



Thank you Doctor!

REDISCOVER THE FAMILY DOCTOR

The Thank You, Doctor! is a global campaign that seeks to value the role played by the primary care physician, also known as the family doctor, in the healthcare system and in society.

This campaign, initiated by the non-profit medical association **SOMOS Community Care** in New York, was born with the support of institutions, associations, and organizations such as the **Pontifical Academy for Life**, the Italian College of Physicians, the World Federation of Catholic Medical Associations, hospitals, medical schools, patient associations.

The role of the primary care physician in the healthcare system and in society is essential for five reasons:

- **Access point to the healthcare system:** The primary care physician is often the first person patients turn to when they have health problems. They act as an entry point to the healthcare system and guide patients through the maze of medical specialties and services.
- **Comprehensive & continuous care:** The family doctor is trained to treat a wide variety of health issues, which allows them to provide care to patients of all ages and conditions, from acute problems to chronic diseases. They often establish long-term relationships with their patients, because they know their medical histories and life contexts in depth. This trust facilitates more personalized and effective care.
- **Prevention & education:** Primary care physicians play a fundamental role in health promotion and disease prevention. Through regular check-ups, screening tests, and advice on healthy lifestyles, they help to prevent health problems or detect them at early stages when they are more treatable.
- **Care coordination:** When it is necessary to refer a patient to a specialist or request additional tests, the primary care physician acts as the coordinator, ensuring that all parties involved in the patient's care are informed and work in a synchronized manner.
- **Efficiency & cost reduction:** By handling a wide variety of health problems, the primary care physician can reduce the need for costly visits to specialists or unnecessary tests. Moreover, by focusing on prevention and early detection, they can help avoid complications that require more intensive and expensive treatments in the future.

In summary, the primary care physician is a central figure in medicine and in the humanization of healthcare since ancient times, offering comprehensive care, coordinating services, promoting prevention, and being a pillar of trust for patients.



Sign the Declaration



FRIDAY MAY 24th

*Business Casual Attire

9:00am – 11:45	CONFERENCE: REDISCOVER THE FAMILY DOCTOR The Pontifical Patristic Institute Augustinianum (Via Paolo VI, 25 – 00193 Rome)
9:05am - 9:15am	OPENING REMARKS Mario J. Paredes, CEO of SOMOS Community Care
9:15am - 9:45am	TO REDISCOVER THE FAMILY DOCTOR PRACTICE CONFIRMS THE RIGHT TO HEALTHCARE. Keynote Speaker: Archbishop Paglia President of the Pontifical Academy for Life
9:45am - 10:15am	THE FUTURE OF THE FAMILY DOCTOR PRACTICE Dr. Ramon Tallaj, Founder & Chairman of SOMOS Community Care
10:15am - 10:30am	VIDEO PRESENTATION Miriam Diez, Ramon Llull University, Professor
10:30am - 11:00am	COFFEE BREAK
11:00am - 11:30am	GOOD NEWS: TURNING CHALLENGES INTO SOLUTIONS Distinguished Guest Speaker: Juliette Price Chief Solutions Officer, Helgerson Solutions Group,
11:30am - 11:45am	ADJOURN AND TIPS FOR THE PRIVATE AUDIENCE WITH HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS Mario J. Paredes, CEO of SOMOS Community Care
11:45am - 12:45pm	LUNCH
7:00pm - 7:40pm	PRAYING ENCOUNTER IN SANTI COSMA E DAMIANO BASILIC, PATRONS OF DOCTORS (Via dei Fori Imperiali, 1, Rome)

SATURDAY MAY 25th

*Formal Attire

6:40am - 9:00pm	AUDIENCE WITH HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS (Obelisk in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican)
9:30am - 10:00am	COFFEE AT THE PONTIFICAL PATRISTIC INSTITUTE AUGUSTINIANUM (Via Paolo VI, 25 – Rome)
	“THANK YOU, DOCTOR!” SUMMIT
10:00am - 10:10am	INTRODUCTION & SUMMARY OF THE PREVIOUS DAY Miriam Diez, Ramon Llull University, Professor
10:10am - 10:20am	VIDEO PRESENTATION Miriam Diez, Ramon Llull University, Professor
10:20am - 10:30am	HOW TO INFLUENCE IN THE EUROPEAN POLICIES TO SUPPORT THE FAMILY DOCTOR Dr. Tiago Villanueva & Dr. Catarina Matias European Union of General Practitioners (UEMO)
10:30am - 10:40am	HOW TO IMPLEMENT INNOVATION WITHOUT INCREASING INEQUITY? Dr. Jordi Serrano Pons Founder UniversalDoctor - Planet Health Innovation Network
10:40am - 10:50am	THE GENERAL PRACTITIONER: AN AGENT OF HUMANIZATION Dr. Filippo Anelli, president of the National Federation of Doctors of Italy
10:50am - 11:00am	THE ETHICAL COMMITMENT OF THE FAMILY DOCTOR Dr. Héctor Carballo, World Council for Health worldcouncilforhealth.org representative
11:00am - 11:10am	GALATEA FOUNDATION: WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH OF HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS Dr. Jaume Padrós, president Official Medical Association of Barcelona (COMB)
11:10pm - 11:40am	OTHER INTERVENTIONS - QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
11:40pm - 12:00pm	FINAL REMARKS Dr. Ramon Tallaj, Founder and Chairman of SOMOS Community Care
12:00pm - 1:00pm	SNACK