

Dear Philip (James)

At the inquiry yesterday, I was asked to provide some information about a somewhat peripheral issue: the assertion that a country's health system delivers better and more cost-effective health care with a string self-sufficient primary healthcare workforce.

Here is the reference:

- Starfield B. Is primary care essential? *Lancet* 1994;344:1129-33

and another:

- Starfield B, Powe N, Weiner J, Stuart M, Steinwachs D, Scholle S, et al. Costs vs quality in different types of primary care. *JAMA* 1994;272:1903-8.

I hesitate to send the full-text papers electronically (this might contravene copyright laws), but I am sure you will be able to access them from any library.

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