

# Patient-Centered Medical Home Neighborhood – Dermatology

The concept of a PCMH-Neighborhood acknowledges that, at times, patient care is required by physicians and other health care professionals outside of a patient's PCMH practice. The PCMH- Neighborhood concept highlights the importance of effective integration and coordination of services provided by specialist/subspecialist practices with the Patient-Centered Medical Home.

A specialty/subspecialty practice recognized as a Patient-Centered Medical Home Neighbor (PCMH-N) engages in processes that:

1. Ensure effective communication, coordination, and integration with PCMH practices in a bidirectional manner to provide high-quality and efficient care
2. Ensure appropriate and timely consultations and referrals that complement the aims of the PCMH practice
3. Ensure the efficient, appropriate, and effective flow of necessary patient and care information
4. Effectively guides determination of responsibility in co-management situations
5. Support patient-centered care, enhanced care access, and high levels of care quality and safety
6. Support the PCMH practice as the provider of whole person primary care to the patient and as having overall responsibility for ensuring the coordination and integration of the care provided by all involved physicians and other health care professionals