State of the Department of Population Medicine

Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Institute
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50 years ago:

“I challenge the long-held position that the social and public health problems of medical care – what it costs, how it is distributed, how it is used – are not problems which are appropriate for the Medical School to examine and attempt to solve

… Universities and medical schools have an obligation to do something about how care is provided.”

*Robert H. Ebert, Boston Globe, 1967*
Department of Population Medicine (then Ambulatory Care and Prevention) established in 1992

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