

# Disease Management Programs; Reviewing the Evidence

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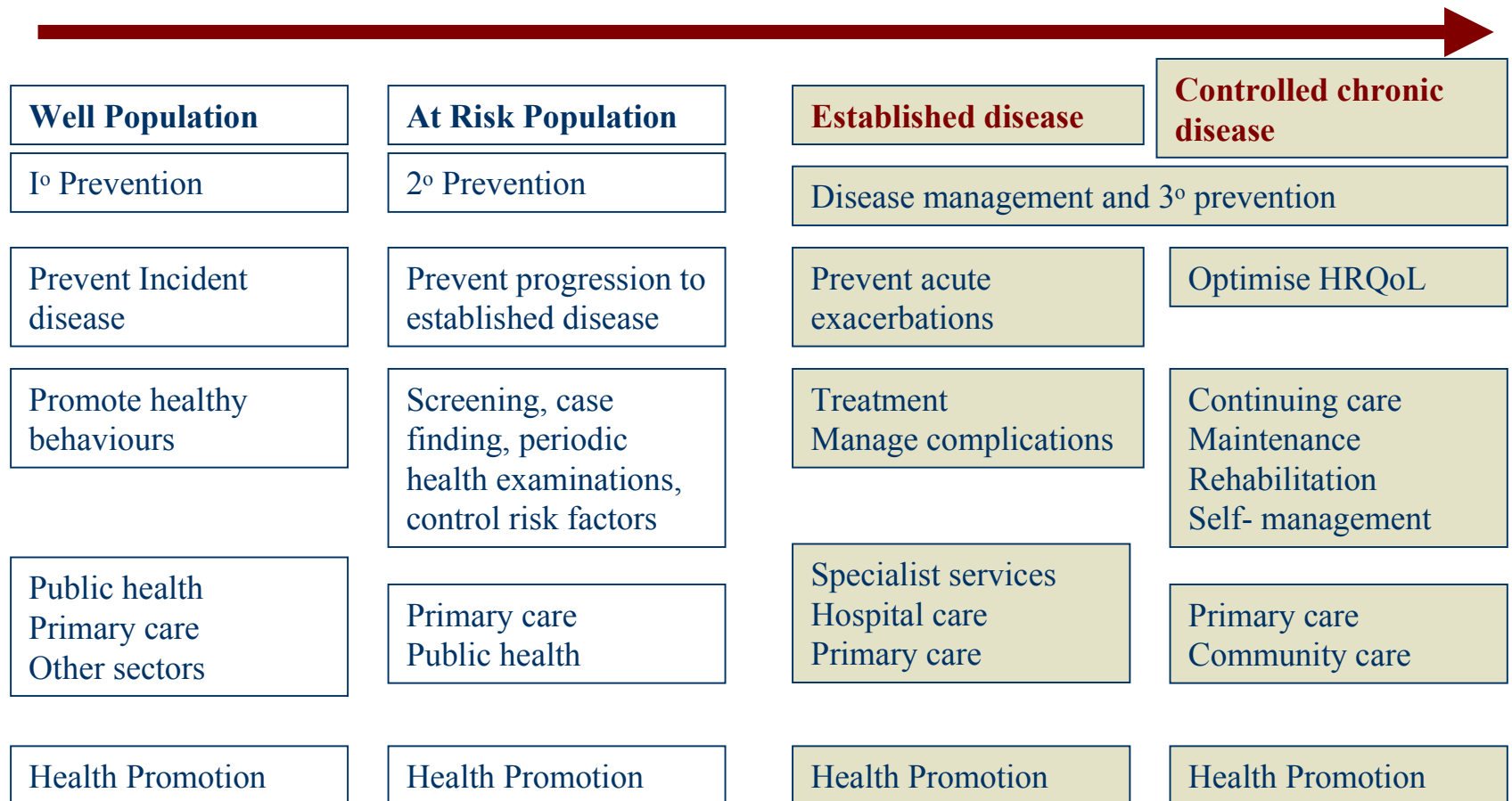
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# Disease Management Programs for COPD and CHF.

- ◆ Development of evidence-based guidelines for service development for clients with COPD and CHF who are at HIGH RISK of admission to acute care.

# Chronic Condition





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# Models of Care

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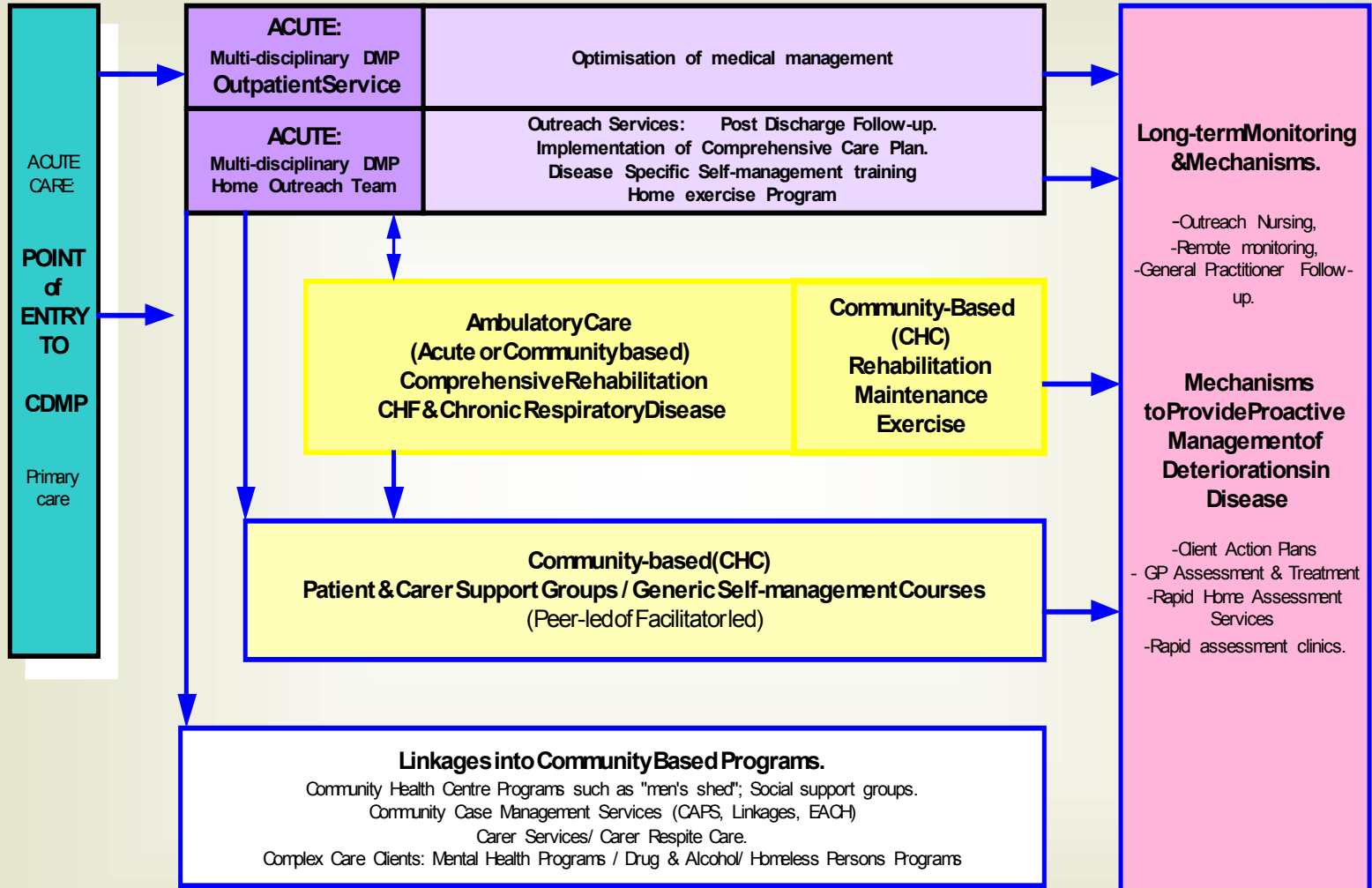


## Key Components.

- ◆ Multi-disciplinary disease management clinics.
- ◆ Outreach Services.
- ◆ Comprehensive rehabilitation programs.
- ◆ Social support services.

## Disease Management Program (DMP) Model of Care for COPD & CHF Services

Evidence-based clinical practice guidelines



Program Evaluation and Feedback

**DMP Team Membership: General Practitioner, Consumers, Acute & Primary Care Multi-disciplinary teams**

# Levels of Evidence for Evaluating Clinical Research Data

The Australian National Health and Medical Research Council's levels of evidence

Level	Type of Evidence
<b>I</b>	Evidence obtained from a systematic review of all relevant randomized controlled trials (RCTs)
<b>II</b>	Evidence obtained from at least one properly designed RCT
<b>III -1</b>	Well designed controlled trials without randomisation
<b>III -2</b>	Well designed cohort or case control analytic studies.
<b>III -3</b>	Multiple time series with or without the intervention.
<b>IV</b>	Based on clinical experience, descriptive studies or reports of expert committees.

## Multi-disciplinary Clinics for CHF

### Do MD Clinics for CHF improve patient outcomes?

Level II evidence.



Optimization of Pharmacotherapy (up- titration of Medications to Optimal Doses ) **Level of Evidence III-3**

Decreases Mortality **Level of Evidence II**

Decreases Health Care Utilization **Level of Evidence II**

## Multi-disciplinary Clinics for CHF

### Do MD Clinics for CHF patients prolong survival?

Level II evidence.



MDC v Physician Azevedo, et al (2002)	Mortality Intervention	Mortality Control	Statistical Sign
First Month	<b>8.3%</b>	<b>25.8%</b>	OR 0.23 (CI 0.12-0.46.)
21 Months	<b>24.8%</b>	<b>34.6%</b>	Adj HR 0.52 (95% CI 0.34-0.81)
Caponella, S. et al (2002). 12 Months	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>17.2%</b>	<b>Relative Risk reduction</b> 0.17 (0.6 – 0.66) P < 0.0007

## Multi-disciplinary Clinics for CHF

### Do MD Clinics for CHF decrease acute health care utilisation?

Level II evidence.



<b>Caponella</b>	<b>Outpatient</b>	<b>Control</b>	<b>St. Sign.</b>
Re-Admission (RA)	13	78	P < 0.00001
<b>McDonald</b>	<b>Outpatient</b>	<b>Control</b>	<b>St. Sign.</b>
Combined death or RA	7.8%	25.5%	P = 0.04.
<b>Doughty</b>	<b>Outpatient</b>	<b>Control</b>	<b>St. Sign.</b>
Combined Death or RA	68	61	2P = 0.33
<b>Kasper</b>	<b>Outpatient</b>	<b>Control</b>	<b>St. Sign.</b>
Combined Death or RA	50	62	P = 0.09
<b>Akosah</b>	<b>Outpatient</b>	<b>Control</b>	<b>St. Sign.</b>
Time to first event readmission Or death over 90 days	10%	30%	P < 0.018
Time to first event readmission or death at 12 months	21%	43%	P < 0.02

# Outreach Programs

## Interventions:

- Transitional Care
- Early-supported Discharge
- Intensive Post Discharge Support & Follow-up
- Long-term Community Management by Disease Specialist Team.
- Home Physiotherapy & Rehabilitation Programs.

## Transitional Care Interventions for CHF Clients

*Do discharge planning interventions improve clients' clinical outcomes in CHF?*

Level 1 Evidence.



Systematic Review of Discharge Planning Interventions.

Phillips CO (2004)

Outcome: Mortality

Relative Risk Reduction for intervention groups; RR 0.87; 95% (CI 0.73-1.03).

## Nurse-led Outreach Programs for CHF

*Do nurse-led outreach programs prolong survival for CHF clients?*

Level II Evidence.



4.2 year follow-up. (Stewart & Horowitz, 2002)

Intervention: Mortality 56%

Survival Time Average 40 months IQR (26-54)

Control: Mortality 65%

Survival Time Average 22 months IQR (11-33)

P = 0.056

## Nurse-led Outreach Programs for CHF

*Do nurse-led outreach programs decrease acute health care utilisation for CHF clients?*

Level II Evidence.



3 RCT demonstrated decreased readmissions for patient enrolled in Outreach programs.

1 RCT found no difference for nurse outreach alone, but decreased re-admissions for combination of nurse and cardiologist management over usual care.

1 RCT no difference between groups.

# Home Outreach Programs for CHF

Stewart & Horowitz 2002 Time to event Re Admission (RA) or death	7 Months (IQR 2-21).	3 Months (IQR 1- 15)	P < 0.05
Rate of Unplanned Re-Admit	0.17 / pt / month	0.29 / pt /month	P < 0.05
Krunholz, HM et al. (2002) Rate of Multiple Re-Aadmit	49	80	P = 0.06
Laramee AS et al (2003) <b>90 Day Re-admission</b>	37	37	NS
Combined Nurse & Cardiologist	2 %	14%	P = 0.03
Hodgen RK (2002) Re-Admission	8%	18%	NS

# Outreach programs for COPD Clients

## COPD Discharge Planning AND Post Discharge Follow-up Visit:

*Does Discharge planning improve COPD clients' quality of life, clinical outcomes and utilisation of acute health care?*

Level II Evidence  
Negative for  
Re-admission



**Post Discharge Follow-up Visits** Discharge Planning and Post Discharge Home Visit for COPD ( Visits at 1 and 4 weeks).

**Decrease Health Care Utilization: No difference between groups**

**Quality of Life and Consumer Satisfaction.**

Effective discharge planning and short-term follow-up **improves client quality of life, activity levels, client & care-giver satisfaction.**

# Outreach programs for COPD Clients

## COPD Discharge Planning AND Post Discharge Follow-up Visit:

<b>Egan (2002) RCT</b>	<b>Intervention</b>	<b>Control</b>	<b>Statistical Significance</b>	<b>Level of Evidence</b>
<b>Unscheduled Readmits</b>	2.1	2.6	NS	II

<b>Client &amp; Carer Satisfaction</b>	<b>Decreased anxiety Increased access to community resources</b>	<b>High rates of client &amp; carer sense of hopelessness.</b>	Qualitative analysis	
<b>Hermiz (2002) RCT</b>	<b>3 Month Followup</b>	<b>3 Month Followup</b>	<b>Statistical Significance</b>	<b>Level of Evidence</b>
<b>Unscheduled Readmits</b>	<b>16 (24%)</b>	<b>14 (18%)</b>	NS	II
<b>ED attendances</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>		

# COPD Outreach; Intensive Post discharge follow-up for 1 month

<b>Neff (2003)<sup>5</sup> RCT</b>	<b>Intervention</b>	<b>Control</b>	<b>Statistical Significance</b>	<b>Level of Evidence</b>
<b>Length of Stay in Home Care</b>	<b>24.4 days</b>	<b>32.2days</b>	T = 2.0 P < 0.05	<b>II</b>
<b>Unscheduled Readmits</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	Chi2 = 4.471 P < 0.05	<b>II</b>
<b>ED Attendances</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>16</b>		
<b>Discharged from Home Care &amp; Remained Home (Not requiring High acuity care)</b>	<b>34 (83%)</b> of patients	<b>20 (51%)</b> of patients	Chi2 = 9.07 P < 0.05	<b>II</b>

# COPD; Early supported discharge & Hospital in the Home

<b>Murphy (2002)</b> Early Discharge	<b>Pre</b>	<b>Post</b>	<b>Statistica Sign.</b>	<b>Level of Evidence</b>
<b>Length of Stay</b>	<b>10 days</b>	<b>2.4 days</b>		<b>III-3</b>
<b>Hernandez (2003)</b> HITHs Inpatient	<b>HITH 8 week followup</b>	<b>Inpatient 8 week followup</b>	<b>Statistica Sign.</b>	<b>Level of Evidence</b>
<b>Length of Stay</b>	1.7 (+/- 2.3)days	4.2 (+/- 4.1)days	P < 0.001	<b>II</b>
<b>Mortality</b>	4.1%	6.9%		
<b>Readmissions</b>	0.24 (+/- 0.57)	0.38 (+/- 0.70)		
<b>ED Attendances</b>	0.13 (+/- 0.43)	0.31 (+/- 0.62)	P = 0.01	<b>II</b>
<b>Quality of Life</b>	Improved 6.9	Improved 2.4	P= 0.05	<b>II</b>
<b>Selfmanagement</b>	58% improved	27% improved		<b>II</b>
<b>Patient Satisfaction</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>P = 0.03</b>	<b>II</b>

## Outreach programs for COPD Clients

*Does Long-term monitoring of High-risk clients improve clinical outcomes and decrease health care utilisation?*

Level 3-iii evidence



**COPD: Long-term client monitoring** defined as continuing outreach home based follow-up for greater than 12 weeks.

Long-term home care programs for COPD clients have included clients with severe COPD, on long-term home oxygen who have had at least 2 admissions to acute care in the previous 12 months.

**An intensive long-term program** has been found to be effective for clients with severe disease, decreasing readmissions and health care utilisation.

Decreased Emergency attendances & Inpatient admissions in the intervention group.

# Long-term outreach follow-up & monitoring by Resp Team

<b>Steinel &amp; Madigan ( 2003).</b>	<b>Pre</b>	<b>Post</b>	<b>Sign</b>	<b>Level of Evidence</b>
<b>Inpatient admissions / pt</b>	<b>3.4</b> <b>Range 0-6</b>	<b>2.3</b> <b>Range 0-7</b>	<b>P &lt; 0.05</b>	<b>III-3</b>
<b>LOS</b>	<b>22.7</b> <b>Range 0-66</b>	<b>6.1</b> <b>Range 0-57</b>		<b>III-3</b>
<b>ED</b>	<b>4.1</b> <b>Range 0-22</b>	<b>2.6</b> <b>Range 0-8</b>	<b>P &lt; 0.001</b>	<b>III-3</b>

# Cost-effectiveness of Long-term Outreach Nursing

COST US \$	Before	After	St. Sign.
Inpatient / PT	\$47,535	\$33,734	P = 0.05
ED	\$1439	\$900	P < 0.05
Home health costs	\$4166	\$8805	P < 0.05
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 57, 750</b>	<b>\$44, 700</b>	<b>P = 0.04</b>

# SELF-MANAGEMENT TRAINING

Disease Specific Self Management  
Training.

Symptom Monitoring

Recognition of Deterioration

Action Plans

## SELF MANAGEMENT

Disease Specific Self management Training; symptom monitoring, recognition of deteriorations and initial management.

Does disease specific self -management training for COPD clients, decrease SEVERITY OF Exacerbations, and acute Health care utilisation?

Level II Evidence



RCT 12 patient education sessions over 2 months.

Bourbeau, J. et al.

(2003)

Decreased Acute Health care utilization including ED visits, Inpatient admissions, & GP Visits.

Improved Client Quality of Life.

Decreased the % of Exacerbations that required inpatient care

## Disease Specific Self management Training; symptom monitoring, recognition of deteriorations and initial management

<b>Bourbeau, J. et al. (2003).<sup>13</sup></b>	<b>Intervention</b>	<b>Statistical Sign.</b>	<b>Level of Evidence</b>
<b>All Re-admissions</b>	Reduced 57.1 %	<b><u>P = 0.01</u></b>	<b>II</b>
<b>COPD Re-admissions</b>	Reduced 39.8 %	<b><u>P = 0.01</u></b>	<b>II</b>
<b>ED Attendances</b>	Reduced 41.0 %	<b>P = 0.02</b>	<b>II</b>
<b>Unscheduled Physician visits</b>	Reduced 58.9 %	<b><i>P = 0.003</i></b>	<b>II</b>

## SELF MANAGEMENT

Disease Specific Self management Training; symptom monitoring, recognition of deteriorations and initial management.

Does disease specific self -management training for CHF clients, decrease **SEVERITY OF Exacerbations**, and acute Health care utilisation?

Level II Evidence



RCT of self management education for CHF improved self -management of CHF: diet, monitoring weight, and having a personal physician.

There was no difference between groups in self-care abilities.

There were significant differences between intervention and control groups in self care behaviours ( $t = 3.8, P = 0.001$ ).

Jaarsma et al (2000)

# Exercise Rehabilitation

COPD  
&  
CHF



# Exercise rehabilitation programs for CHF

## Exercise training for CHF; can older people benefit?

Level 1 Evidence



Outcomes: Exercise training in younger carefully selected adults has demonstrated improvements in symptoms, exercise capacity, skeletal muscle myopathy, ergo-receptor function, heart rate variability.

Exercise training is safe and effective and improves quality of life.

Exercise training should be safe and effective for older adults.

Need for further evaluation of exercise rehabilitation programs for frail, elderly clients with CHF and multiple co morbidities.

# Exercise rehabilitation programs for CHF Clients.

Does exercise training **decrease mortality?**

Level 1 Evidence



**Meta-analysis of exercise training for CHF clients.**

Piepoli MF et al. (2004).

RCT or Parallel Group studies of exercise training for at least 8 weeks.  
9 studies included. Mean Follow-up 705 days.

In favour of exercise.

All cause Mortality: Hazard Ratio 0.65 (95% CI 0.46-0.92) P = 0.015

Time to event, Death or Re-admission:

Hazard Ratio 0.72 (95% CI 0.56-0.93) P = 0.011.

# Exercise rehabilitation programs for COPD

**Does exercise training for COPD clients improve exercise tolerance, Quality of life and understanding of their condition?**

Level 1 Evidence



Intervention: exercise rehabilitation either inpatient, outpatient or home based programs which consisted of systematic exercise therapy with or without education or psychosocial support.

Outcomes: Exercise capacity, Health related QOL, compliance and knowledge about the disease.

Conclusion Exercise training should be a mandatory component of any rehabilitation program that seeks to improve exercise capacity and health related QOL. Lacasse 1997.

# Comprehensive rehabilitation for COPD.

Do comprehensive rehabilitation programs that include education and psychosocial support improve outcomes for COPD clients?

Level 1 Evidence



**Systematic review**

**Ries AL (1997)**

**Intervention: Lower extremity exercise training, ventilatory muscle training and psychosocial interventions.**

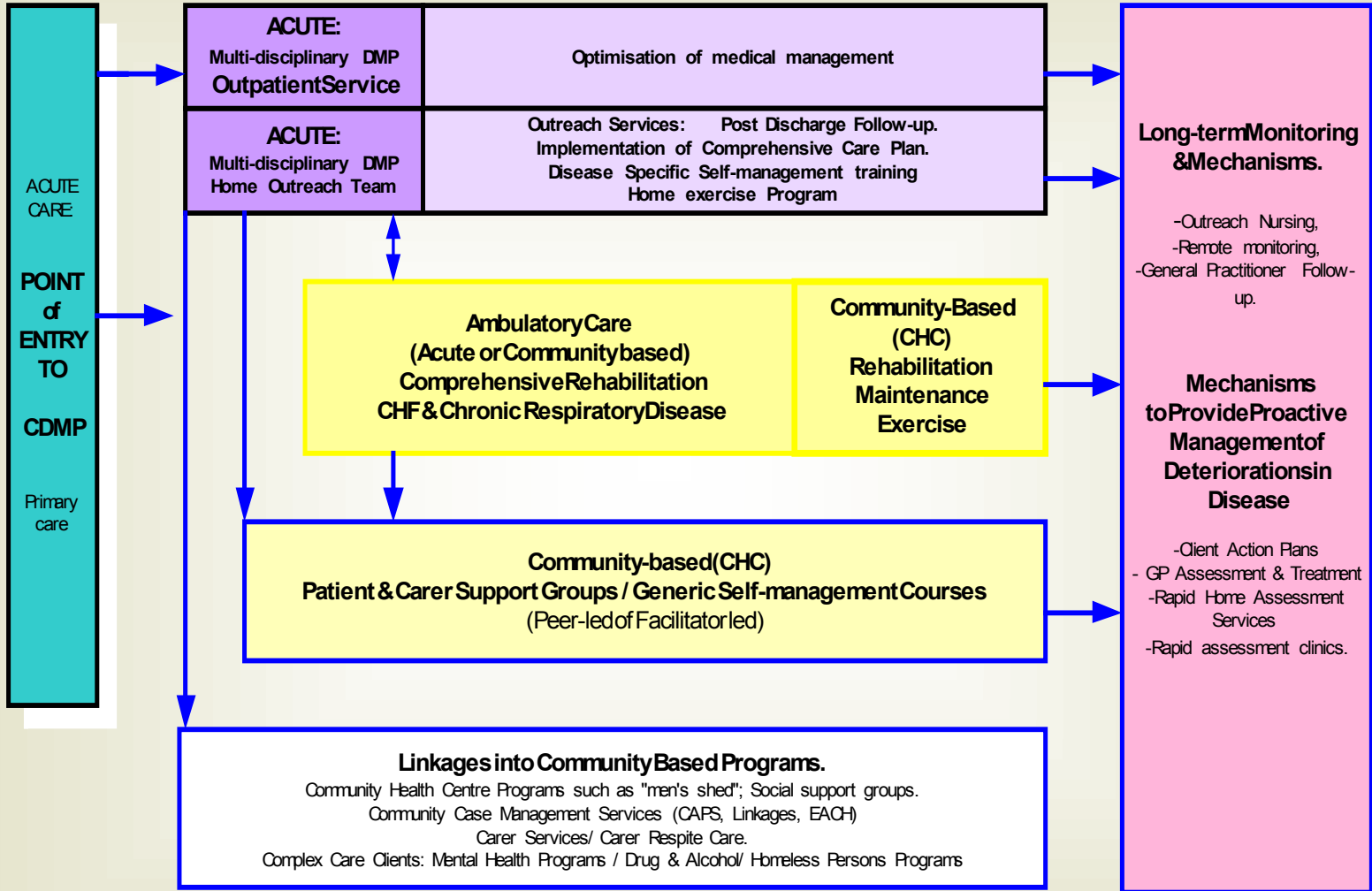
**Outcomes: Lung function, Exercise endurance, Psychological distress, Dysnoea, Health-related QOL, Health care utilization and Survival**

**Conclusion: Lower extremity training improved exercise tolerance, strength and endurance training improved arm strength.**

**Improvements in dysnpoea, exercise tolerance, reduced hospitalisation and length of stay.**

# Disease Management Program (DMP) Model of Care for COPD & CHF Services

Evidence-based clinical practice guidelines



Program Evaluation and Feedback

**DMP Team Membership: General Practitioner, Consumers, Acute & Primary Care Multi-disciplinary teams**

# DMP Model of Service Delivery

DMP Management Structure

