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House Calls to Health Systems: Reflections from 45 years as a Family Physician

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I have had the privilege of listening and learning from patients as a family physician for over 45 years – from delivering babies to attending funerals, as my patients have aged with me. I will share some of my learning and how the practice of medicine has changed, or not, over my career. I will discuss the formidable challenges currently facing health care in the US and those for family medicine and primary care specifically, finishing with potential strategies for the future.



Valerie Gilchrist received her MD degree from the University of Toronto, and finished family medicine residencies in both Canada and the US. She is a past chair of three departments of family medicine: University of Wisconsin (2008-2020),

Brody School of Medicine East Carolina University (2005-2007), and Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine (1997-2005). She has received numerous awards, most recently the 2025 Award for Distinguished and Meritorious Service from the American Academy of Family Physicians. She retired in 2023 and after 45 years of providing clinical care, is now writing, serving as one of three directors for LEADS, a weekly national program for future family medicine leaders, and loving the time for friends and family, especially grandchildren.

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