



## Effective Health Care Effectiveness of Community-Based Medicine Nomination Summary Document

### Results of Topic Selection Process & Next Steps

- *Effectiveness of Community-Based Medicine* does not fit within the domain of the Effective Health Care (EHC) Program because the topic does not address a specific therapeutic or diagnostic intervention. Information on an in-process AHRQ Effective Health Care report on home-based primary care interventions, which may relate to the topic, can be found below. No further activity will be undertaken on this topic.
  - In-process AHRQ Effective Health Care (EHC) report. Home-Based Primary Care Interventions Systematic Review.
    - To view a description and status of the research review, please go to <http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/search-for-guides-reviews-and-reports/>.
    - To sign up for notification when this and other EHC Program topics are posted, please go to: <http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/join-the-email-list1/>

### Topic Description

<b>Nominator(s):</b>	Individual
<b>Nomination Summary:</b>	Nominator is interested in primary research examining the effectiveness of community-based medicine such as group health retreats, education, and prevention efforts on patient satisfaction and overall health status.
<b>Key Questions from Nominator:</b>	Is community-based medicine effective in increasing health care quality and decreasing cost?

### Considerations

- The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), through its Evidence-based Practice Centers (EPCs), sponsors the development of systematic reviews to assist public- and private-sector organizations in their efforts to improve the quality of health care in the United States. These reviews focus attention on the evidence from research studies about the effectiveness and safety of a clinical intervention.
- The topic does not meet EHC Program appropriateness criteria. (For more information, see <http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/submit-a-suggestion-for-research/how-are-research-topics-chosen/>.)