



Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Institute  
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# State of the Department of Population Medicine



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*

# Founding DPM

- Department of Population Medicine (then Ambulatory Care and Prevention) established in 1992
- Mission: Improve health care delivery and population health through innovative research and teaching
- The only appointing department of a medical school sponsored by a health plan