



Introduction to Day 2

OHT Forum

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Ontario Health Teams

- OHTs are a new way of organizing and delivering care that involves all health providers (including home and community care providers, primary-care providers, and hospitals, among others) working together in one coordinated team to achieve the **quadruple aim** of improving care experiences and health outcomes at manageable per capita costs, and with positive provider experiences
- As OHTs develop and mature, they will become **clinically and fiscally accountable** for delivering a full and coordinated continuum of care to a defined population
- OHTs may one day be seen to be as **landmark** a development in Ontario's health system as the introduction of universal coverage for hospital-based and physician-provided care
 - To make it landmark, we need to transition from pilot projects to ensuring that **every step is a step towards full scale**

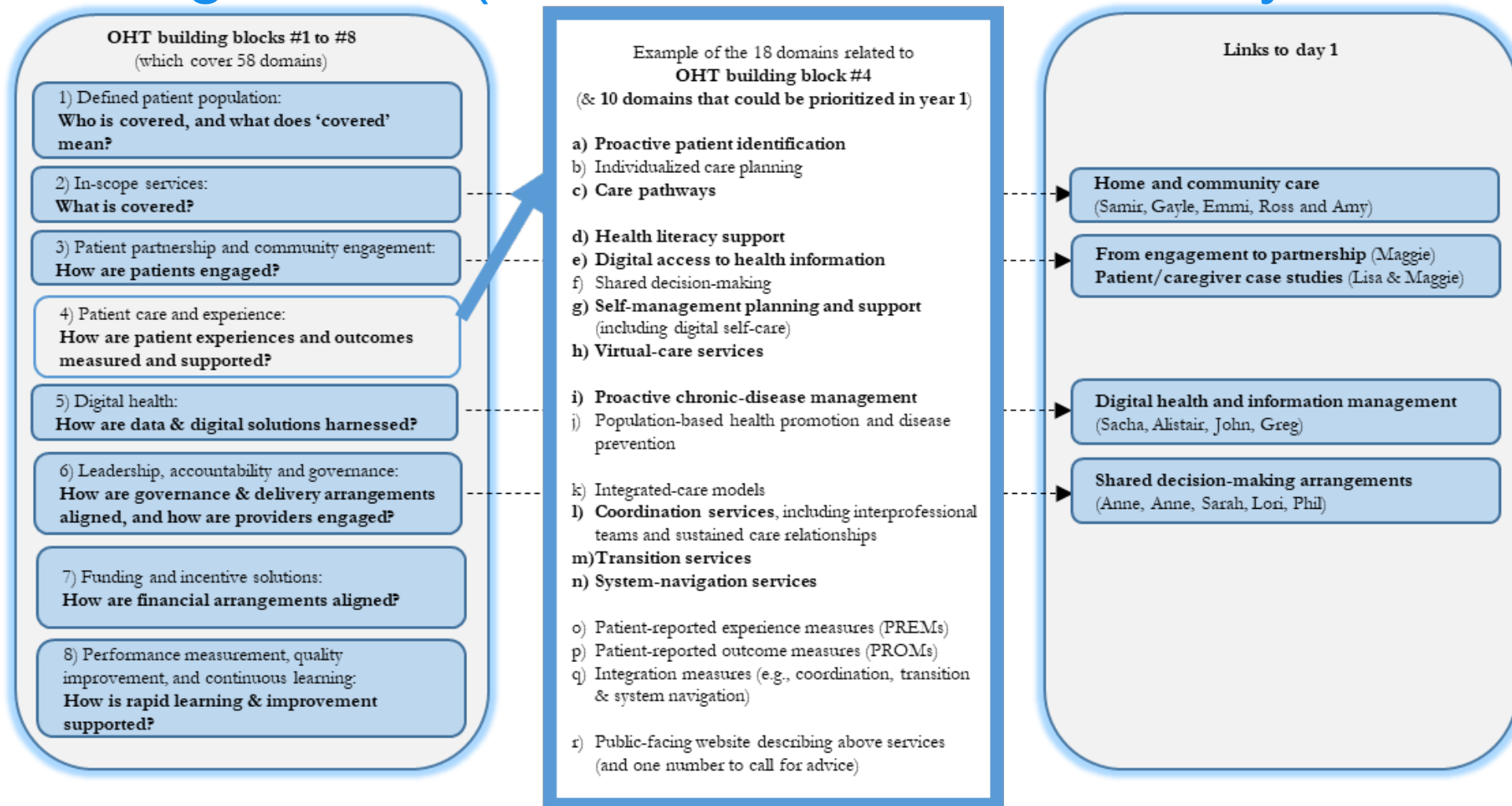
Rapid Learning and Improvement

- As part of the [ministry's OHT Central Program of Supports](#), and inspired by the platforms that supported the development and maturation of accountable-care organizations in the U.S., RISE provides evidence-based support to OHTs, using a 'rapid learning and improvement' lens
- Rapid learning and improvement involves [six steps \(the first four of which will be stations through which population-focused groups rotate\)](#)
 - [Identifying a problem \(or goal\)](#) through an internal and external review
 - [Designing a solution](#) based on data and evidence generated locally and elsewhere
 - [Implementing the plan](#) (possibly in pilot and control settings)
 - [Evaluating](#) to identify what does and does not work
 - Adjusting, with continuous improvement based on what was learned from the evaluation (and from other OHTs' evaluations)
 - Disseminating the results to improve the coverage of effective solutions across the health system

Year 1 Priority Populations (and Building Blocks)

- RISE supports rapid learning and improvement among OHTs both in
 - ‘Moving the needle’ on quadruple-aim metrics for their **year 1 priority populations** (as a key first step in laying the groundwork for moving the needle for their entire attributed population) – **these are the population-focused groups that will rotate through the 4 stations**
 - People at the end of life and/or needing **palliative care**
 - **Older adults with greater needs**, which OHTs variably defined as including ‘at risk,’ co-morbidities/chronic conditions, complexity, frailty, and high service users
 - People with **chronic conditions**, which OHTs variably defined as including congestive heart failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, dementia, diabetes, and complex-care needs
 - People with **mental health and addictions issues**
 - Putting in place the **eight OHT building blocks** (e.g., digital health solutions such as e-consultations)

Building Blocks (& Related Domains & Day 1 Links)



Objectives for Day 2

- Receive support to get started on using population-health management to 'move the needle' on quadruple-aim metrics for year 1 priority populations
- Connect with other teams focused on the same year 1 priority populations
- Connect with resource people who can support work on population-health management for year 1 priority populations



Ontario Health Teams & Population Health Management

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Population Health Management

- A central challenge for OHTs is to **integrate** & **manage** the continuum of health services for a **defined population** of patients
- OHT populations reflect prior care seeking & referral patterns (**attributed population**)
- For these defined populations, the **goals are to**:



Improve **population**
health



Improve **care**
experiences



Achieve **care**
efficiencies



Improve **provider**
satisfaction

Population Health – A Definition

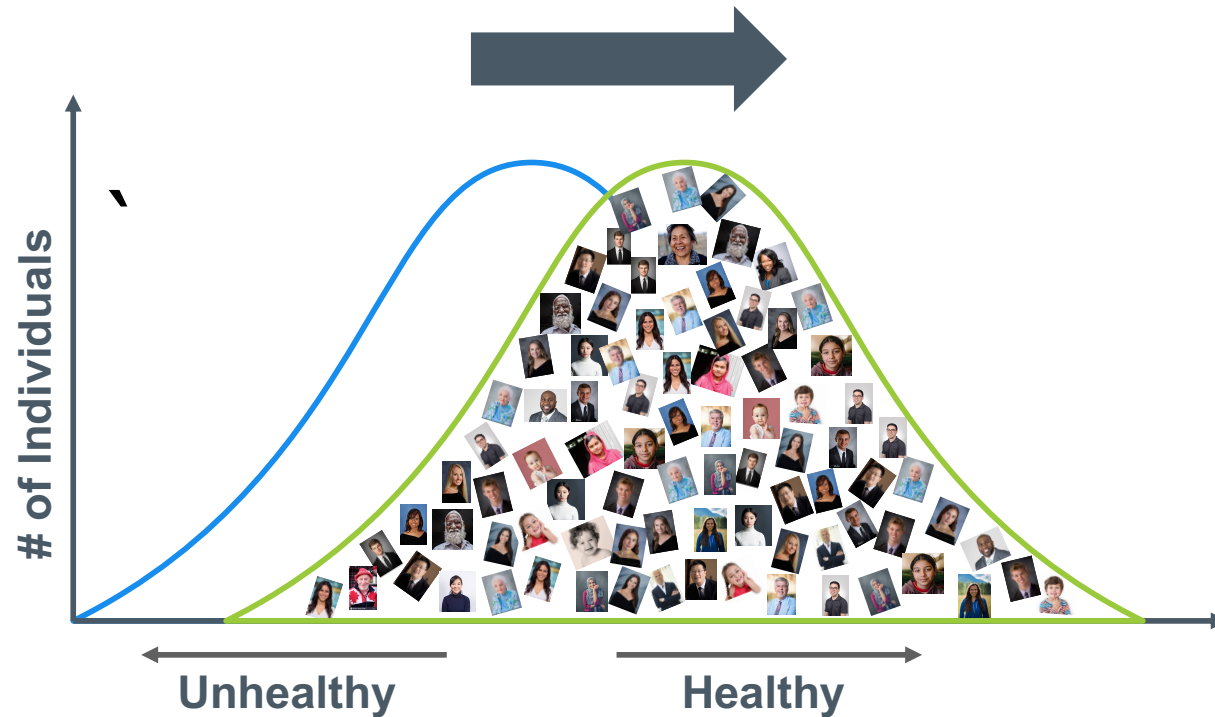
“The **health outcomes** of a **group** of individuals, including the **distribution** of such outcomes within a group.”

Kindig & Stoddart. AJPH 2002;93(3):380-3



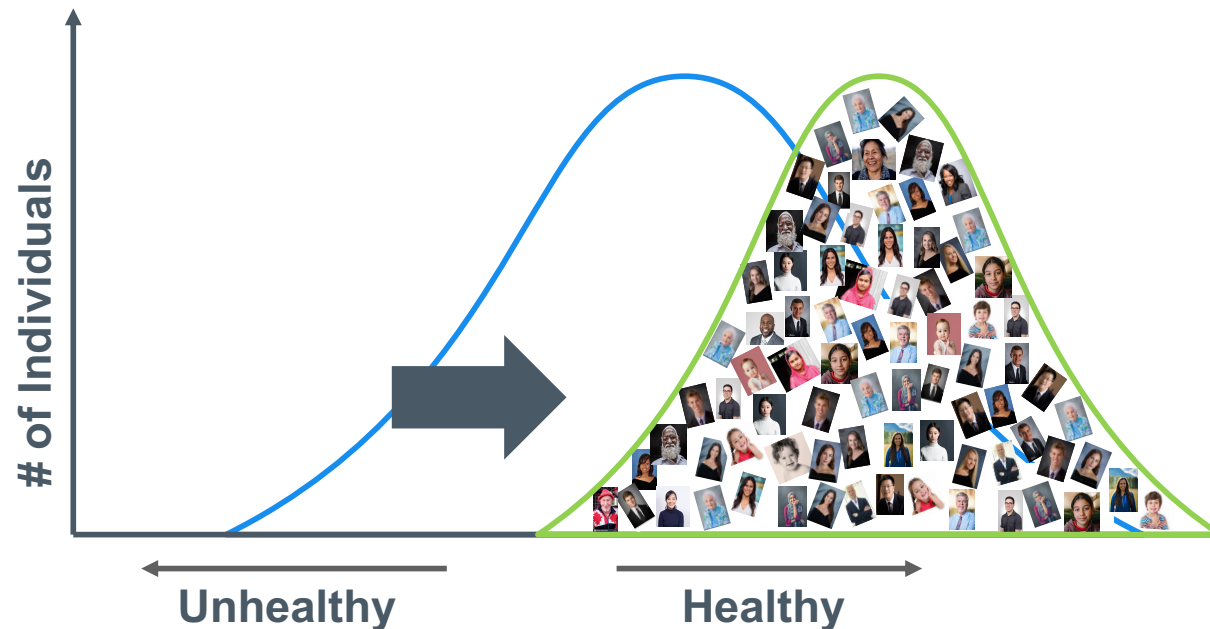
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Population-wide approach
to **shift the curve**



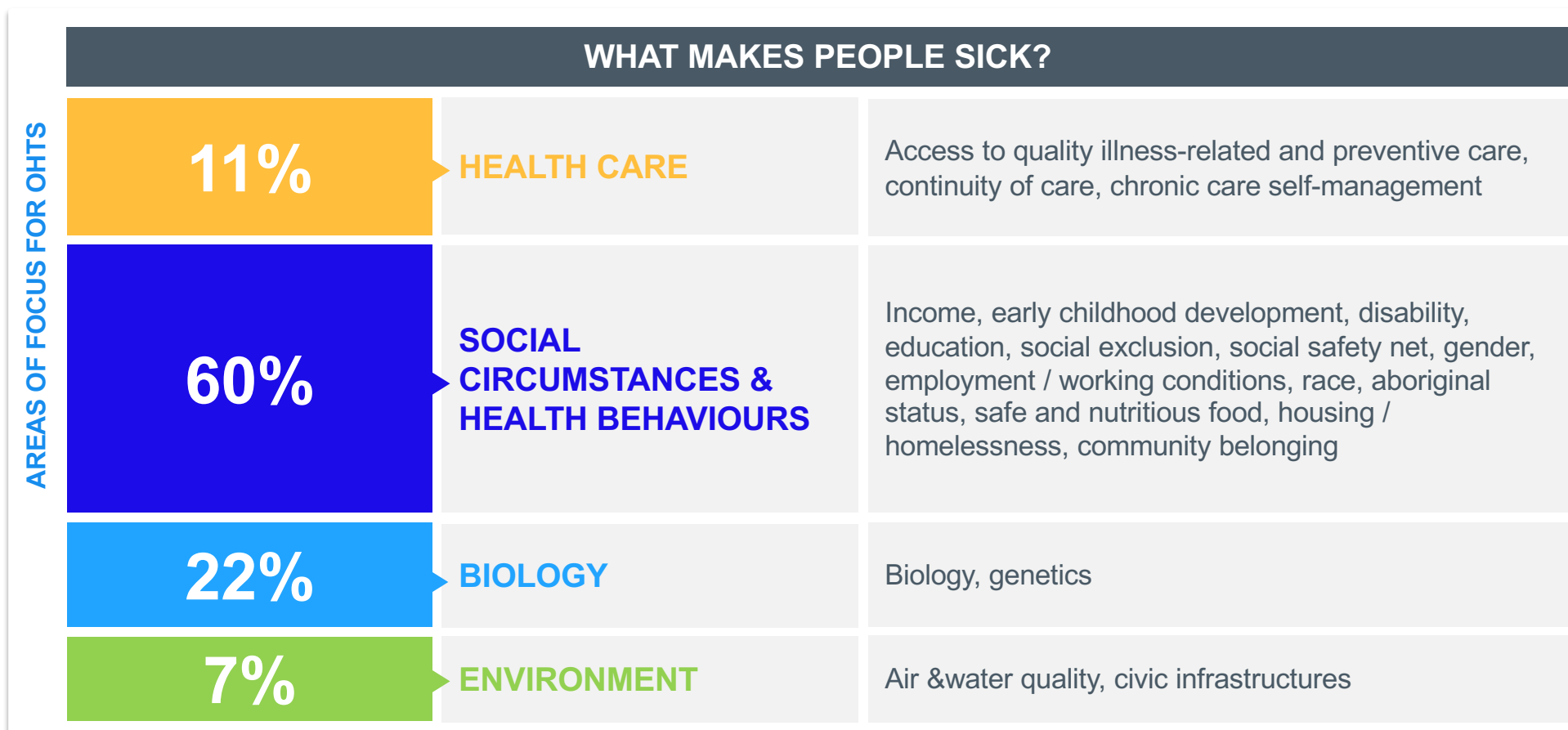
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Strategies to **squeeze the curve**
& **reduce inequities**



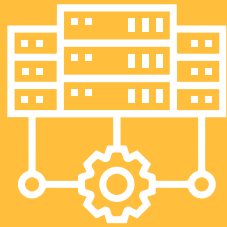
“LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND” & TACKLE THE “INVERSE CARE LAW”

Determinants of Health in Populations



Adapted from: determinantsofhealth.org

A Population Health Approach...



Identifies **systemic variations & patterns** in health & care



Focuses on the **conditions & factors** that are related & influence the health of populations



Develops services & policies to improve the health & well-being of populations



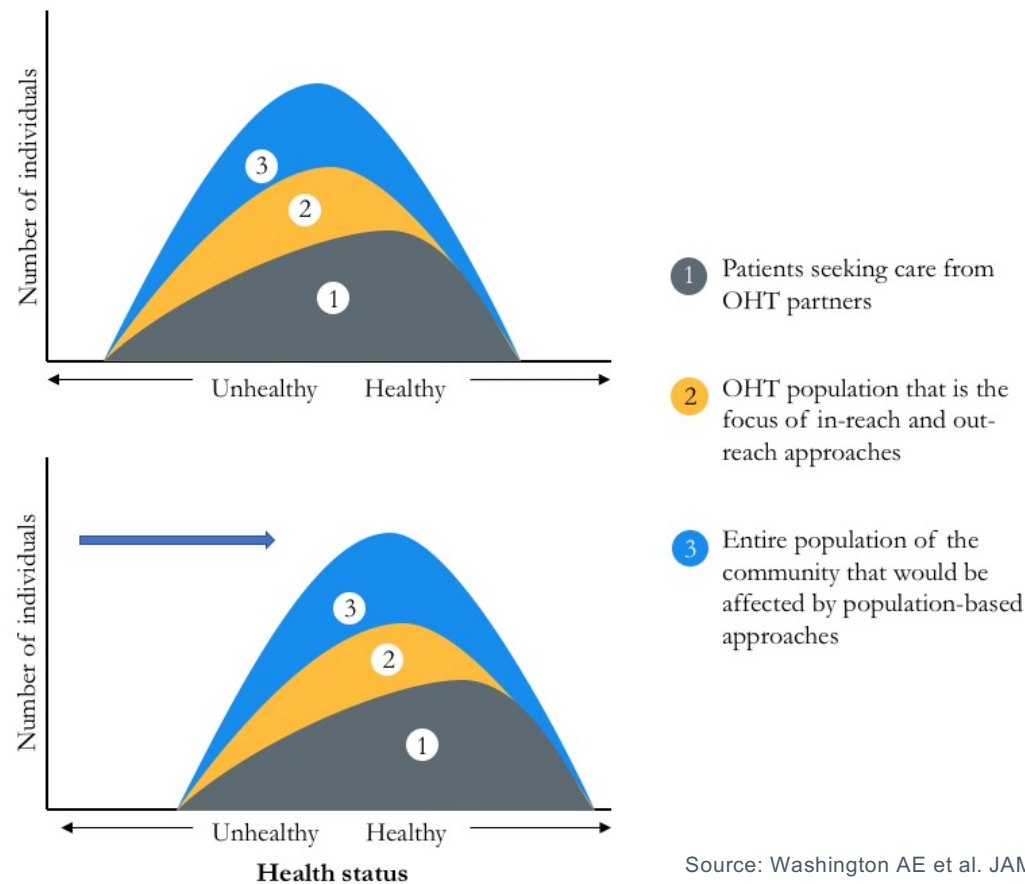
Implementation can be at the **individual or population** level

Developing OHT Population Health Strategies at the Level of the Individual & Population

EXAMPLES:

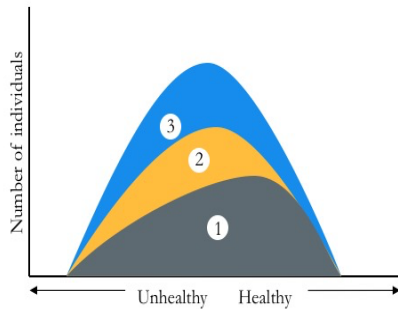
POPULATION	INDIVIDUAL-LEVEL SERVICE	POPULATION-LEVEL POLICY/PROGRAM
PERSONS NEARING END-OF-LIFE	Palliative care programs	Educational campaigns on advance care planning & powers of attorney
FRAIL OLDER ADULTS	Programs of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)	Age-friendly transportation options, built environment initiatives
PERSONS WITH DIABETES	Systematic screening & diagnosis, self-management support programs	Diet & physical activity promotion programs

Role of Health Care in Producing Population Health: “Shifting the 3 curves”



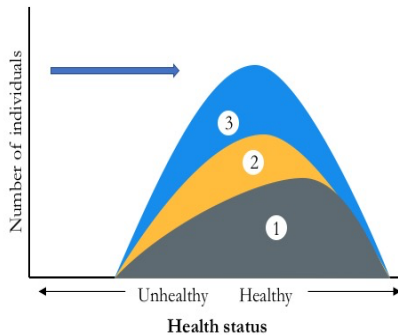
Source: Washington AE et al. JAMA 2016 315(5): 459-460

Role of Health Care in Producing Population Health



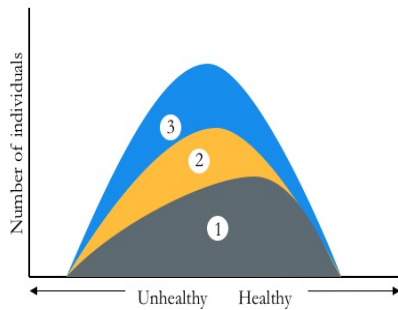
① 1st Curve – Care for Acute Health Problems

- ❑ Timely access to high-quality acute care services
- ❑ Oriented around care episodes (e.g. visits, hospitalizations)
- ❑ Reacts to individual patient needs, not populations
- ❑ Population health impact comes through users one-by-one (e.g. high-quality care for acute stroke)



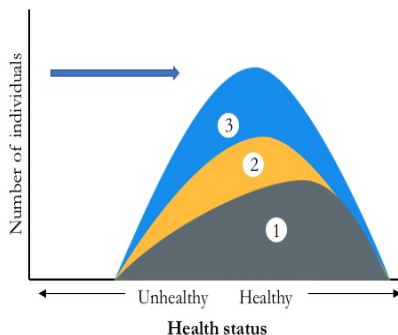
“SUSTAIN THE GAINS”

Role of Health Care in Producing Population Health



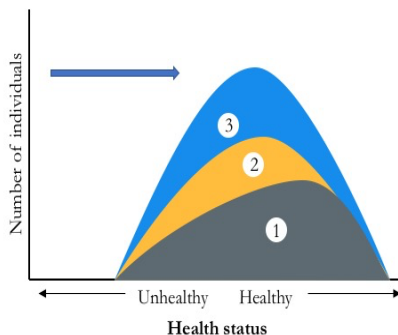
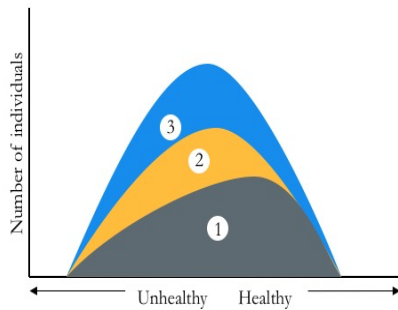
2nd Curve – Clinical Population Health Management

- ❑ Proactive management of chronic conditions & behavioural risks
- ❑ Population is segmented to identify persons with common needs
- ❑ Uses an equity lens & addresses barriers
- ❑ Interventions are individually focused & proactively applied
- ❑ Apply “good clinical care” consistently to everyone across population segments



“NEW FOCUS FOR OHTS”

Role of Health Care in Producing Population Health



3 3rd Curve – Population Policies & Interventions

- ❑ Focus is non-medical determinants of health
- ❑ Oriented longitudinally over the lifespan across large populations
- ❑ Health care community's role can be to provide, facilitate or advocate

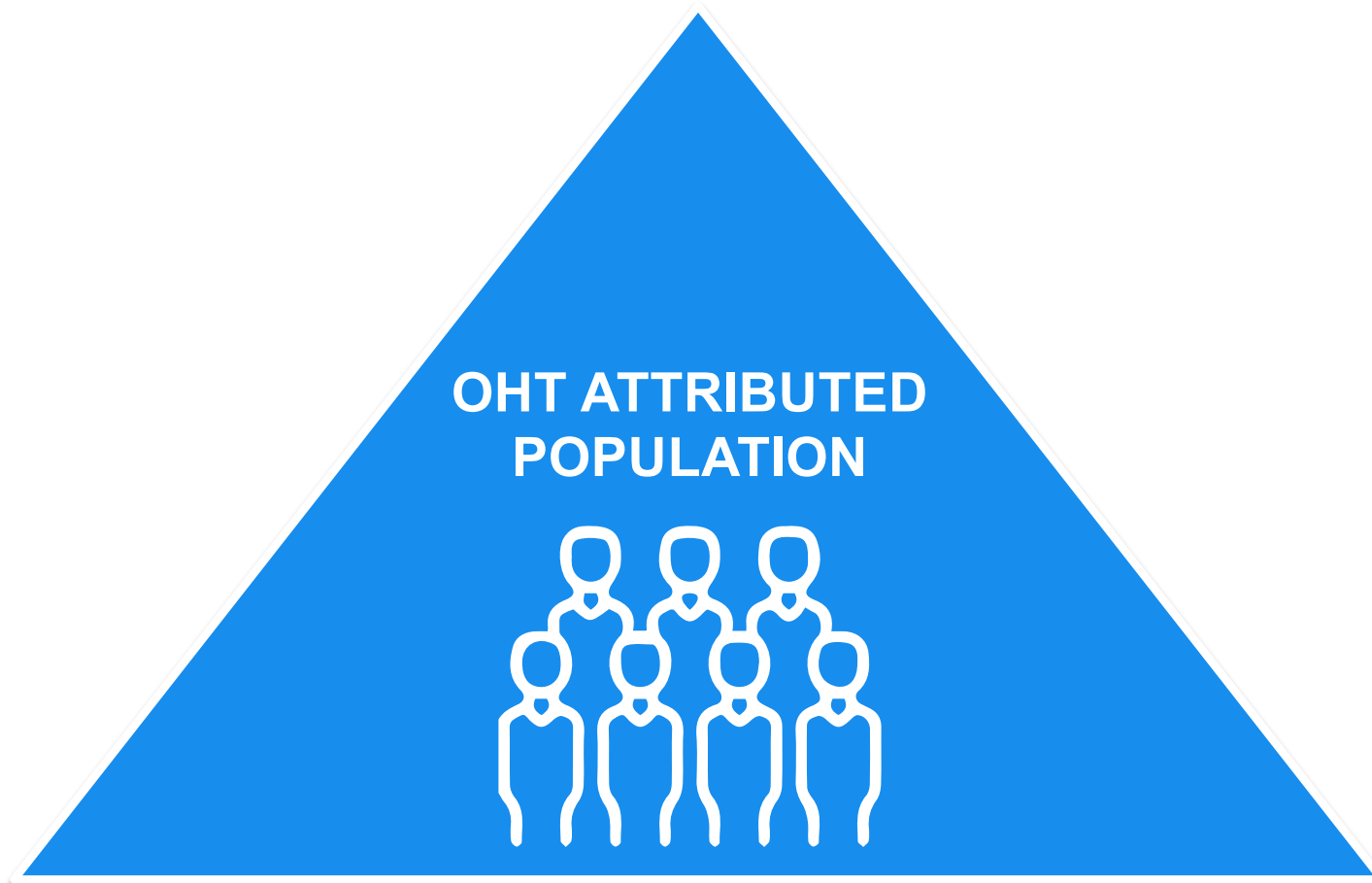
**“FUTURE FOCUS FOR OHTS
DEEPEN PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL GOVT & COMMUNITY ORGS”**

4 Steps of Population Health Management: the Second Curve

Source: Adapted from Population Health Alliance, 2012

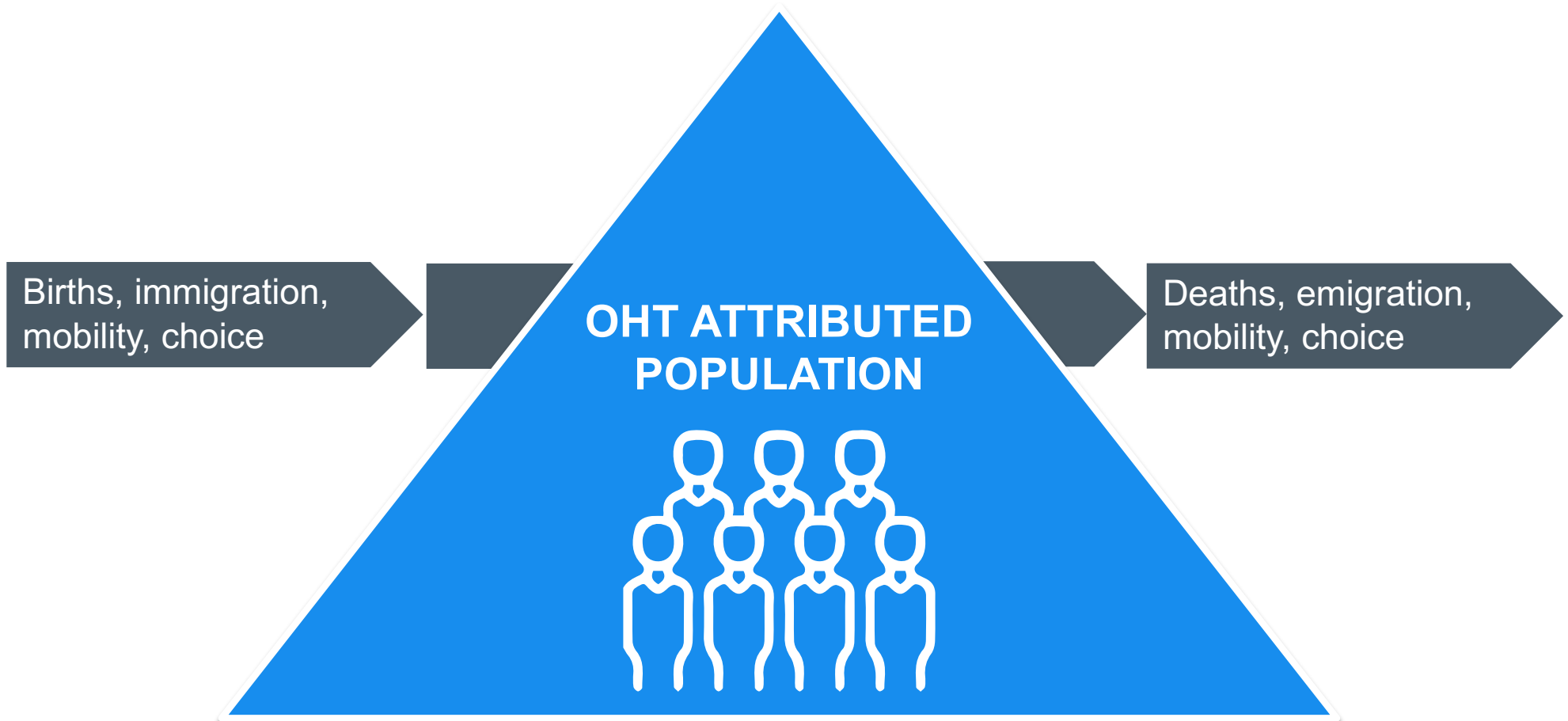
OHTs & Their Attributed Populations

Keep the Full Population in Sight



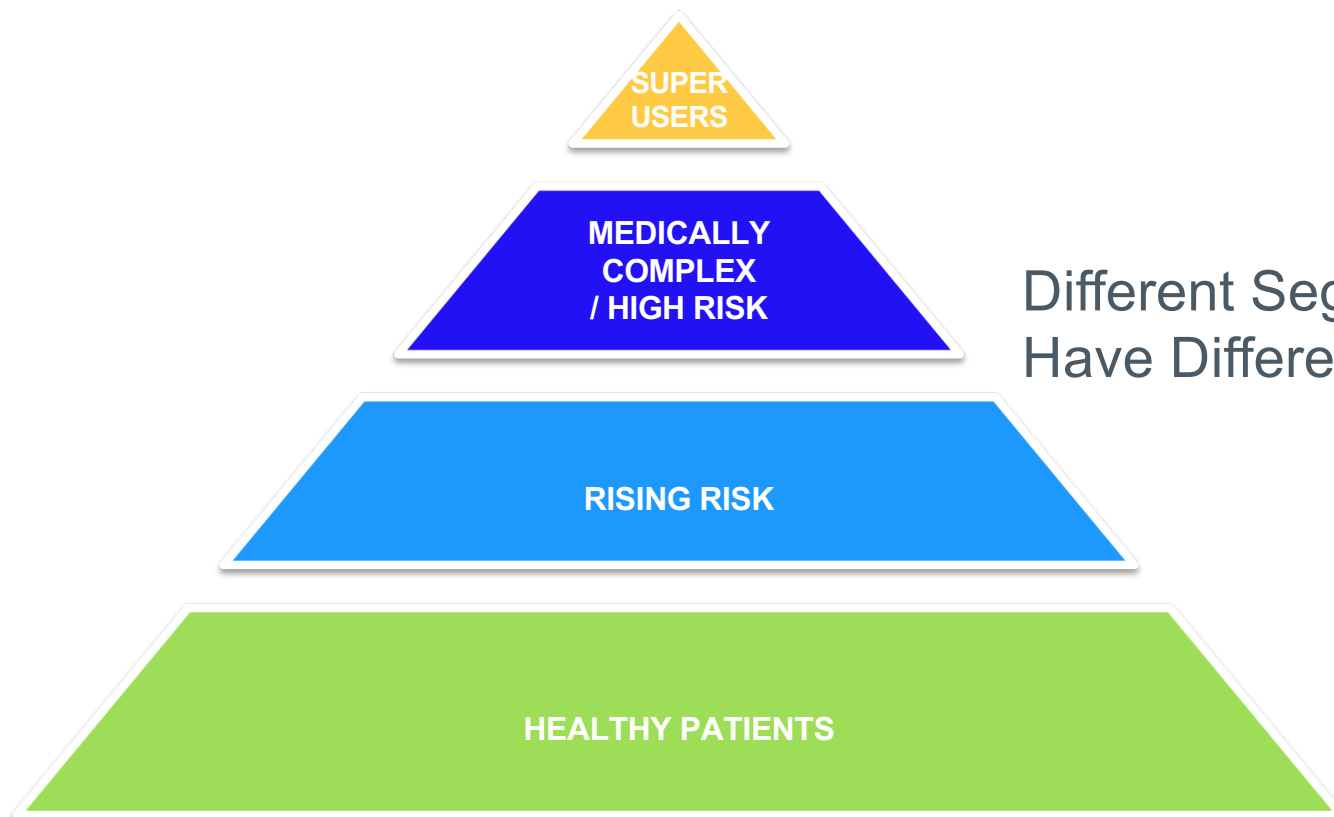
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Population is Continually Evolving



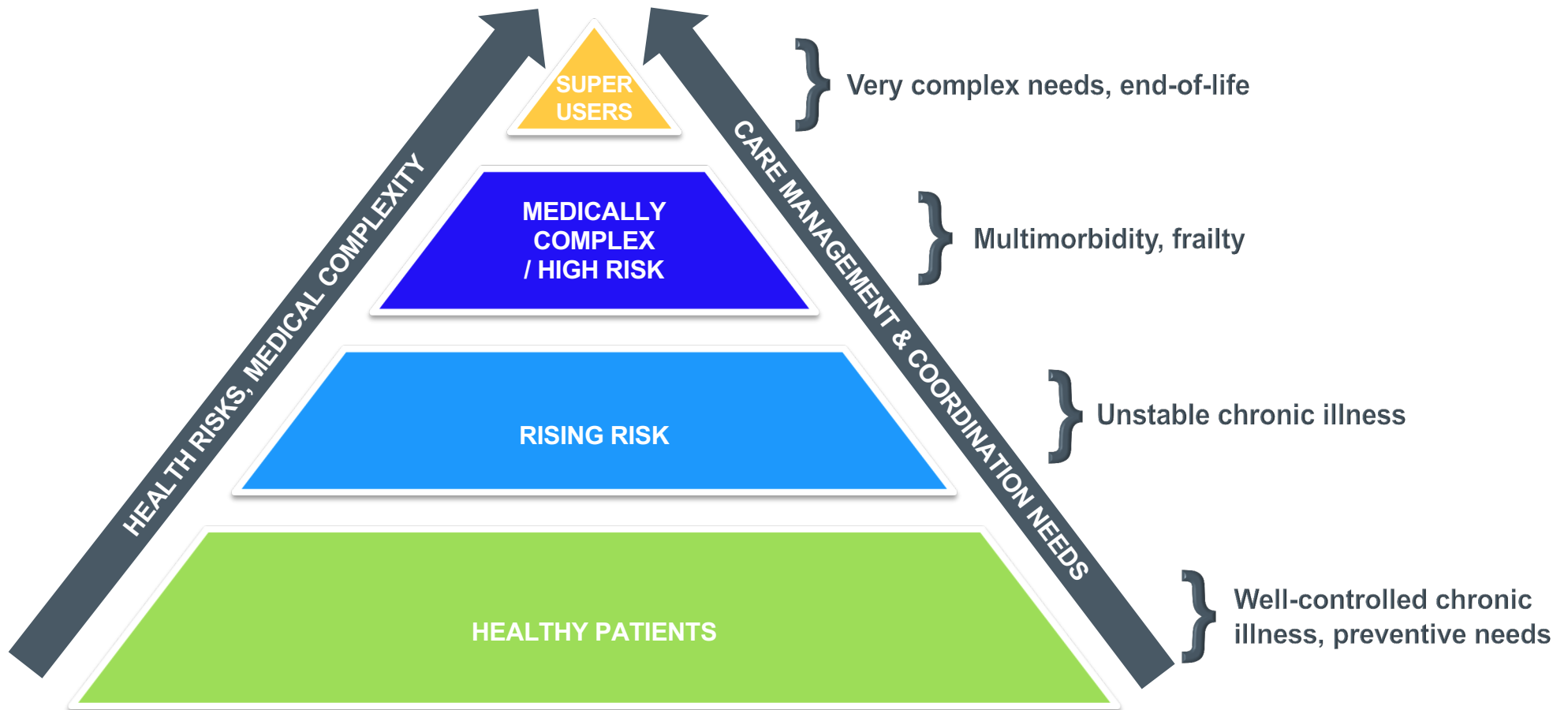
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Kaiser Risk Pyramid

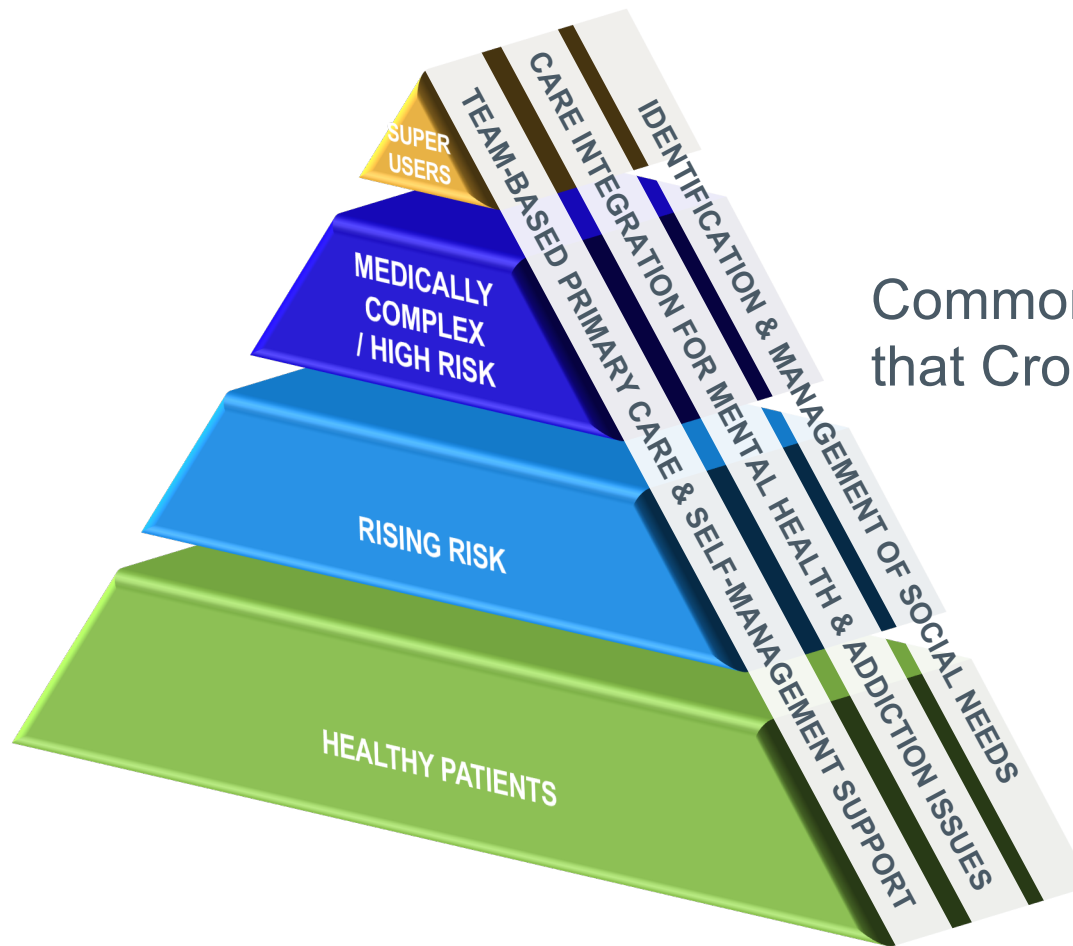


Different Segments
Have Different Needs

Step 1: Population Segmentation & Understanding Barriers to Care



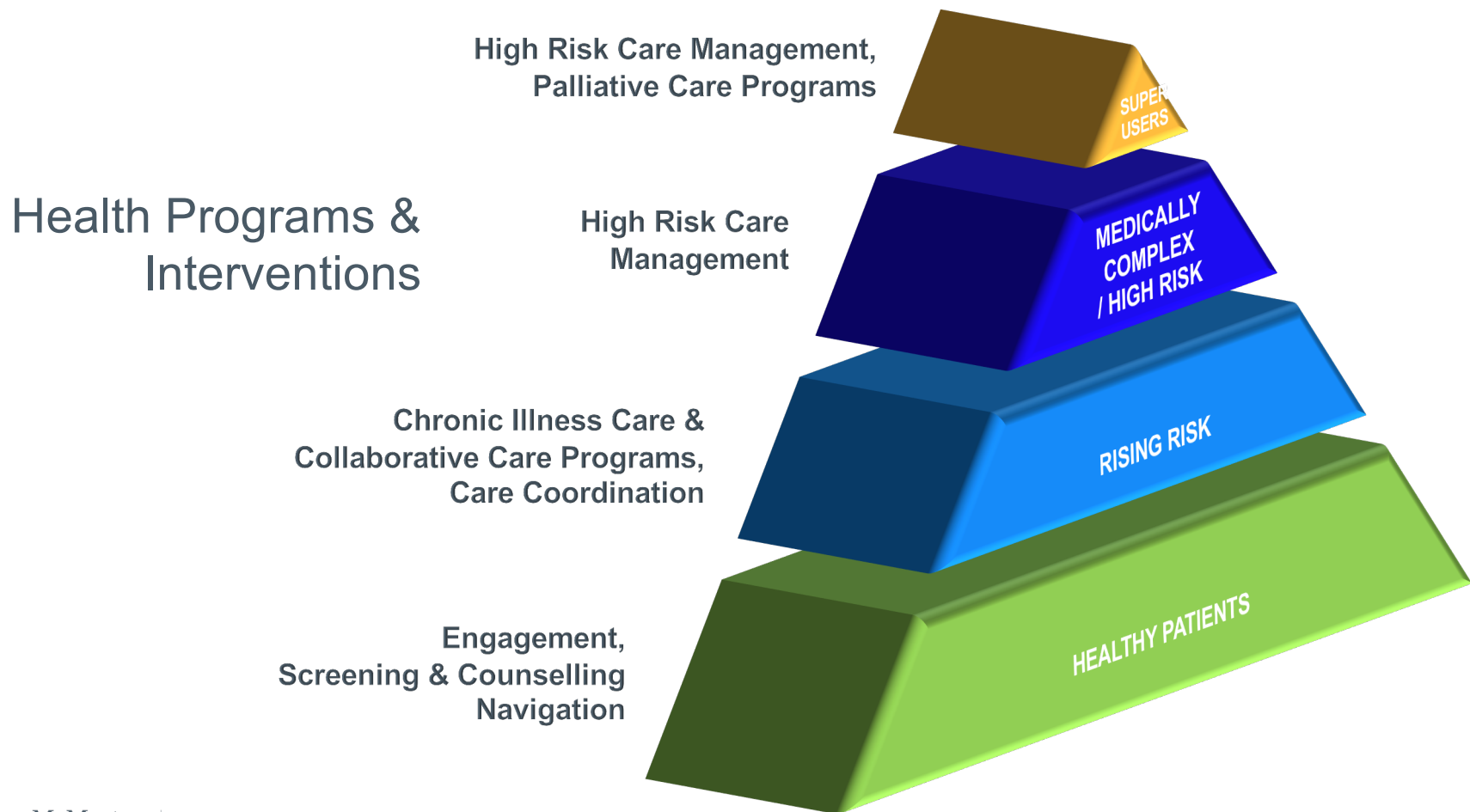
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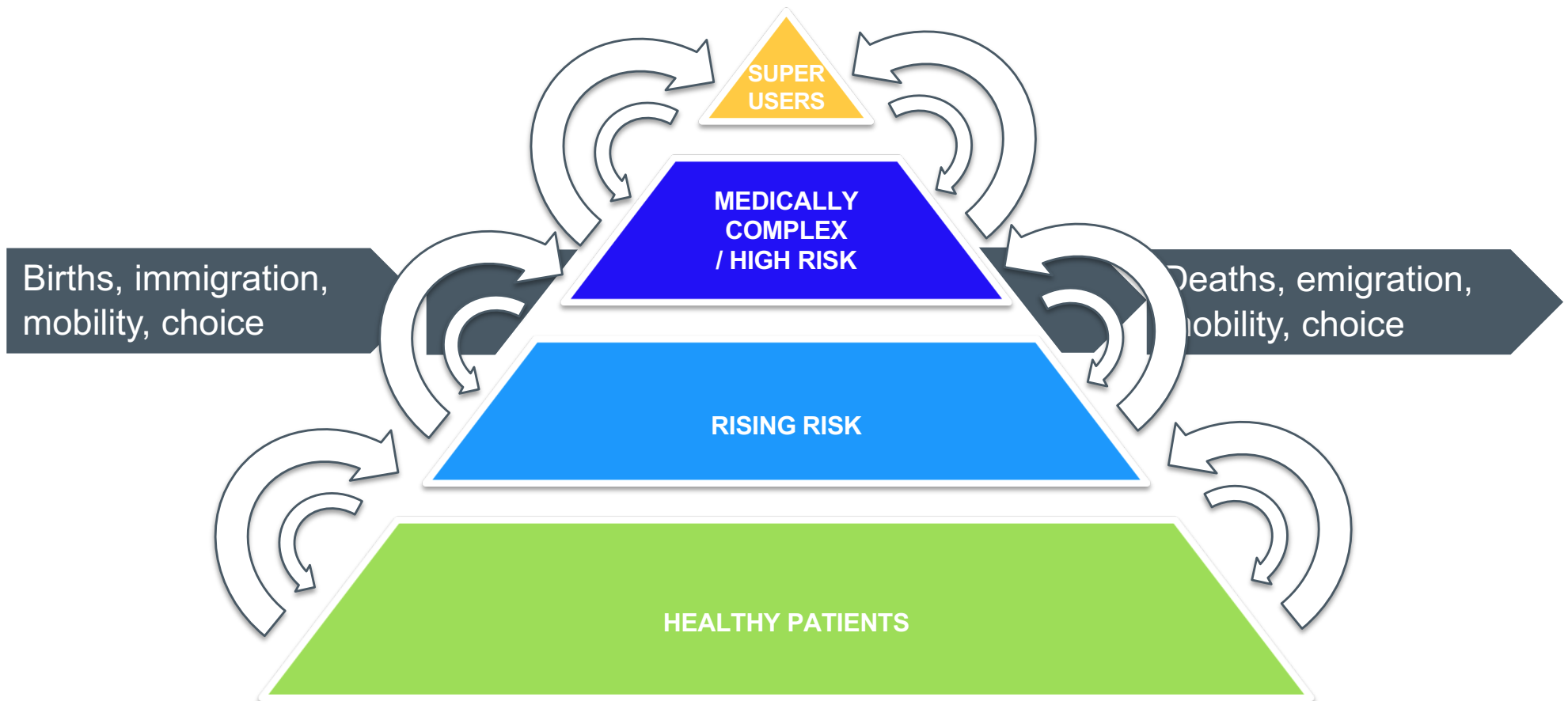
Common Functions
that Cross Segments

Adapted from: Amy Flaster, MD MBA, Center for Population Health, Partners Healthcare

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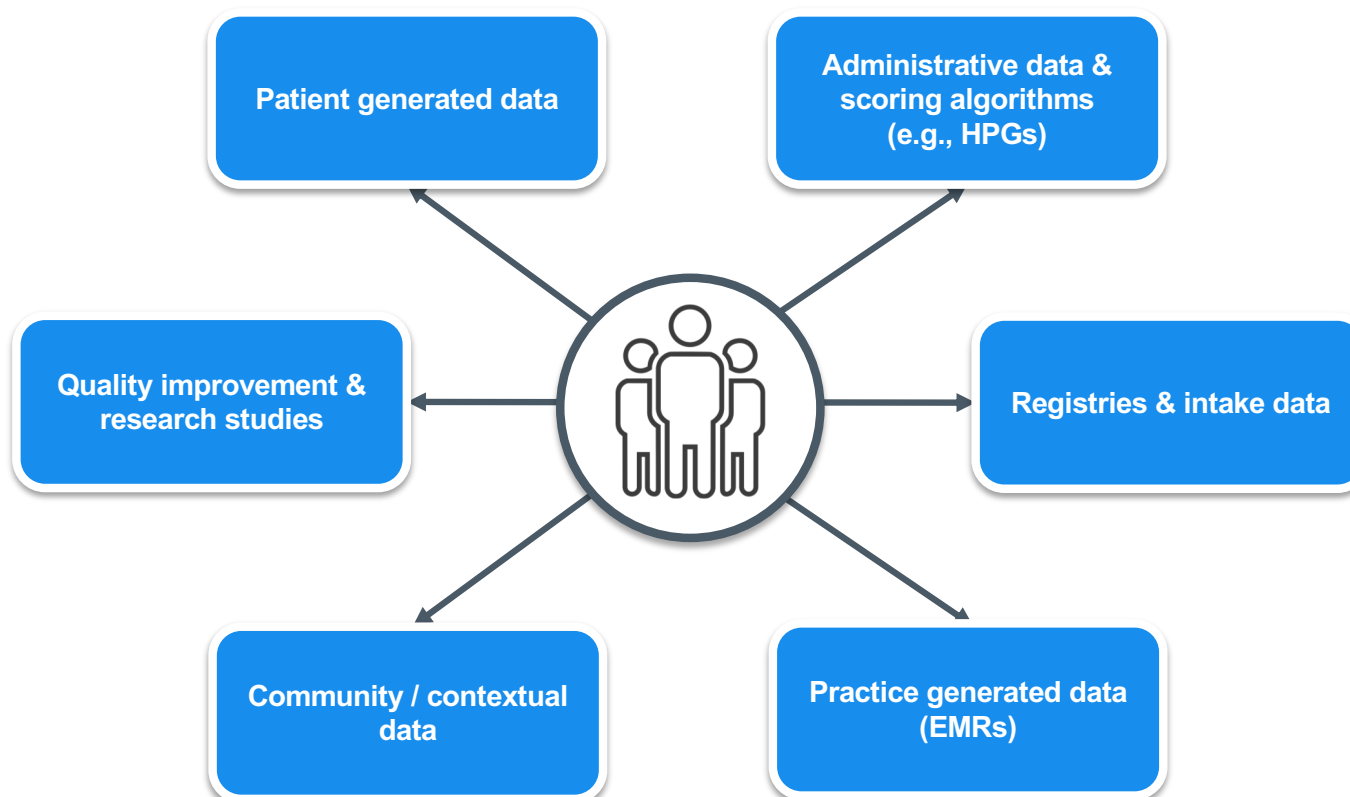
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Population Segments are Continually Evolving

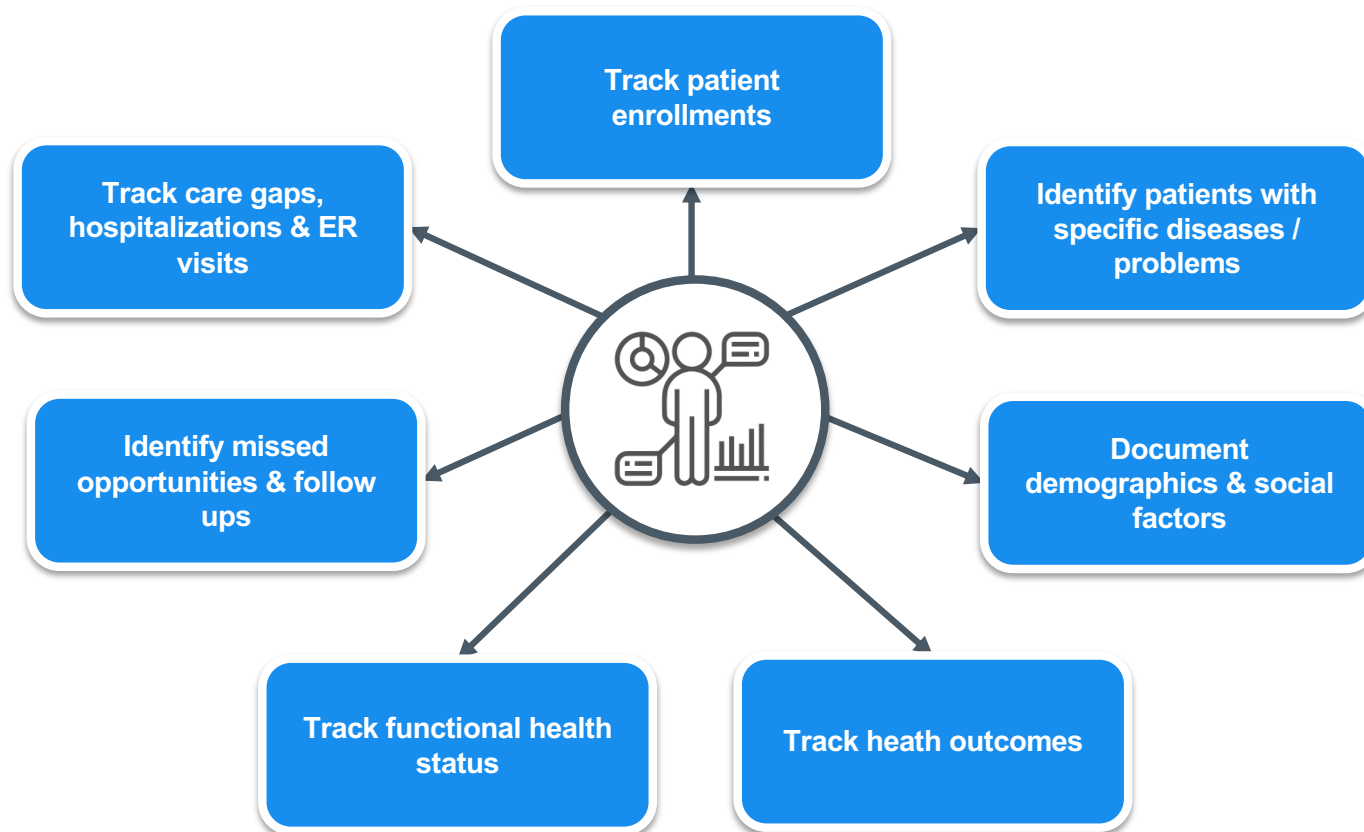
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Data Sources



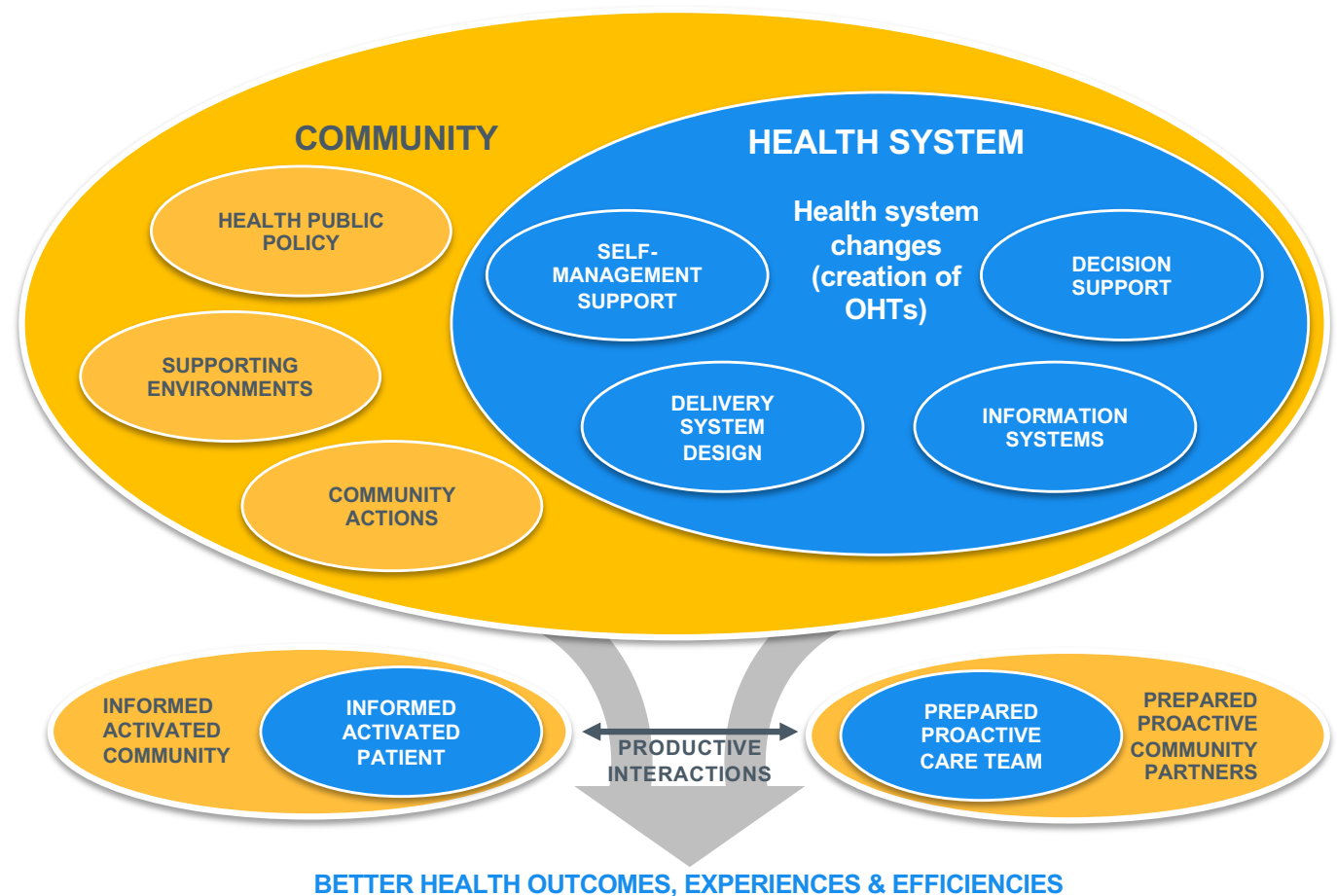
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Using the EMR to Document, Track, & Prompt



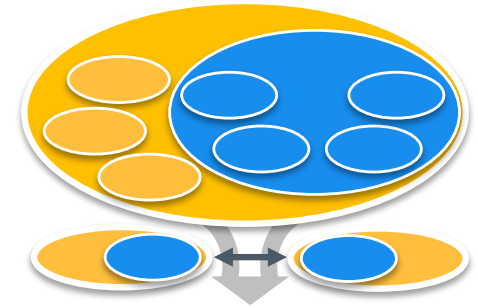
Step 2: Co-designing Care Pathways & Service-mix

Expanded Chronic Care Model for Population Health



Adapted from:
Barr VJ et al. Healthcare Q 2003;7(1):73-82.
Wagner EH et al. Milbank Quarterly 1996; 74(4): 511-44.

Step 2: Co-designing Care Pathways & Service-mix



■ Delivery System Redesign

- ❑ **New roles & new tools** across OHT
- ❑ **In reach** and **outreach** functionalities (often virtual)
- ❑ **Care coordination** functions & use of **care management**
- ❑ Mechanisms to identify & address **barriers to care**

■ Clinical Decision Supports

- ❑ Agreed upon **clinical pathways & practice guidelines**
- ❑ Active use of **prompts & reminders** for providers & patients

■ Clinical Information Systems

- ❑ Population **registries** & patient-centred **trackers** for care & outcomes

■ Patient Self-Management Support

- ❑ Interventions to build **motivation, skills, capabilities** for **behaviour change**

Step 3: Implementation & Reach

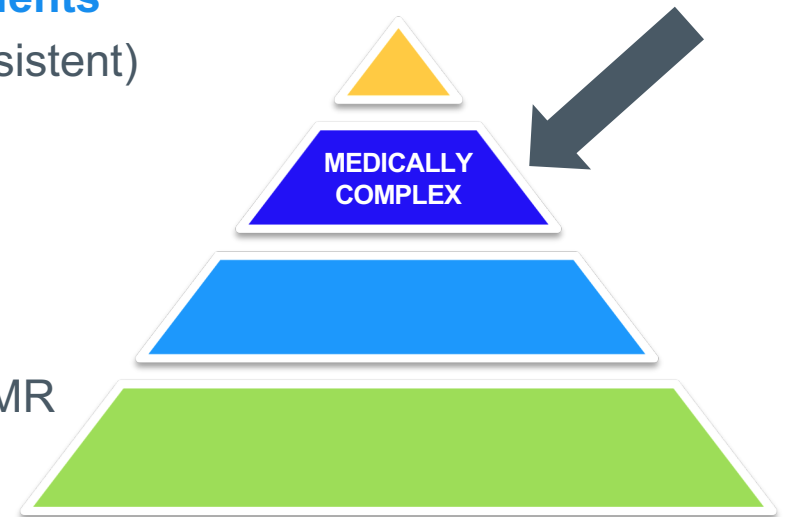
- Develop an initial program logic model, that connects inputs, activities and short-term and long-term outcomes
- Pilot test new care pathways, tools and approaches with a small number of patients, over a short period of time
 - Focus on implementation, getting quick feedback from patients and providers
- Increase reach gradually, keeping track of what proportion of a priority population the new pathway, tool or approach is reaching, over what period of time

Step 4: Monitoring & Evaluation

- Revise program logic model based on your initial work
- Include ongoing monitoring and evaluation, including both the number of patients who are served and the impact, at an individual-level and system-level
- Choose outcomes that are clinically relevant, measurable as part of routine care, and can be extracted easily from EHRs
- Feed findings back to OHT leadership, and share with others who are serving the same priority population

Example: High-risk Case Management Program at Partners Healthcare

- **High-risk care management program** embedded within primary care
- Focuses on **chronically ill, medically complex patients**
 - ✓ Multiple chronic illnesses (some severe and persistent)
 - ✓ Mental health or substance abuse complicating medical conditions
 - ✓ SES factors complicating medical management
- Predictive risk score used to **segment & identify population, supplemented by social risks** from EMR
- **Enrollment confirmed** by primary care clinicians



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Example: High-risk Case Management Program at Partners Healthcare

■ Delivery System Redesign

- Care manager with roster, embedded in primary care
- Use of home visits, tele-monitoring, virtual care, post-acute integration

■ Clinical Decision Supports

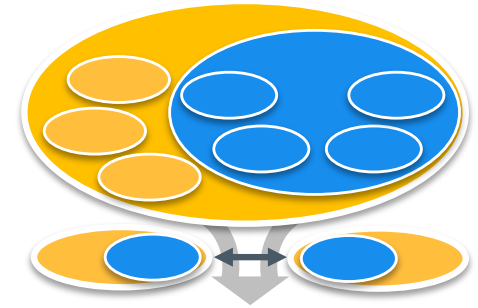
- Structured care plans, goals of care conversations, case reviews
- Ongoing support & training for teams & staff

■ Clinical Information Systems

- Registries & care coordination tools
- Real-time notifications of admissions & discharges

■ Patient Self-Management Support

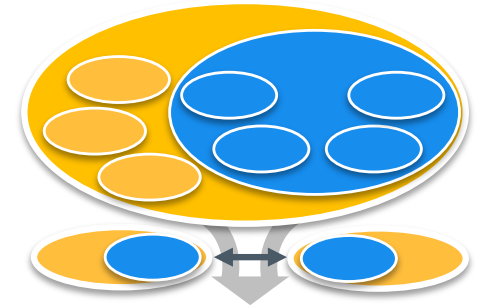
- Health coaching & shared-decision making tools



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Example: High-risk Case Management Program at Partners Healthcare

- **Care Manager** has panel of patients with target panel size
 - Medical complexity – RN Lead
 - Psychosocial complexity – social worker lead
 - Community/social complexity – community health worker lead
- **Responsible for...**
 - Patient assessment (risks, gaps)
 - Care plans and systematic case reviews
 - Care coordination, communication, transition planning
 - Goals of care conversations, self-management support
- Supported by **community resource specialist, pharmacist**



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Anticipate your challenges...

- Population health thinking is **new** & **challenging** for most people.
- Operating in a **resource constrained environment**. Will need to shift efficiently shift care among partners among partners.
- **Selecting** & **transitioning** populations is **key, but tricky**.
- Building **better data** & **analytic capacity** for planning & care. But avoid paralysis.
- Holding each other **accountable** in the application of **care pathways**.
- Focusing on **clinical population health strategies first**, followed by broader population-based strategies.

Questions?

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Learning Stations & Population-Focused Groups

- Learning stations will each have a facilitator, several population-health management resource people, and a support staff
 - 1) Segmenting your population into groups with shared needs
 - 2) Co-designing care pathways and in-reach and out-reach services for each group
 - 3) Implementing pathways/services in a way that reaches and is appropriate to each group
 - 4) Monitoring implementation and evaluating impact
- Population-focused groups will cycle through the four learning stations along with their population-focused resource people
 - 1) Group for people at the end of life and/or needing palliative care starts at station 1
 - 2) Group focused on older adults with greater needs start at station 2
 - 3) Group focused on people with chronic conditions starts at station 3
 - 4) Group focused on people with mental health and addictions issues starts at station 4 (and then moves to station 1 in the next rotation)

Learning Station Configuration

- As you enter the room corresponding to each station
 - ❑ Facilitator and flip charts will be at the 'front' of the room
 - ❑ Population-health management resource people will be sitting on the left
 - ❑ **OHT members should sit in front of the facilitator and flip charts**
 - ❑ Population-focused resource people accompanying OHT members should sit on the right
 - ❑ Observers should sit at the 'back' of the room
 - ❑ Support staff will be by the door at the back of the room (and will be taking notes)

Available RISE Resources

- Hard copies of two documents (that you've already been sent electronically) will be available at your first station
 - Questions related to developing a population-health management plan
 - 'Setting the context' questions will be addressed at your first allocated station
 - 'Planning next steps' questions will be addressed at your last allocated station
 - List of facilitators and resource people
- You've also been sent electronically
 - Updated RISE brief on population-health management
 - Four RISE briefs on year 1 priority populations (the one you're focused on and the three others just for additional background)
 - RISE brief on OHT building blocks (for additional background)
- All of these draft resources are now available on the RISE website (and final versions will be posted in both English and French within a few weeks)

Available Resources (2)

- RISE prepares both its own resources (like RISE briefs) that can support rapid learning and improvement, as well as provides a structured 'way in' to resources prepared by other partners and by the ministry
- RISE is supported by a grant from the Ontario Ministry of Health
- **The opinions, results, and conclusions** – both those conveyed in our resources and at events like this one – **are those of RISE and are independent of the ministry**
- No endorsement by the ministry is intended or should be inferred

Consolidation Opportunity

- After rotating through the four learning stations (with 45 minutes at each), you'll have a chance to re-group for another 45 minutes with other members of your OHT
 - Discuss synergies in approaches to and next steps for population-health management across your priority populations
 - Identify at least three actions that you can now take
- Remember the first question
 - Are you approaching your efforts to 'move the needle' on quadruple-aim metrics for your year 1 priority population in a way that lays the groundwork to become a designated OHT in future?
 - Will engage a meaningful proportion of your attributed population and meaningful number of your partners
 - Can be easily documented, spread to other populations, and later scaled to your entire attributed population
- Please raise your hand if you'd like speak to any resource people (population-health management resource people or population-focused resource people) or have any questions (and a RISE staff person will come over to find out what you need)