

### 5 IMPORTANCES OF A PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN\*

#### 1. QUALITY

More accurate diagnoses from a physician who sees you regularly.

#### 2. COST

Visiting your physician on a regular basis is less expensive and results in fewer medical and emergency room visits.

#### 3. COMMITMENT

Regular checkups and contact make it more likely that any health issues will be detected early.

#### 4. RELATIONSHIP

A physician that knows your medical history makes your visits less stressful and more productive.

#### 5. ACCESS TO CARE

If you need to see a specialist, your physician will be able to refer you to the right person.

\*[www.christieclinic.com/patient-information/why-everyone-needs-a-primary-care-physician/](http://www.christieclinic.com/patient-information/why-everyone-needs-a-primary-care-physician/)

### PRIMARY CARE ADVANTAGES



Access to healthcare helps keep people out of emergency rooms where care costs **AT LEAST 4X MORE** than outpatient care.

[www.lung.org/stop-smoking/join-freedom-from-smoking/](http://www.lung.org/stop-smoking/join-freedom-from-smoking/)



People who have a **PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER SAVE, ON AVERAGE, 33% MORE** on healthcare costs compared to their peers who only see specialists.



Adults with a primary care provider have a **19% LOWER RISK OF PREMATURE DEATH** than those who only see specialists.

\*[www.primarycareprogress.org/primary-care-case/](http://www.primarycareprogress.org/primary-care-case/)