Priority Updates to the Research Literature (PURLs) Series Now Featured in the JABFM

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We are excited to be joining the American Board of Family Medicine’s (ABFM) educational mission by collaborating on the publication of our Priority Updates to the Research Literature (PURLs) series. PURLs are identified through a multistep process by a national network of programs with the goal of succinctly writing reviews of recently published literature and disseminating these practice changers to family medicine circles. Articles with the potential to change practices are identified through a rigorous monitoring process and discussed by the PURLs Surveillance Team. These articles are then sent to our PURLs network of programs for critical appraisal by Family Medicine faculty and residents. Reviewed manuscripts go through several rounds of peer and editorial review before publication. Once the Editor-in-Chief and Vice-President of Publications agree, the manuscript is returned to the authors for expansion including a Practice Changing Statement and a discussion of background, caveats, and barriers. This finalized product is ready for publication and has historically been included in the Journal of Family Practice and Evidence-Based Practice. We are excited to begin a new partnership with ABFM and look forward to publishing our PURLs for the JABFM audience!

PURLs are a core project of the Family Physicians Inquiry Network (FPIN). FPIN envisions a primary care workforce that thinks critically, communicates expertly, and utilizes the best current evidence to improve the health of patients. Established over 25 years ago, the FPIN network currently serves 175 family medicine residency programs and Departments in the United States, Canada, and China and publishes content in 47 countries across the globe. The primary mission of FPIN is to provide quality education and professional development to primary care clinicians to practice evidence-based medicine and produce scholarship.

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