

Share Your Insights



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The Institute of Medicine's report, *Health Professions Education: A Bridge to Quality*,¹ identified five core competencies for all clinical disciplines, including the delivery of care by a multidisciplinary team. It is essential that clinicians learn and share with each other their respective discipline's research and clinical expertise so that we can continuously improve our ability to work together as a team on behalf of our patients and members.

Nurses have a long tradition of collaboration with physicians and members of the clinical team in the care and management of our

members and patients at Kaiser Permanente. In today's complex health care environment, the smooth functioning of multidisciplinary teams is critical to providing safe, high-quality care.

With this second issue of distribution of *The Permanente Journal* to nurses, I encourage you to do your part to enhance the continuing excellence of the clinical multidisciplinary teams at Kaiser Permanente by taking full advantage of this opportunity to participate in this publication. Read the articles, and think about the application to your daily practice. Share your insights with each

other, and consider contributing an article. I welcome your feedback about the value of *The Permanente Journal* in your professional practice. Enjoy, learn, and share. ❖

Reference

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