Historically, behavioral and primary healthcare services have been provided in separate silos within systems that do not communicate or do so poorly. This talk will describe the separate systems that are responsible for both behavioral and primary healthcare services and evaluate how the lack of communication between these systems leads to poorer health outcomes and higher costs. Since the integration of primary and behavioral healthcare systems is touted as one of the most promising approaches for improving the delivery of healthcare, it is important that we learn from past mistakes.

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