SUPPORT FOR COLLABORATION BETWEEN MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Policy
The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) supports the collaboration between public health and medicine to fulfill the core functions of Public Health. NACCHO encourages the integration of the knowledge base and resources of public health and prevention into medical practice, so that we will be able to achieve health objectives, provide access to care to all in our communities, decrease health disparities and impact the rising cost of health and health care in our country.

Justification
Medicine and public health share the same origins and commitments to the health of communities\(^1\), and the principles, practices, assets and resources of medicine and public health must be integrated in order to accomplish national health outcomes\(^2\). Academic medicine, in order to fulfill its mission of education, research and service, requires the integration of public health expertise and resources\(^1\) and medical and public health professionals must be trained and learn to work together in order to bring all the expertise to communities necessary to meet Healthy People 2010 outcomes\(^2\).

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References