

# How To Start And Grow Your Direct Primary Care Practice

Welcome to the ultimate guide on starting and growing your direct primary care practice. If you are a healthcare provider looking to break free from the constraints of traditional healthcare systems and provide personalized care to your patients, then direct primary care is the model for you. In this article, we will explore the steps you need to take to launch and expand a successful direct primary care practice.

## 1. Understand the Direct Primary Care Model

Direct primary care, often referred to as DPC, is a healthcare model that focuses on a direct relationship between the patient and the provider. It eliminates the need for insurance companies and third-party payers, allowing physicians to offer quality care at affordable prices. Unlike traditional fee-for-service models, DPC providers charge a monthly or yearly membership fee, granting patients unlimited primary care services.

By eliminating the paperwork and administrative burdens associated with insurance billing, direct primary care providers can spend more time with patients, leading to better health outcomes and greater patient satisfaction.

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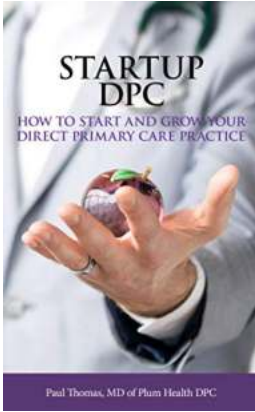
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## 2. Educate Yourself on Legal and Regulatory Requirements

Before embarking on your direct primary care journey, it is crucial to familiarize yourself with the legal and regulatory requirements governing this model of care in your state or country. Obtain the necessary licenses and certifications to practice medicine independently, ensuring compliance with all applicable laws.

Additionally, consider consulting with a healthcare attorney who specializes in direct primary care to ensure you fully understand the legal aspects and can protect your practice from potential pitfalls.

## 3. Plan Your Business Model

As with any business venture, a comprehensive business plan is essential for the success of your direct primary care practice. Start by identifying your target market and determining the scope of services you will provide. Consider the demographics of your area and the healthcare needs of the local population to tailor your services accordingly.

Outline your pricing structure, membership fees, and payment options, as well as any additional services you may offer outside of primary care. Consider

collaborating with specialists or forming partnerships with complementary healthcare providers to offer a comprehensive healthcare experience for your patients.

Marketing is another critical component of your business plan. Develop a branding strategy and create a professional website to showcase your services. Utilize social media platforms and local marketing strategies to build awareness and attract potential patients to your practice.

#### **4. Establish Relationships with Specialists and Local Hospitals**

To provide comprehensive care for your patients, it is essential to establish relationships with specialists and local hospitals. Identify specialists in your area who are open to collaborating with direct primary care providers and create referral networks. Being able to refer your patients to trusted specialists will enhance the quality and breadth of care your practice can offer.

In addition, establish relationships with local hospitals or clinics to ensure seamless coordination of care. This can be especially important in emergency situations or when hospitalizations are necessary.

#### **5. Embrace Technology and Electronic Health Records**

Technology plays a significant role in the efficiency and success of a direct primary care practice. Invest in electronic health record (EHR) systems that streamline administrative tasks and allow for easy access to patient records. Explore telehealth options to offer virtual consultations and follow-ups, expanding the reach of your practice and improving patient convenience.

Consider implementing secure patient portals that enable patients to schedule appointments, access medical records, and communicate with healthcare

providers. These technological advancements not only enhance patient experience but also improve communication and save time, ultimately benefiting your practice's growth and reputation.

## **6. Provide Excellent Patient Care and Communication**

The success of your direct primary care practice lies in the satisfaction and loyalty of your patients. Provide exceptional care by taking the time to listen, understand, and address the individual needs of each patient. Foster strong doctor-patient relationships by practicing active communication and being accessible to your patients.

Ensure your patients feel valued by offering extended appointment times and same-day or next-day appointments for urgent concerns. Implement a comprehensive follow-up system to monitor patient progress and address any ongoing or recurring health issues proactively.

## **7. Monitor and Adapt to Changing Needs**

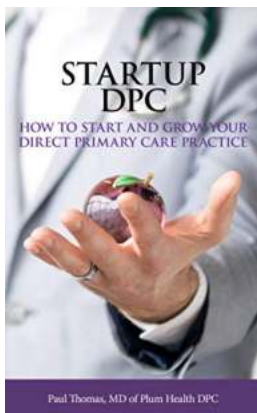
As your direct primary care practice grows, it is crucial to continually monitor and adapt to the changing needs of your patients and local healthcare landscape. Regularly assess patient satisfaction, collect feedback, and make necessary adjustments to improve the quality of care you provide.

Stay updated on industry trends and developments in direct primary care to offer innovative services and stay ahead of the competition. Attend conferences, workshops, and webinars to enhance your knowledge and network with other direct primary care providers.

Starting and growing a direct primary care practice requires careful planning, dedication, and a commitment to providing exceptional care. By understanding

the direct primary care model, adhering to legal requirements, planning your business model, and embracing technology, you can establish a successful practice that prioritizes patient-centered care.

Remember, the success of your direct primary care practice depends on your ability to build lasting relationships with your patients. By continually adapting and improving your services, you can create a practice that consistently exceeds patient expectations and revolutionizes healthcare in your community.



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We all know that our current healthcare system is broken, especially for primary care doctors and their patients. Primary care physicians have to see more and more patients in less and less time in order to keep up with declining reimbursement from insurance companies. This leads to rushed office visits, missed opportunities for genuine connections between doctors and their patients, frustrated patients, and burned out doctors. But it doesn't have to be this way.

Direct primary care offers a real opportunity at a fulfilling practice of medicine. It's a golden opportunity to restructure your time, build the practice of your dreams,

and spend your best hours taking care of patients and prioritizing your family life, rather than wasting time as a data entry clerk for an insurance company. In short, direct primary care gives you the opportunity to become the doctor that you're meant to be.

But how do you get this done? How do you go from a less-than-fulfilled doctor in the dysfunctional fee-for-service system to an empowered, entrepreneurial direct primary care physician capable of starting their own successful DPC practice?

The answers you're seeking are in this book!

My name is Dr. Paul Thomas, and I'm a Board Certified Family Medicine Doctor - I launched my own direct primary care practice straight out of residency in Southwest Detroit with over \$100,000 in student loan debt. In my first month of practice, I had 7 patients. A few years later, we have over 700 patients, and I've hired a medical assistant and a second family doctor to help me manage the growing demand for our services.

I was named the entrepreneur of the year in 2018 by the Detroit Vanguard Awards, I gave a TEDxDetroit talk on direct primary care, and I've been featured in the Detroit Free Press, Reason Magazine, CBS Radio, Detroit's ABC affiliate WXYZ, Detroit's NBC affiliate WDIV, and Crain's Detroit Business. I've also been a speaker multiple times at the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) DPC Summit, the Direct Primary Care Nuts and Bolts Conference, and the Hint Health DPC Summit.

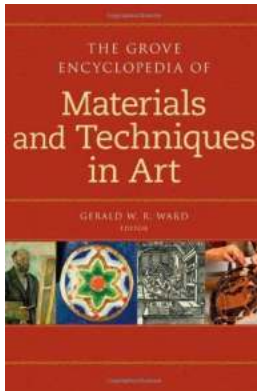
In this book, I'm going to teach you everything I know about direct primary care and about starting a successful direct primary care practice. Here's a smattering of the topics that we'll cover:

- How to have the right mindset to be successful in your direct primary care journey
- How to become the doctor you're meant to be
- What a typical day looks like for a direct primary care doctor
- How to finance your direct primary care startup
- How to raise money for your DPC practice
- How to overcome a lack of business training in medical school and residency
- How to construct the perfect timeline for starting your DPC practice
- How to write a business plan for your direct primary care clinic
- How to start a direct primary care practice straight out of residency
- How to convert an existing fee-for-service clinic to a direct primary care practice while remaining profitable
- What's the difference between direct primary care and concierge medicine
- How to hire a second doctor for your DPC practice
- How to find a profitable location for your DPC practice
- How to negotiate a lease deal for your medical practice
- How to build out the medical office of your dreams
- How to attract patients to your direct primary care practice
- How to brand your practice so you stand out in your marketplace
- How to build your personal brand to grow your direct primary care practice

And so much more!

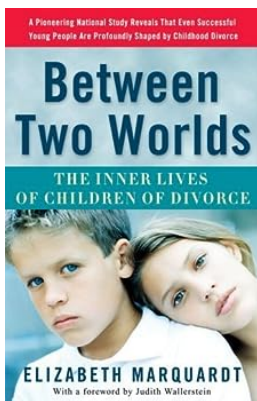
By picking up this book, you may be taking your first step in starting your direct primary care practice, or you may be taking the next big leap in growing your direct primary care practice. I know that whoever you are, and whichever stage you're at in your DPC journey, this book will inspire you and demonstrate in concrete methods how you can be even more successful.

Here's to your success in the growing DPC movement! - Dr. Paul Thomas



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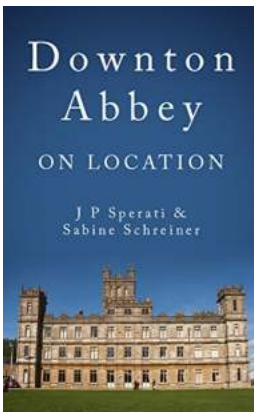
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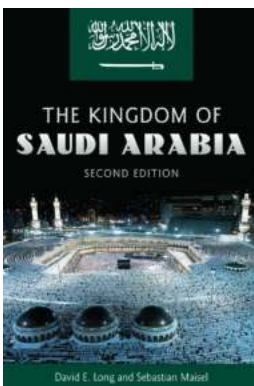
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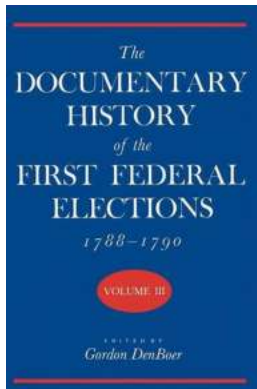
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