Robert Crede Visiting Professor
Primary Care Grand Rounds

Kara Odom Walker, MD, MPH, MSHS

When a Family Doctor’s Patient is the Entire State: The View from Delaware’s Secretary of Health and Social Services

- Thursday, April 5th, 2018 12-1pm Mt. Zion Campus 1545 Divisadero, Room 103
- Friday, April 6th 2018 12-1pm ZSFG Campus Carr Auditorium

Dr. Kara Odom Walker is a family physician and Cabinet Secretary of the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services. She leads the principal agency charged with keeping Delawareans healthy, ensuring they get the health care they need in a fast-changing world, and providing children, families and seniors with essential social services including food benefits, disability-related services, and mental health and addiction treatment. Prior to her appointment as Secretary, Dr. Walker served as Deputy Chief Science Officer for the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI), and as Assistant Professor of Family and Community Medicine at UCSF. As a medical student, she was President of the Student National Medical Association. Dr. Walker did her residency training in family medicine at UCSF-SF General Hospital, and was a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar at UCLA.

Learning objectives:
Describe how primary care perspectives are critical in approaching statewide population health
Discuss key examples of state health challenges from controlling health care spending to the opioid crisis to reducing youth violence
Identify specific ways that primary care leadership can influence public health challenges

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