**Colorado Care Network**

# Introduction to the network

A peer support and professional practice network for three groups: physicians and advanced practice providers who founded cash-pay practices; clinicians who care for complex or unusual patients; and providers who offer specialized services, listed as a shared reference. Colorado Front Range. Convened by Patrick Long, MD.

## The problem

Patients with longstanding, complex disease are often turned away or cycle through referrals that resolve nothing. Genome sequencing found a molecular diagnosis in 54 of 353 undiagnosed families (15.3%), more than half in regions earlier testing had not assessed (Pitsava 2025, doi 10.1016/j.gim.2025.101574). Primary care sees these patients first.

## What the network provides

- **Peer support.** Small case groups modeled on Balint groups, for medical complexity, long relationships and cash-pay care. Confidential and not recorded.
- **Professional practice.** Shared lessons on founding, running and growing an independent, cash-pay practice.
- **A reference.** Cited care maps for 15 patient cohorts, and rosters of specialists, labs and centers with published cash prices who write back.
- **A monthly journal club and a weekly podcast.** One hour on Teams: one paper or one de-identified case.

## What membership asks

The monthly journal club is the core commitment: present once in rotation and serve once as scribe. Everything else is optional. No payment for referrals in either direction.

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## Joining options

- **Express interest.** Name and email. Founding cohort of six to eight, by invitation; first session early 2027.
- **Sit in on a session.** Any clinician or trainee.
- **Get the monthly reading.** One email a month.
- **Lead a cohort.** A few hours a month: one care map or roster.

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