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Gerald Thomas May 30, 2017 Response to Question about Concierge Medicine

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In response to your question about Atlas-MD. I offer the following

https://atlas.md/wichita/faq/

I had never heard of this but did a bit of research and discovered what I suspected. This is another brand name for Concierge Medicine. I think Paul and I have a different opinion about this form of medicine. I think it is not a good thing. It basically excludes those who cannot afford rather large fees and those who have very great needs. No one on Medicaid in the USA could afford it. Most people on Medicare could not afford it.

The link above is to a series of questions and answers about a practice which has adopted this practice. The Atlas-MD website is very thin and the uTube of their video shows 25 visits in the past six months.

My counsel would be to avoid it but I do understand that I am somewhat in the minority. I think the promise made by Atlas in their video is false and will not be the case. The following article gives my philosophy and would never be a part of Atlas or Concierge medicine.

Learning What Patient-Centered Medical Home Really Is

Here are a few links to articles I have written about Concierge Medicine

- <u>Concierge Medicine not Medical Home</u>
- Concierge Medicine: Professionalism vs. Entrepreneurism

- The following link gives a clear contrast between Patient-Centered Medical Home and Concierge Medicine <u>Concierge Medicine and the Future of Healthcare</u>
- This gives several other links to my critique of Concierge Medicine <u>The Fraud of Concierge Medicine</u>
- <u>The Flaw in Subscription Healthcare, James L. Holly, MD, Medical Home News,</u> <u>August, 2013</u>

Sincerely,

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