



Australian Government

Department of Health and Ageing

**The Power of Partnerships: Working
together to create healthier communities**

Primary Health Care Reform and the Development of the National Primary Health Care Strategy

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- Challenges in primary care
- Partnerships in primary care
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Primary care

- Level of care
- Process
- Services
- Professional services
- Person-centred
- Comprehensive
- Integrated
- Continuity
- Participative



Primary care

Delivery

- Public sector
- Private sector
- Voluntary sector

Funding

- Commonwealth
- States/Territories
- Out-of-pocket
- Private health insurance

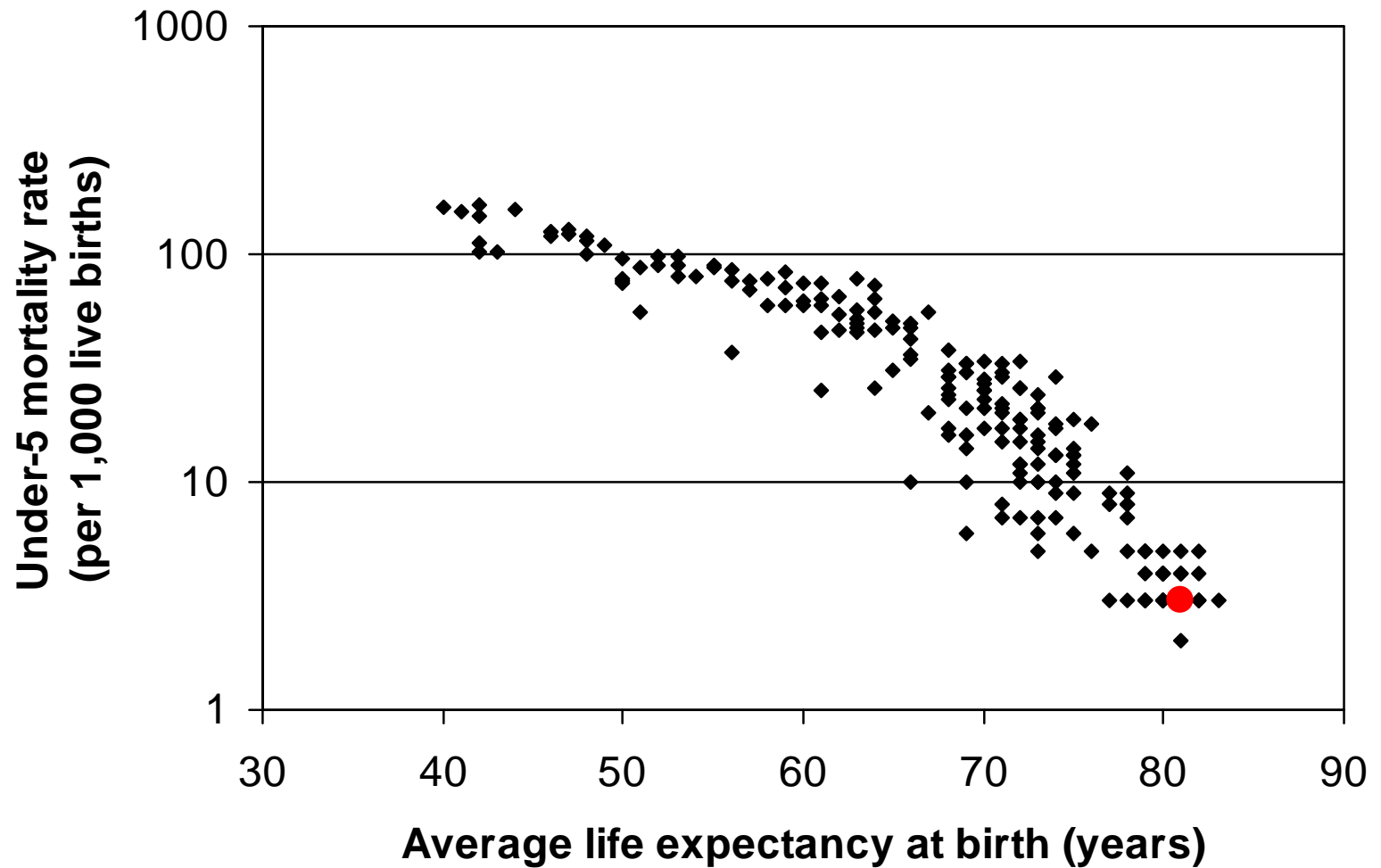
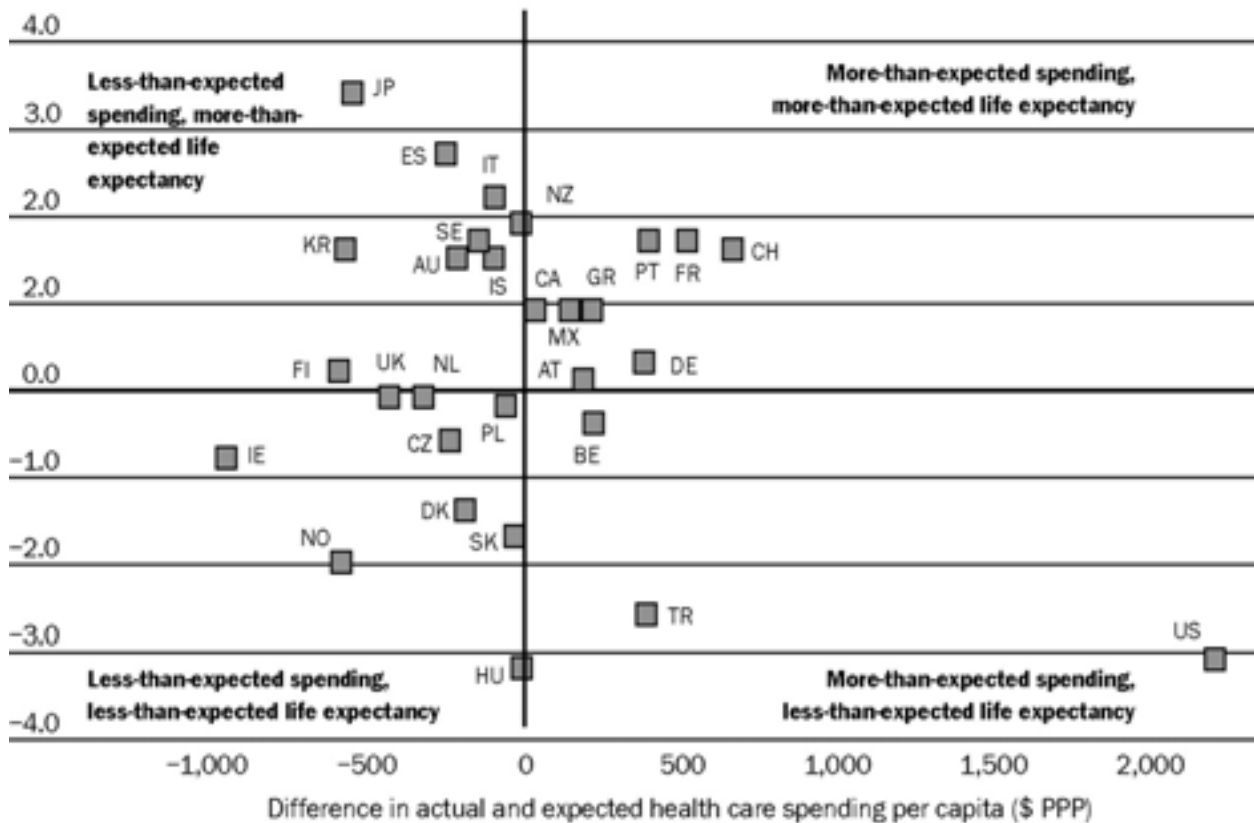




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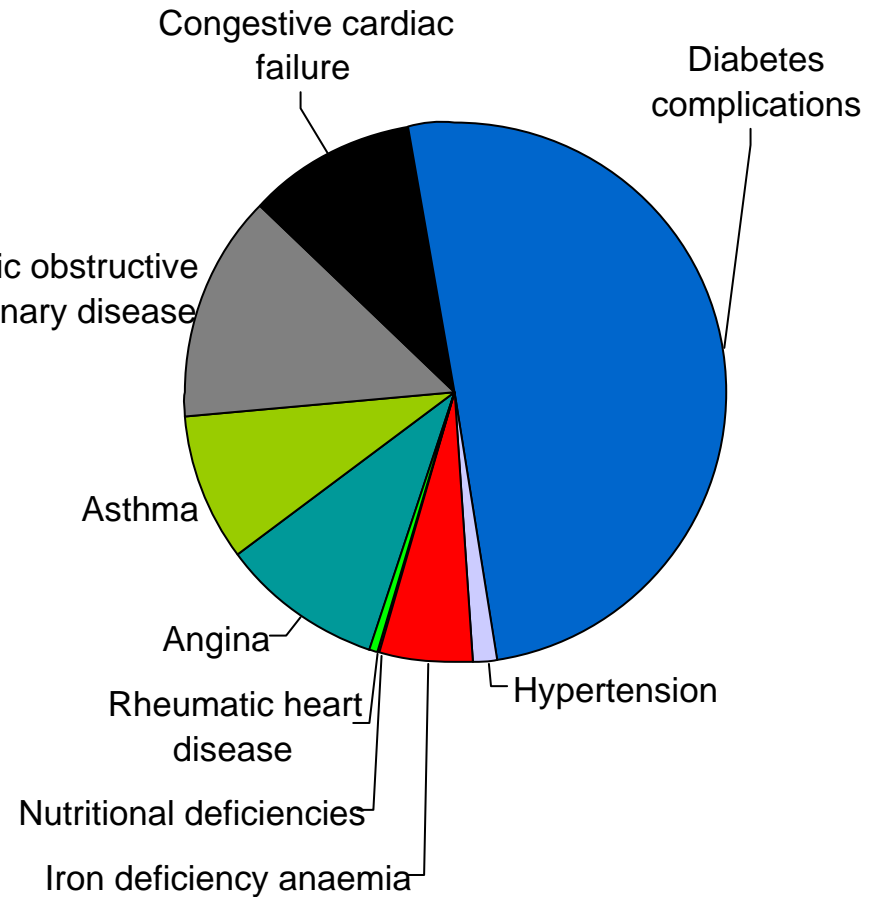
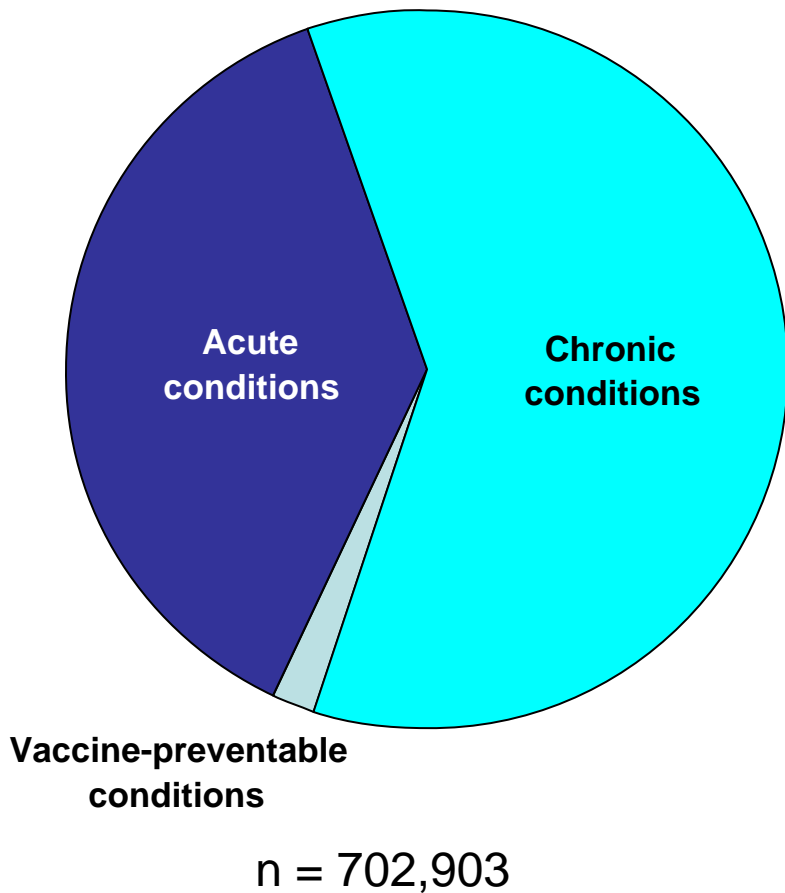
Difference Between Actual And Expected Health Care Spending Per Capita And Actual And Expected Life Expectancy In Organization For Economic Cooperation And Development (OECD) Countries, 2005

Difference in actual and expected life expectancy (years)



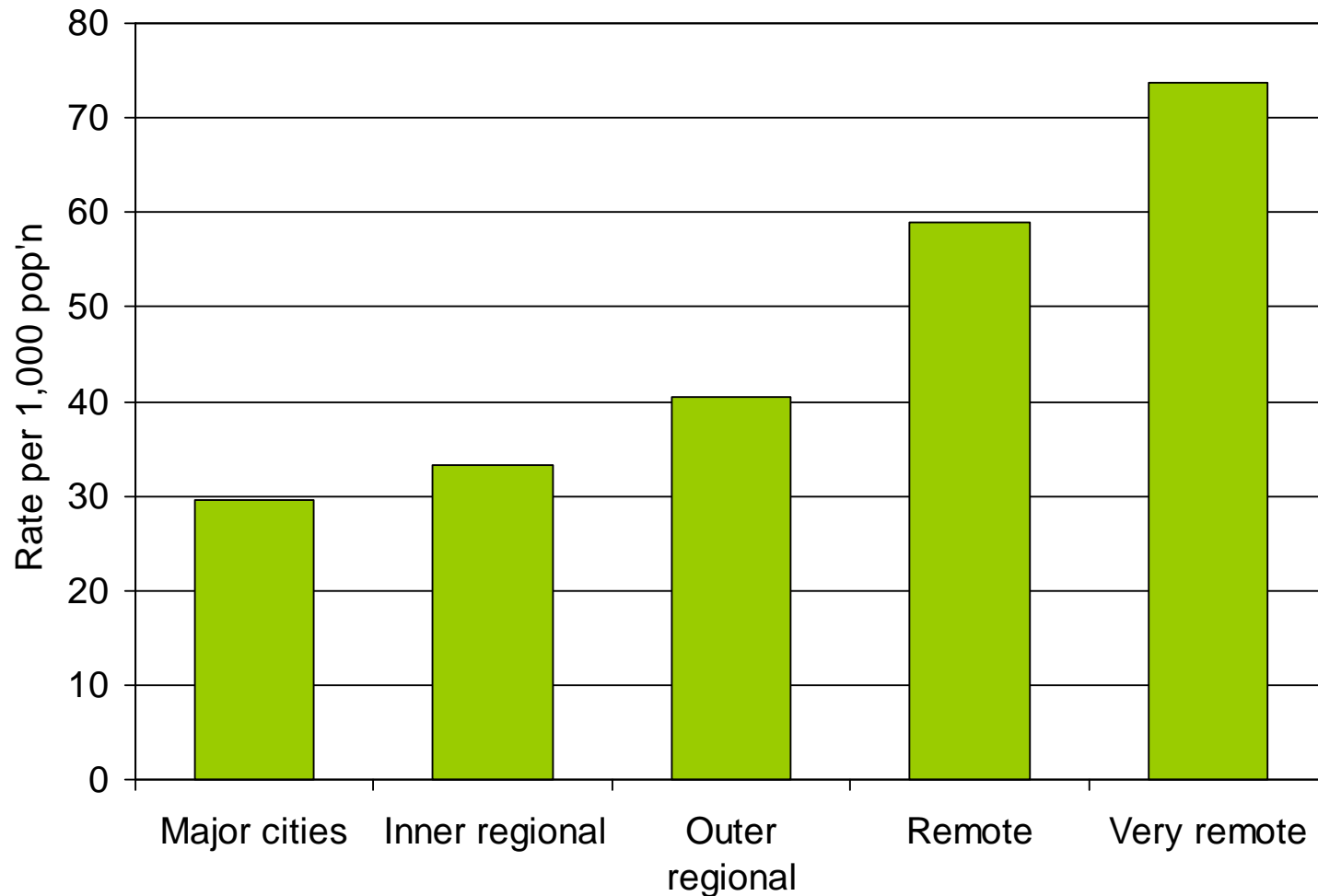


Potentially preventable hospitalisations



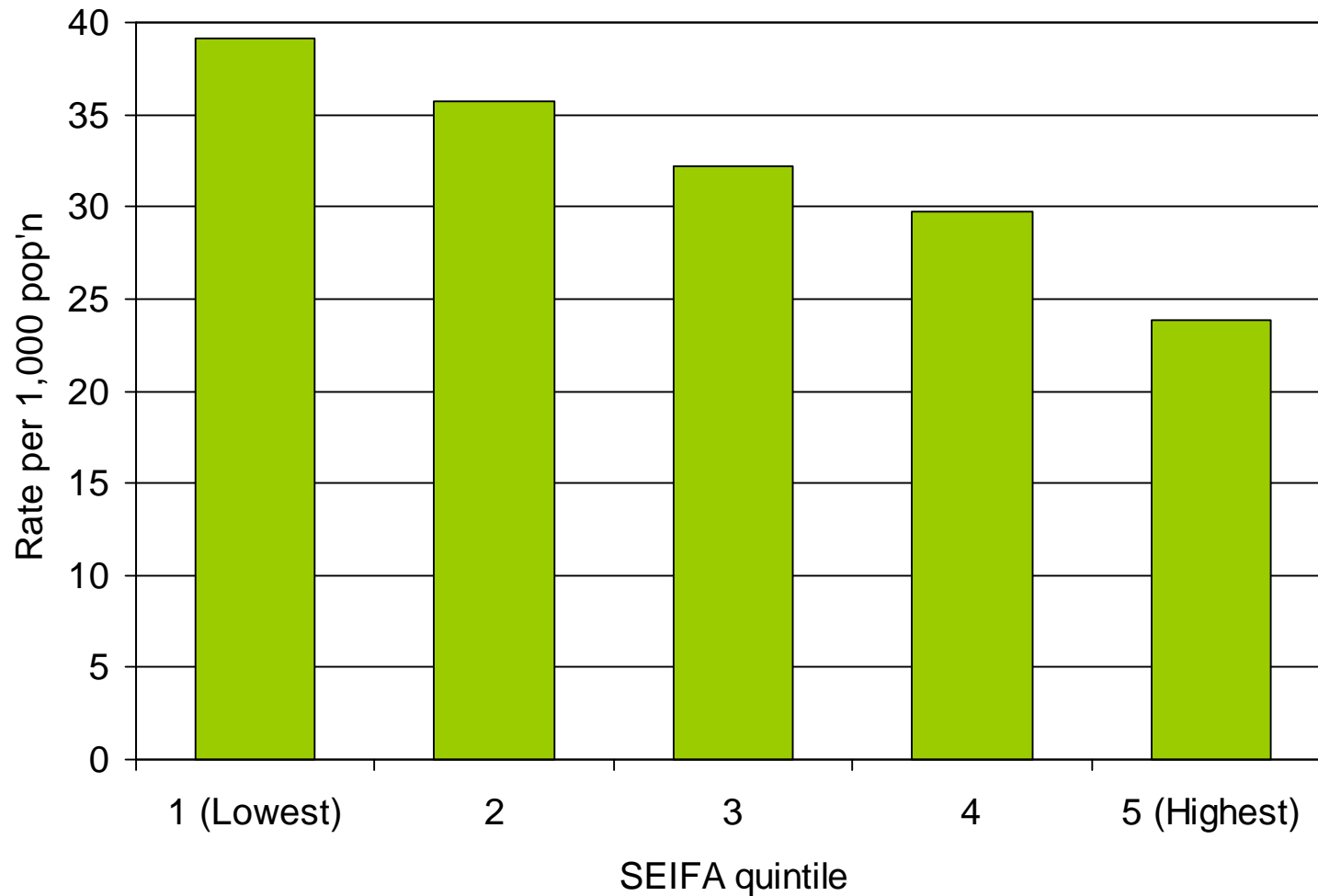


Preventable hospitalisations (1)



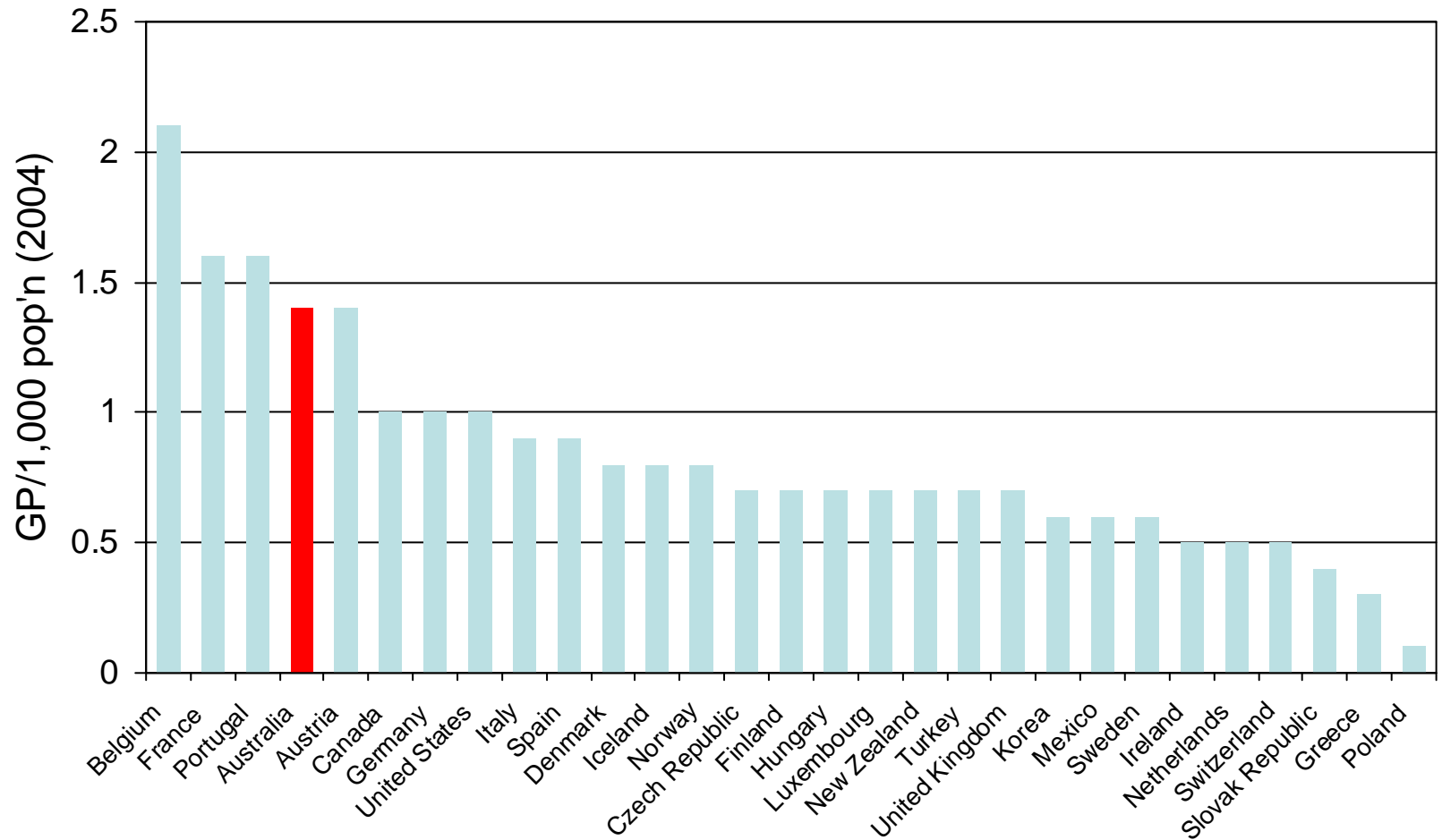


Preventable hospitalisations (2)



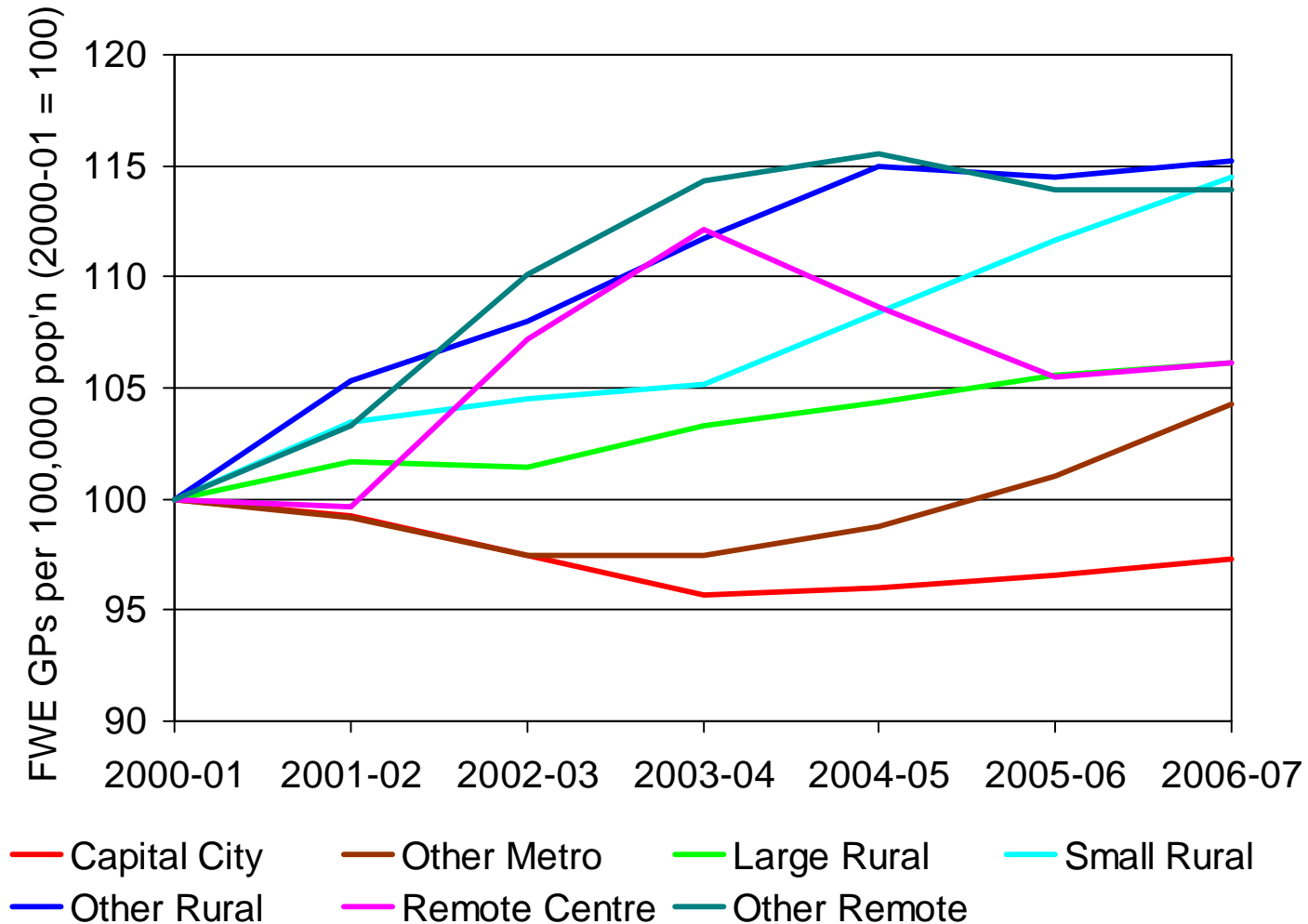


Access to GPs



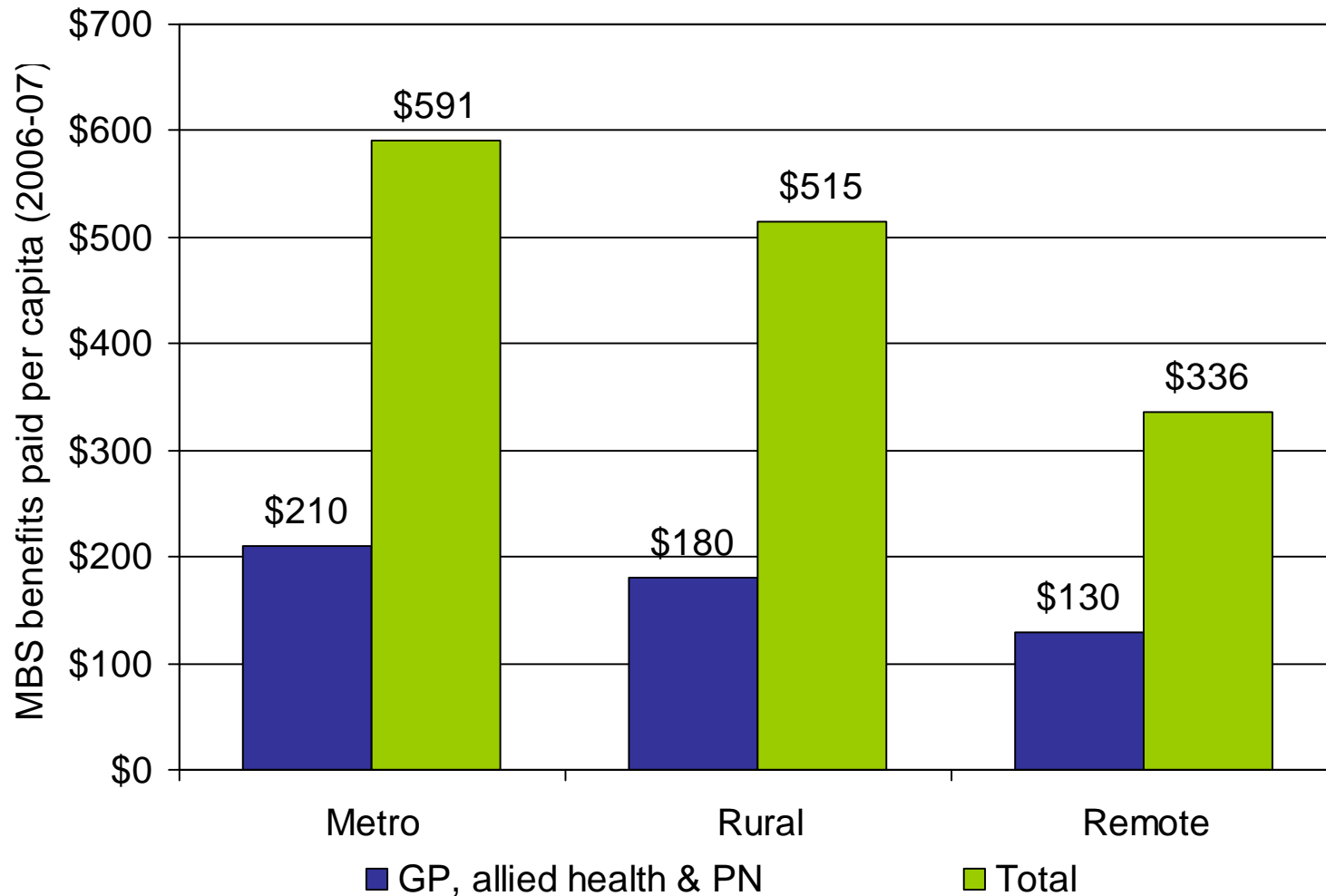


Movement in the GP workforce





Access to MBS benefits



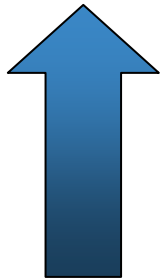


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The benefits of primary care



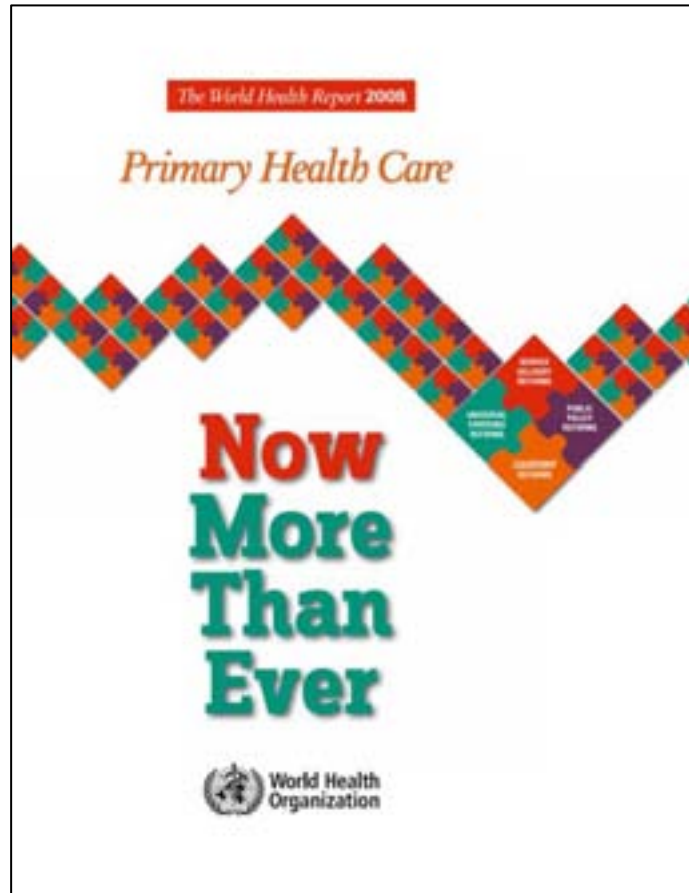
Efficiency

Health outcomes



Hospitalisations

Health inequalities



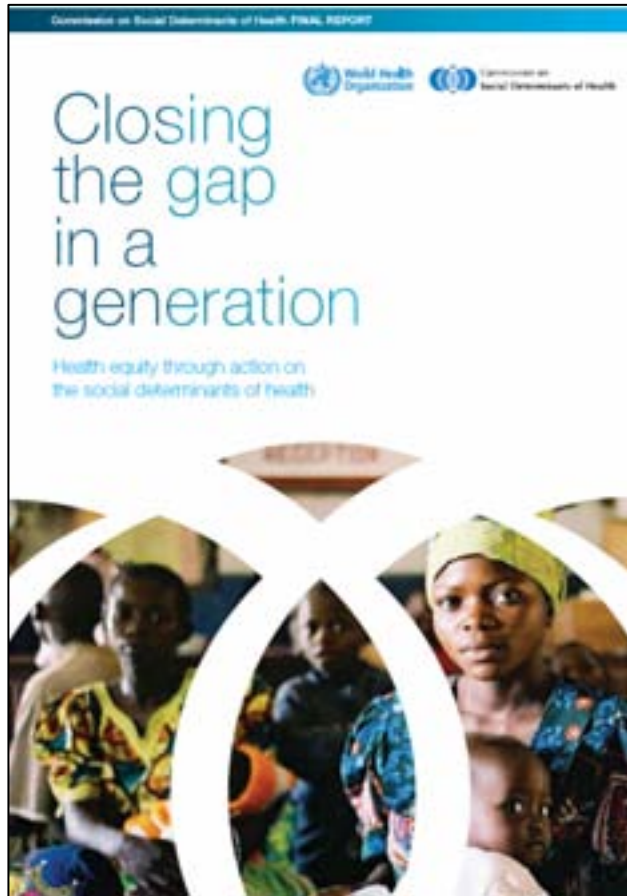
“universal coverage schemes need to be complemented by efforts:

- (i) to identify those who are excluded and set up specifically tailored programmes to include them; and
- (ii) to tackle the social determinants of health inequalities through policy initiatives that cut across a large number of sectors”



Partnerships

- Health sector agencies and other bodies
- Primary care providers
- Providers and users of services



“Unprecedented leadership is needed that compels all actors, including those beyond the health sector, to examine their impact on health.”

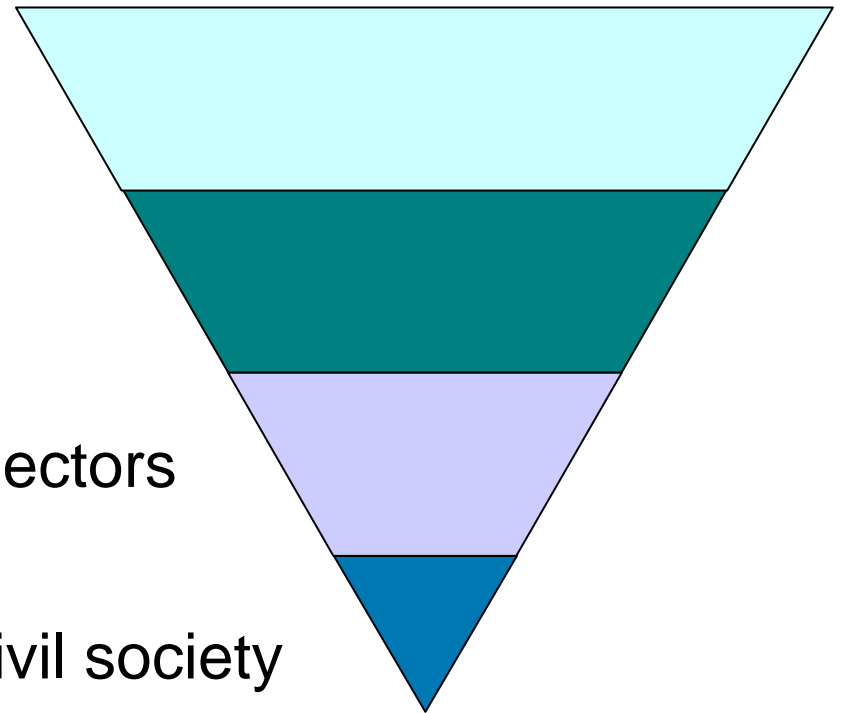
Dr Margaret Chan, Director-General, WHO



Partnerships

Health sector agencies and other bodies

- Within Government
- Between Governments
- Between public & private sectors
- Between health sector & civil society





Partnerships

Health sector agencies and other bodies

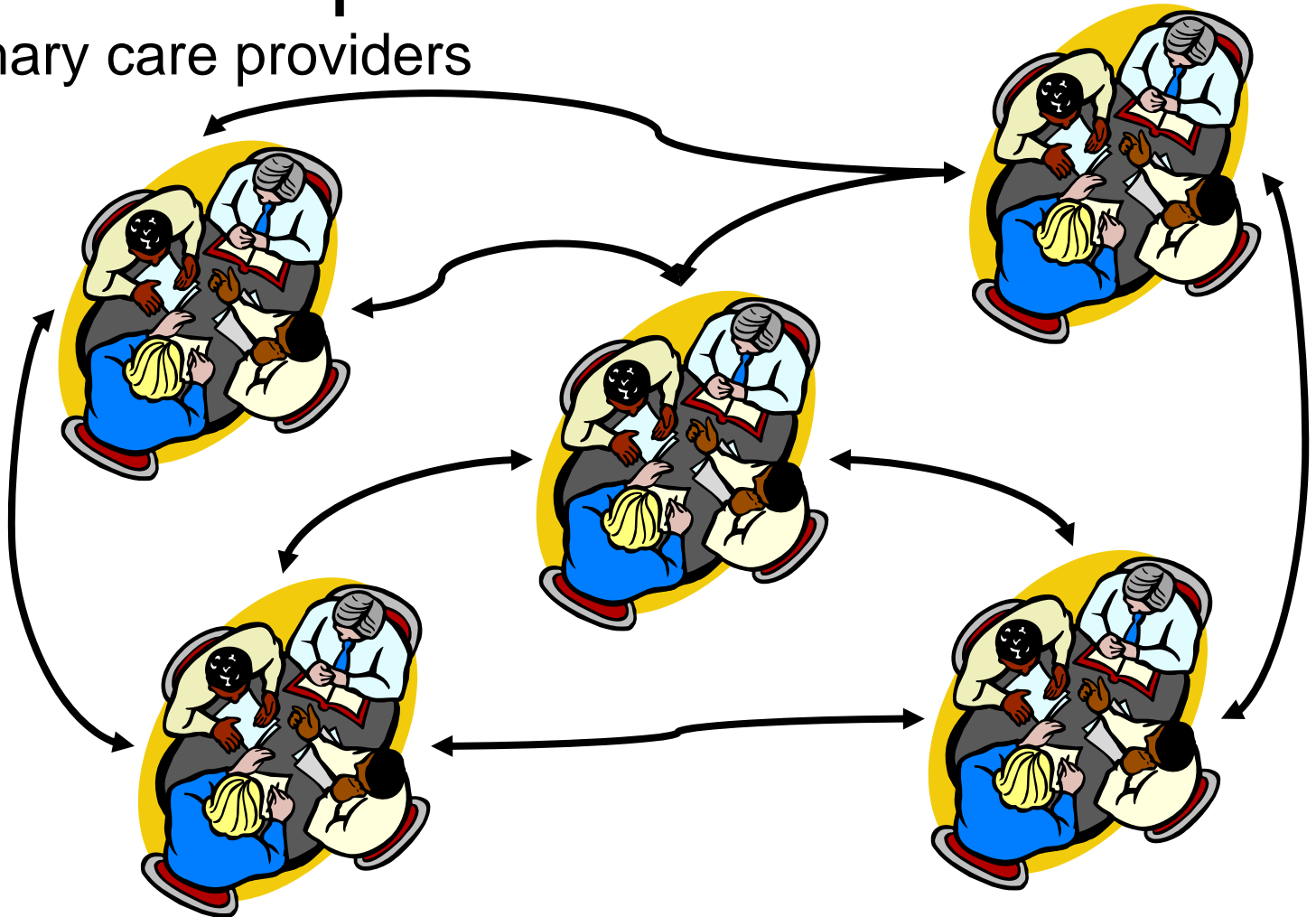
“Australia cannot become the world’s healthiest nation unless health becomes everyone’s business. Industry as supplier, marketer and employer; unions; the media as promoter; community and non-government organisations; philanthropists; academe – they all have influential roles to play.”

National Preventative Health Taskforce, Australia: the healthiest country by 2020



Partnerships

Primary care providers

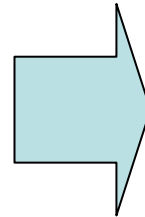




Partnerships

Primary care providers

Multi-disciplinary teams



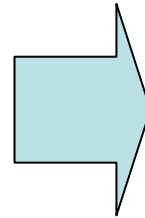
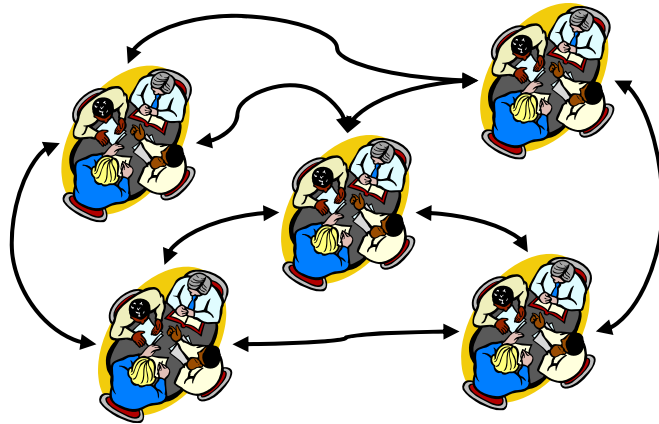
- Quality
- Cost
- Access
- Appropriateness



Partnerships

Primary care providers

Inter-provider partnerships



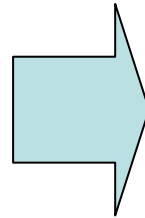
- Care plans
- IT
- Personnel
- Infrastructure



Partnerships

Providers and users of services

**Care
transactions**



**Care
relationships**





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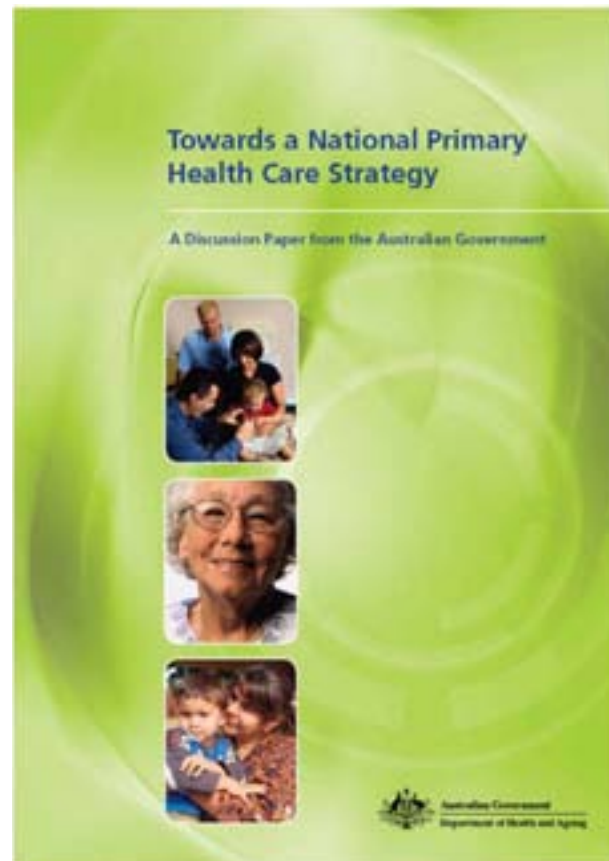


Issues for the Strategy

- Better rewarding prevention
- Promoting evidence-based management of chronic disease
- Supporting patients with chronic disease to manage their condition
- Supporting the role GPs play in the health care team
- Addressing the growing need for access to other health professionals
- Encouraging a greater focus on multidisciplinary team-based care



NPHCS Discussion Paper





NPHCS Discussion Paper

10 key elements



- What happens now?
- What does this mean for the community and health consumers?
- What does this mean for health professionals?
- Where could changes be made?



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