented minorities and disadvantaged populations, and the provision of quality health care to underserved communities.

"The Future of Primary Care: The Critical Role of Title VII Education and Training," ACTPCMD's Fourth Report to Congress, provided an overview of the challenges facing primary care providers and laid out a roadmap to prepare the primary care disciplines to meet these challenges.

Drawing from expert testimony, white papers, and direct research, this report outlined the challenges facing primary care providers; these include the aging of the population, racial and ethnic diversity, chronic care management, disparities in care, costs of care, access to care, provider supply and demand, underserved populations, information technology, quality of care, and patient safety. The report explained what is needed for the primary care workforce to address these rapidly changing challenges and provided specific recommendations for consideration.



ACTPCMD made 6 recommendations in support of its findings; these included 1) development and dissemination of educational innovations in the use of information technology; 2) integration of interdisciplinary team models; 3) development of interdisciplinary faculty team models; 4) encouragement of cultural competencies; 5) community collaboration and outreach; and 6) emphasis on emerging populations needs, including patient safety, prevention, chronic disease management, genomics, and first-response strategies to public health hazards.

## Core Activities

Stakeholder Engagement and Coordination of Advisory Committees and Technical Expert Panels; Policy Analysis and Assessment; Report Development and Presentation

## Products

The final report is entitled "Preparing Primary Healthcare Providers to Meet America's Future Healthcare Needs." (November 2004)

