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# The Integrated Care Programme for the Prevention and Management of Chronic Disease – Enhanced Community Care Programme

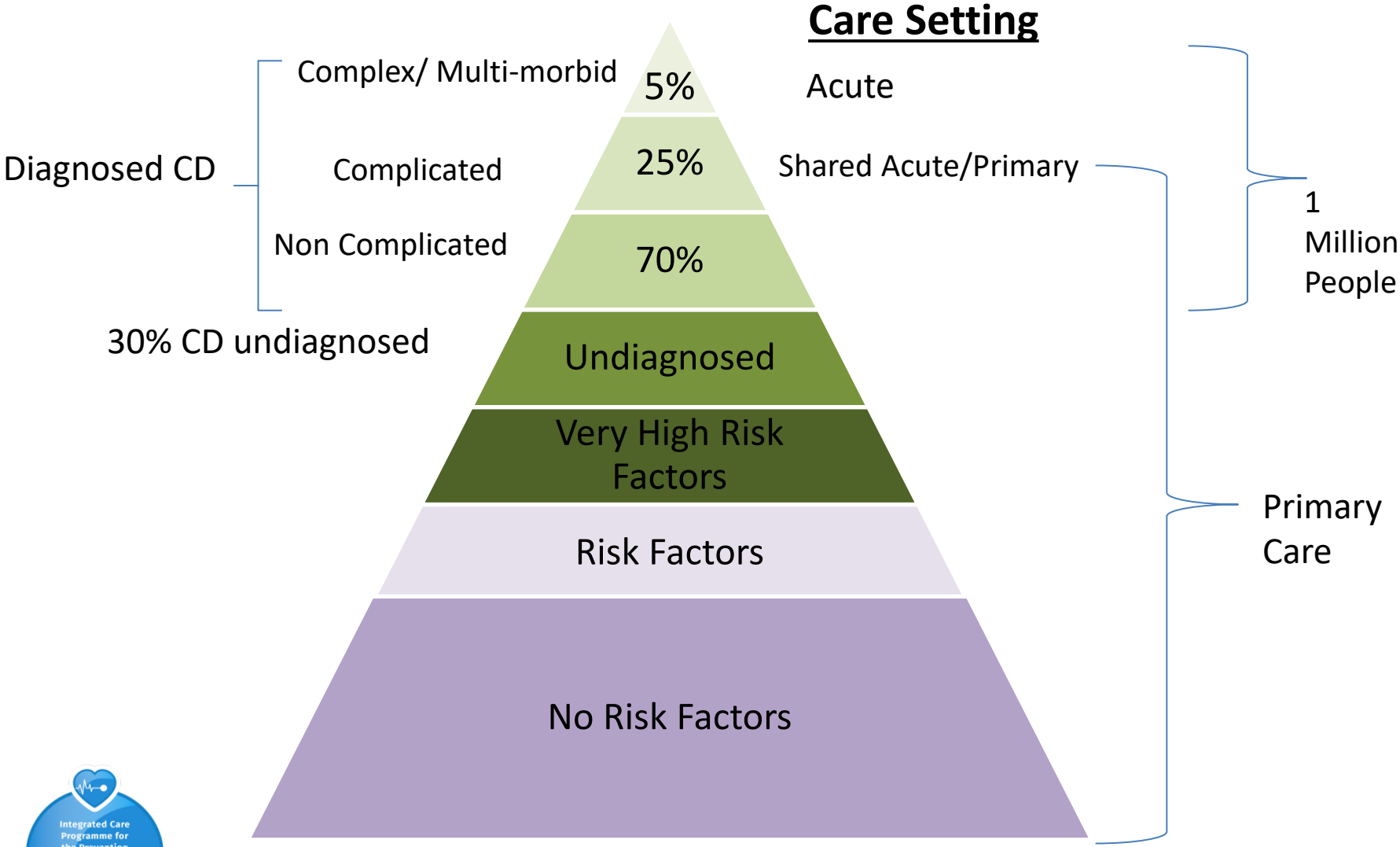


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# Population Health Approach for Chronic Disease





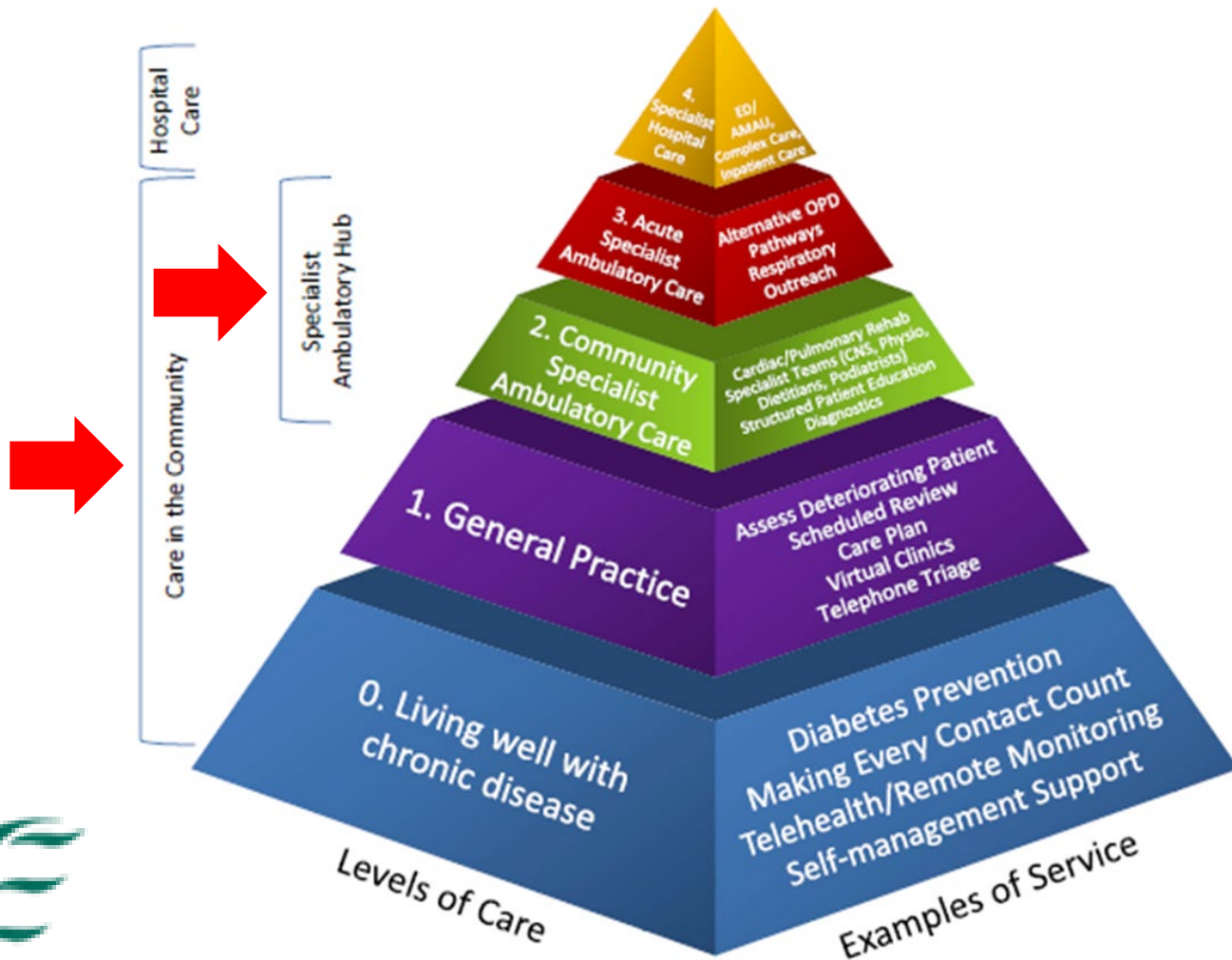
# Objectives of Integrated Care Programme for Chronic Disease

- Stop people progressing up the Population Health Pyramid.
- Maximise prevention.
- Enable people to maximise self management.
- Support GPs to manage patients in the community by;
  - Paying for early detection, prevention and scheduled chronic disease management
  - Provide GP community diagnostics
  - Provide community ambulatory care specialist nurses and HSCP support
  - Provide rapid ambulatory specialist opinion





# Model of Care for Prevention and Management of Chronic Disease





# Ambulatory Care Hubs – Levels 2 & 3

- Chronic Disease Ambulatory Care Hubs are being established, each serving approximately three CHNs (or a population approx. 150,000 people).
- 30 hubs associated with 25 hospitals.
- Each Ambulatory Care Hub is linked to a local hospital. Some of the larger hospitals are linked to a number of ambulatory care hubs.
- Ambulatory care hubs support access to diagnostics, specialist services and specialist opinions in order to support GPs manage patients in the community.
- Cardiac Rehabilitation, Pulmonary Rehabilitation, Diabetes Self-Management Education will be delivered in the hub, (cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation also delivered in hospital sites under joint governance).



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# Process

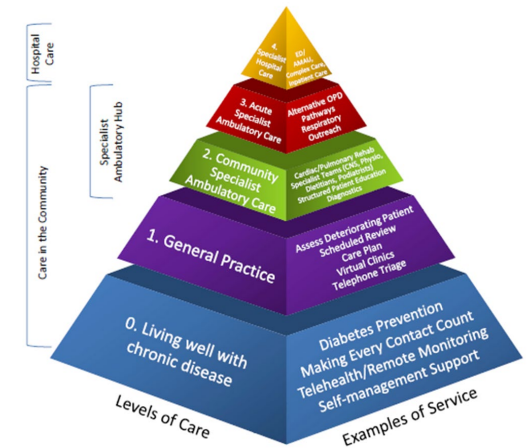
- GP refers patient via Healthlink to Hub service.
  - community CNS / HSCP
  - SMS Programme e.g. cardiac/pulmonary rehab, diabetes education, diabetes prevention programmes
  - acute service specialist opinion (consultant and CNS/ HSCP Hub clinic)
- Staff member involves other speciality MDT members if appropriate.
- Refers to other specialty MDT if appropriate.
- Model = see and return to GP for ongoing care.





# Implementation - Level 0

1. Making Every Contact Count Framework developed.
2. Making Every Contact Count training programme in brief intervention, on health service and medical colleges websites.
3. National 3<sup>rd</sup> level MECC Curriculum for all HCWs.
4. National Self Management Support Framework.
5. National 3<sup>rd</sup> level SMS Curriculum for all HCWs.
6. Structured Self-Management Education, Support and Prevention Programmes e.g. Diabetes, Diabetes Prevention and Pulmonary and Cardiac Rehabilitation.

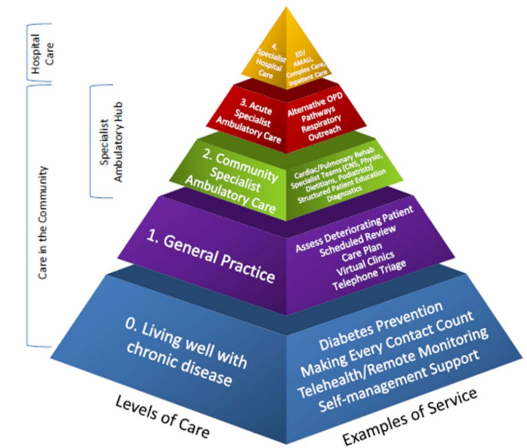






# Implementation - Level 1

1. National GP contract for Chronic Disease (CVD, Diabetes and Respiratory) – Structured Care Programme, Preventive Programme and Opportunistic Case Finding Programme, Care Plans.
2. Direct GP access to diagnostics for Chronic disease - NTPro-BNP, Echo and Spirometry.
3. Virtual Consultant to GPs clinics (over 90% effective in reducing hospital attendance).





# Implementation Ambulatory Care hubs – Levels 2 & 3

- Fully funded National Programme is a national priority; 1430 new posts for Chronic Disease.
- Recruitment of Chronic Disease Community and Acute posts progressing.
- Establishing and convening national and local joint governance structures.
- Physical accommodation being provided.
- Clinical Leadership, Clinical Guidelines, Pathways, ICT Specifications, Service Agreements, KPIs developed.

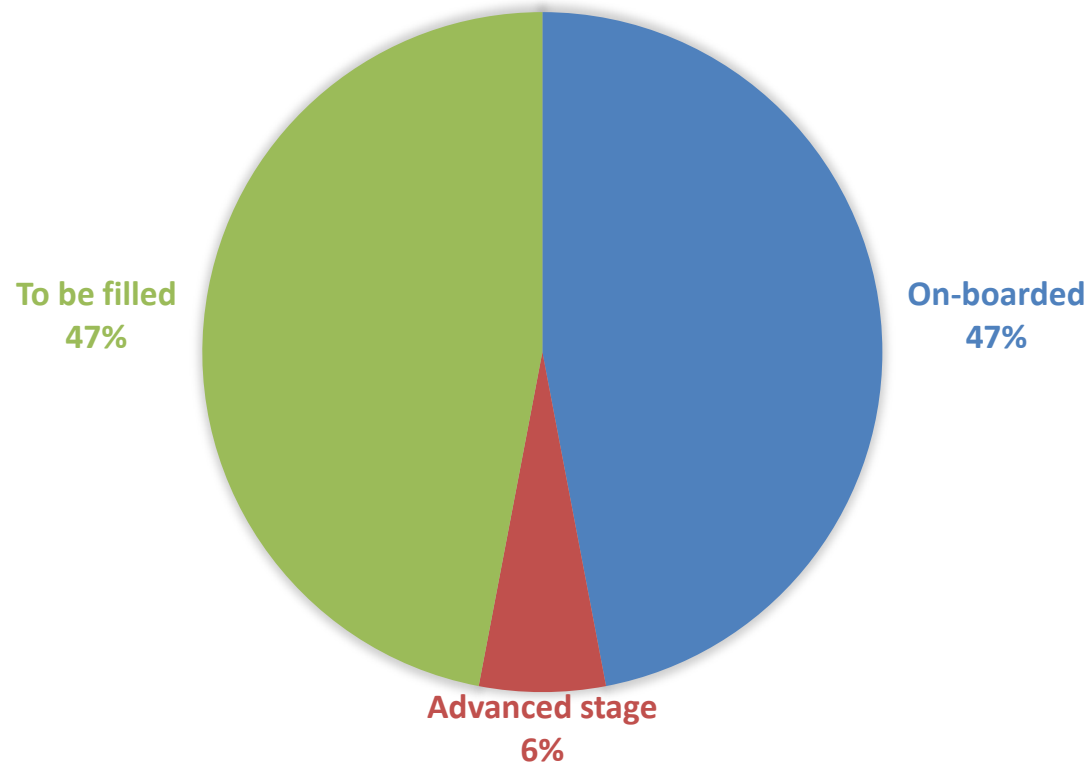


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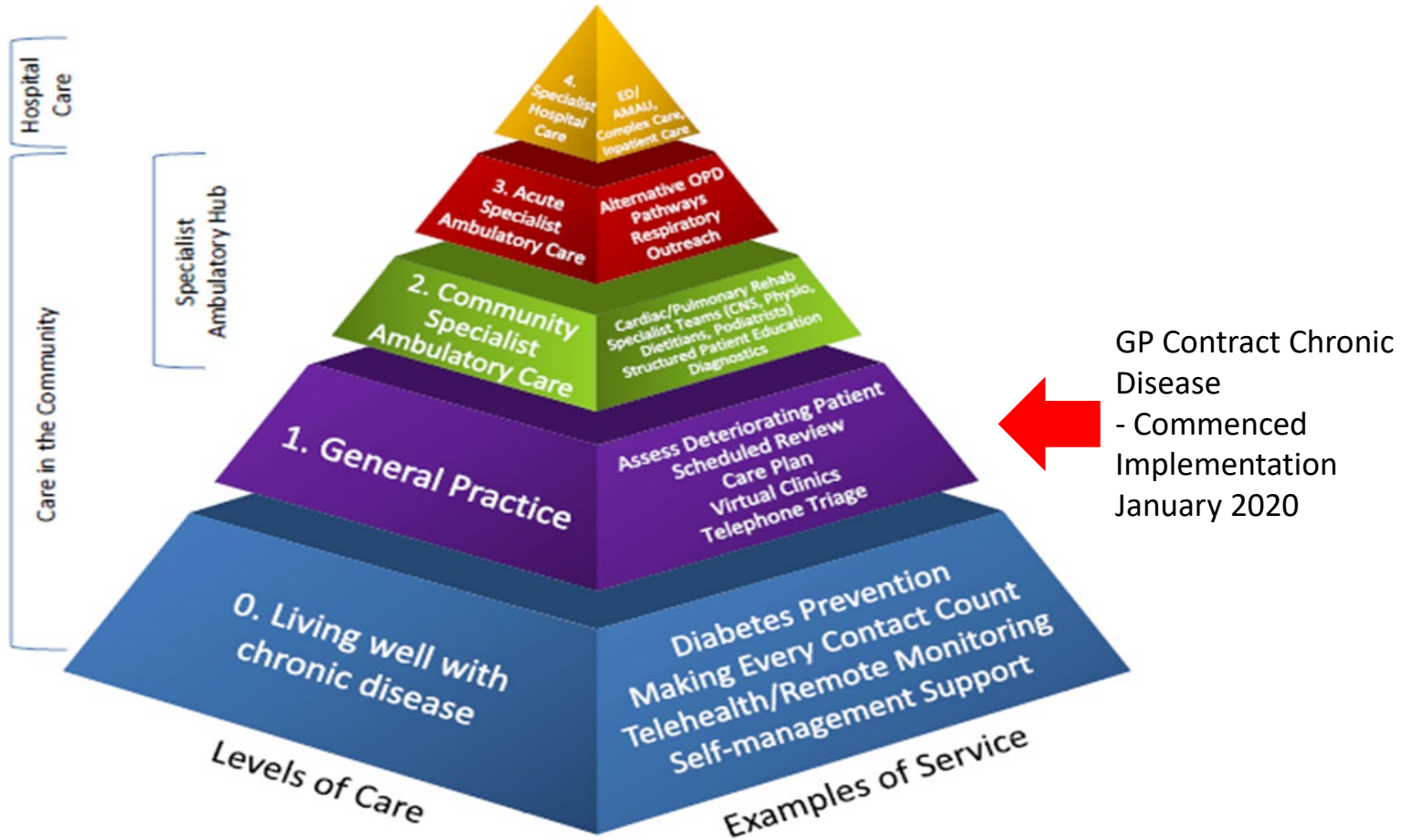
# Ambulatory Care Hub - Recruitment

## CHRONIC DISEASE RECRUITMENT





# Model of Care for Prevention and Management of Chronic Disease





# Treatment Programme Selected Conditions

- Diabetes Type 11
  - COPD
  - Asthma
  - IHD
  - CVA
  - TIA
  - Heart Failure
  - A.Fib
- Treatment Programme commenced January 2020 with older ages first.
  - Opportunistic Case Finding and Prevention Programme commenced January 2020 with older ages first.
  - All Programmes in place since January 2023.





# Structured Chronic Disease Management Programme in General Practice

## Treatment Programme

- Selected conditions
- Two scheduled reviews per annum
- Physical exam & specific blood tests
- Medication review
- Joint care plan
- Self-management support
- Appropriate referral

## Opportunistic Case Finding Programme

- GP notes risk factors pertinent to CD
- OCF assessment: physical exam & blood tests
- Outcome:
  - NAD: OCF in 5yrs
  - High risk: Prevention Programme
  - New diagnosis: Treatment Programme

## Prevention Programme

- Definition of “High risk”
- One scheduled visit per annum
- Physical exam & specific blood tests
- Medication review
- Joint care plan
- Self-management support
- Appropriate referral



# Prevention Programme

- “ At High Risk” defined as;
  - Qrisk  $\geq 20$
  - Hypertension
  - Pre diabetes (HbA1c = 6% – 6.4% )
  - NT-pro BNP (*B Natriuretic Peptide*)
    - (NT - pro BNP  $\geq 125$  pg/ml or BNP  $\geq 34$  pg/ml)





# GP CDM Programme Results

- 320,000 patients enrolled January 2023.
- Over 800,000 reviews by January 2023.
- 83% uptake.
- 91% of GPs participating.
- GP clinical systems adapted to support 3 programmes.

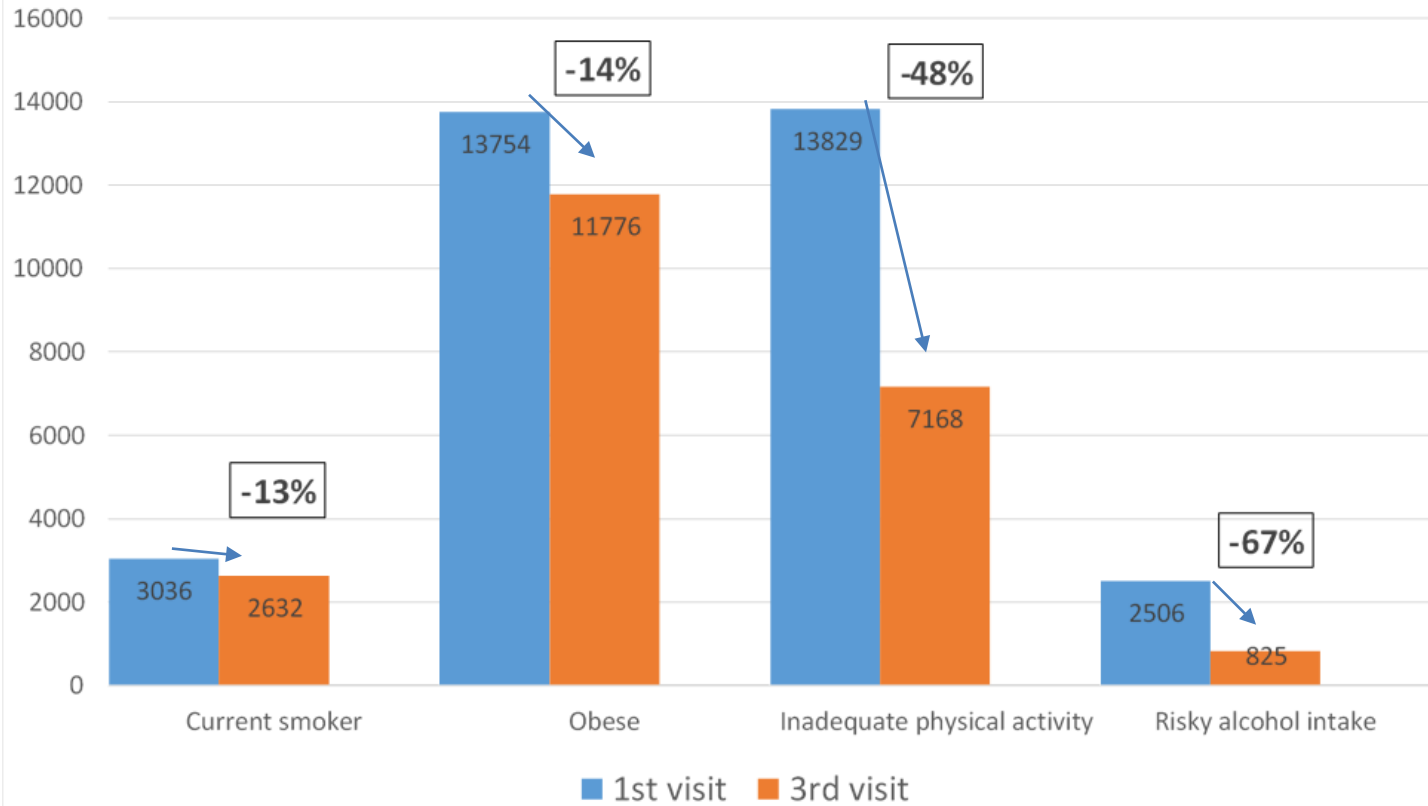


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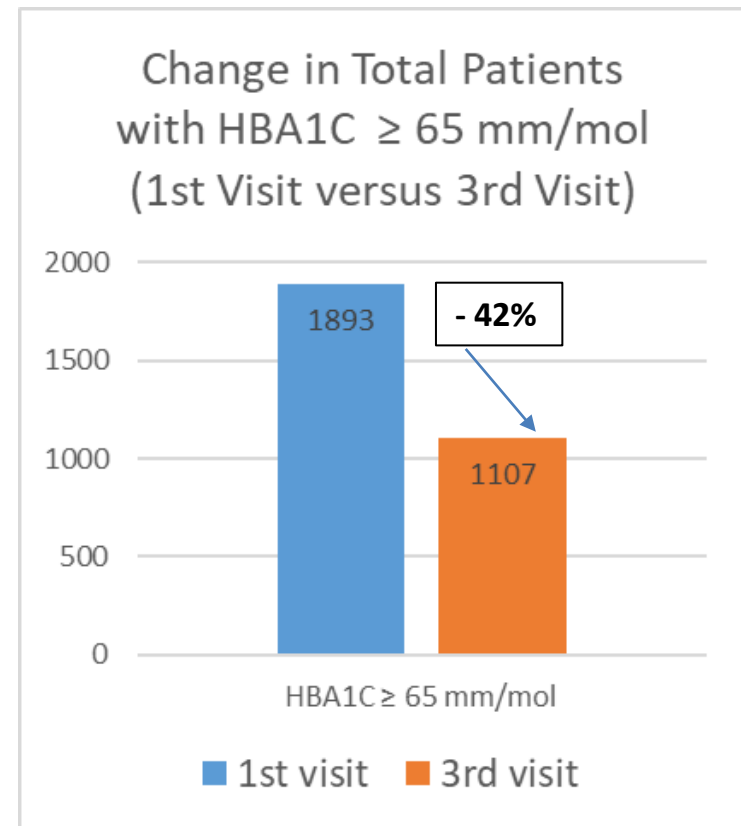
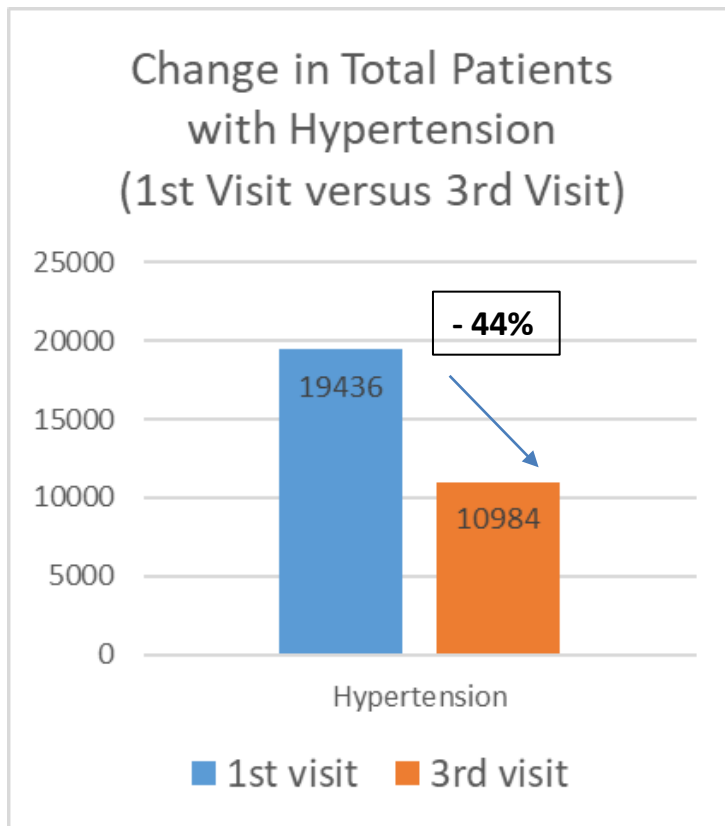


### Change in Lifestyle Behaviours (1st Visit versus 3rd Visit)



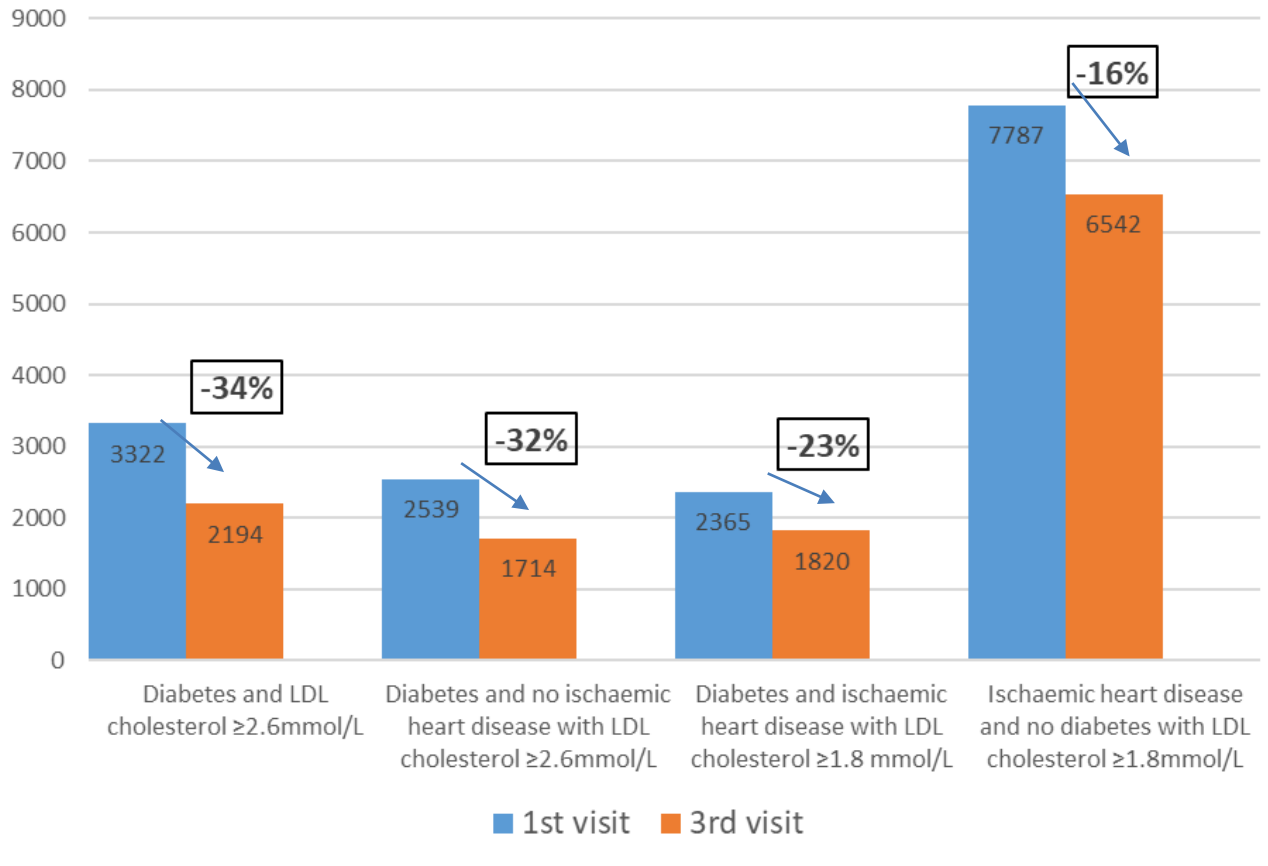


# Changes in Hypertension and HBA1C Levels



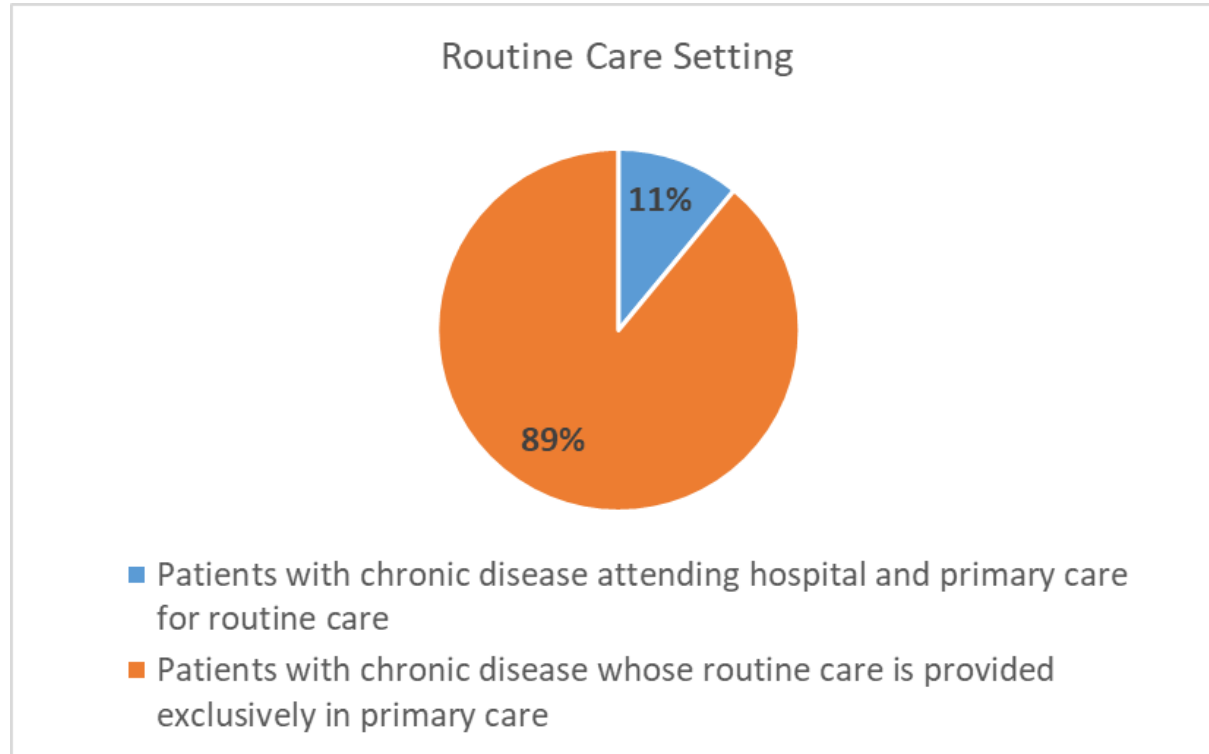


### Change in LDL Cholesterol Levels (1st Visit versus 3rd Visit)



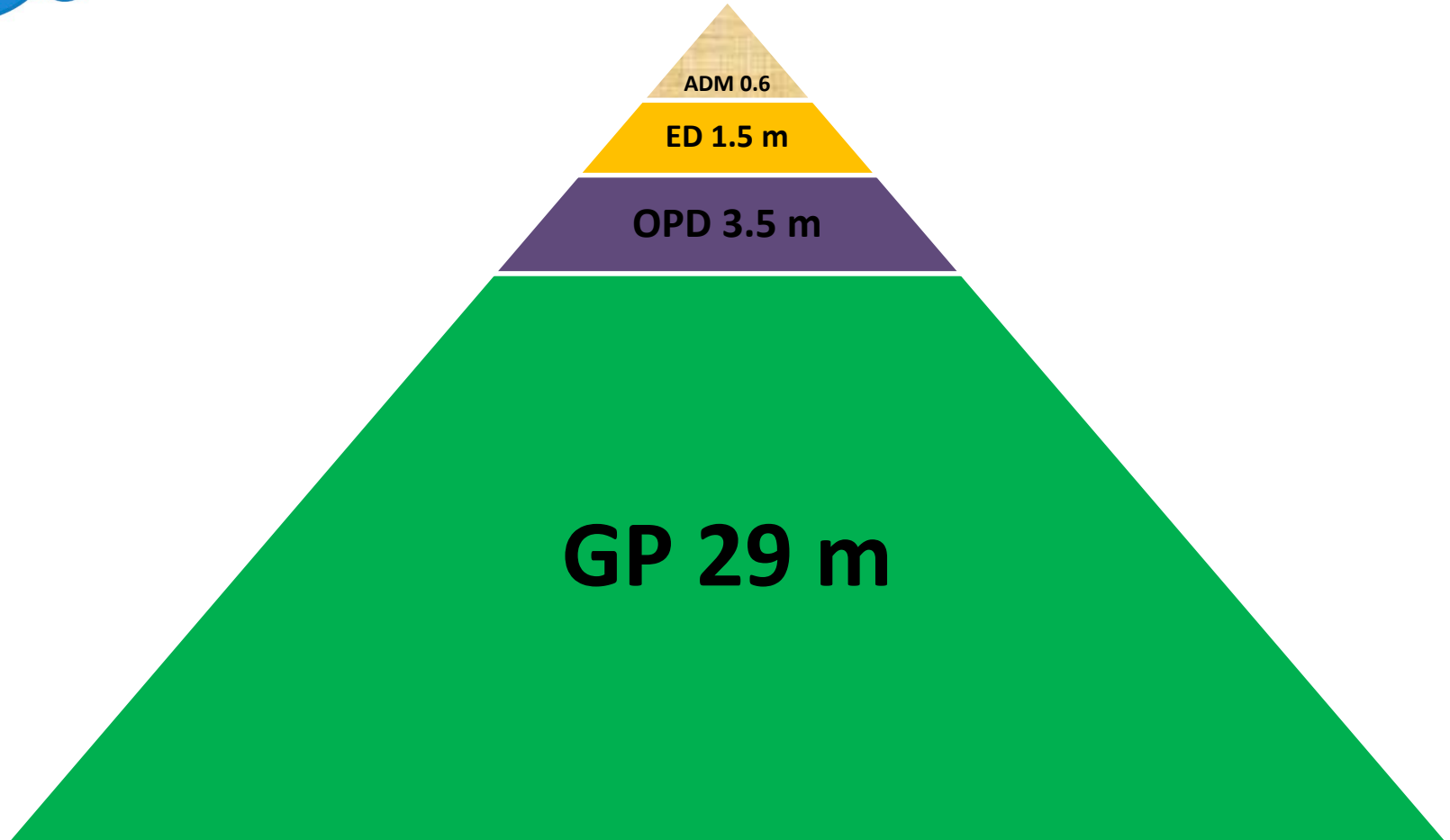


# Setting for Routine Care Delivery



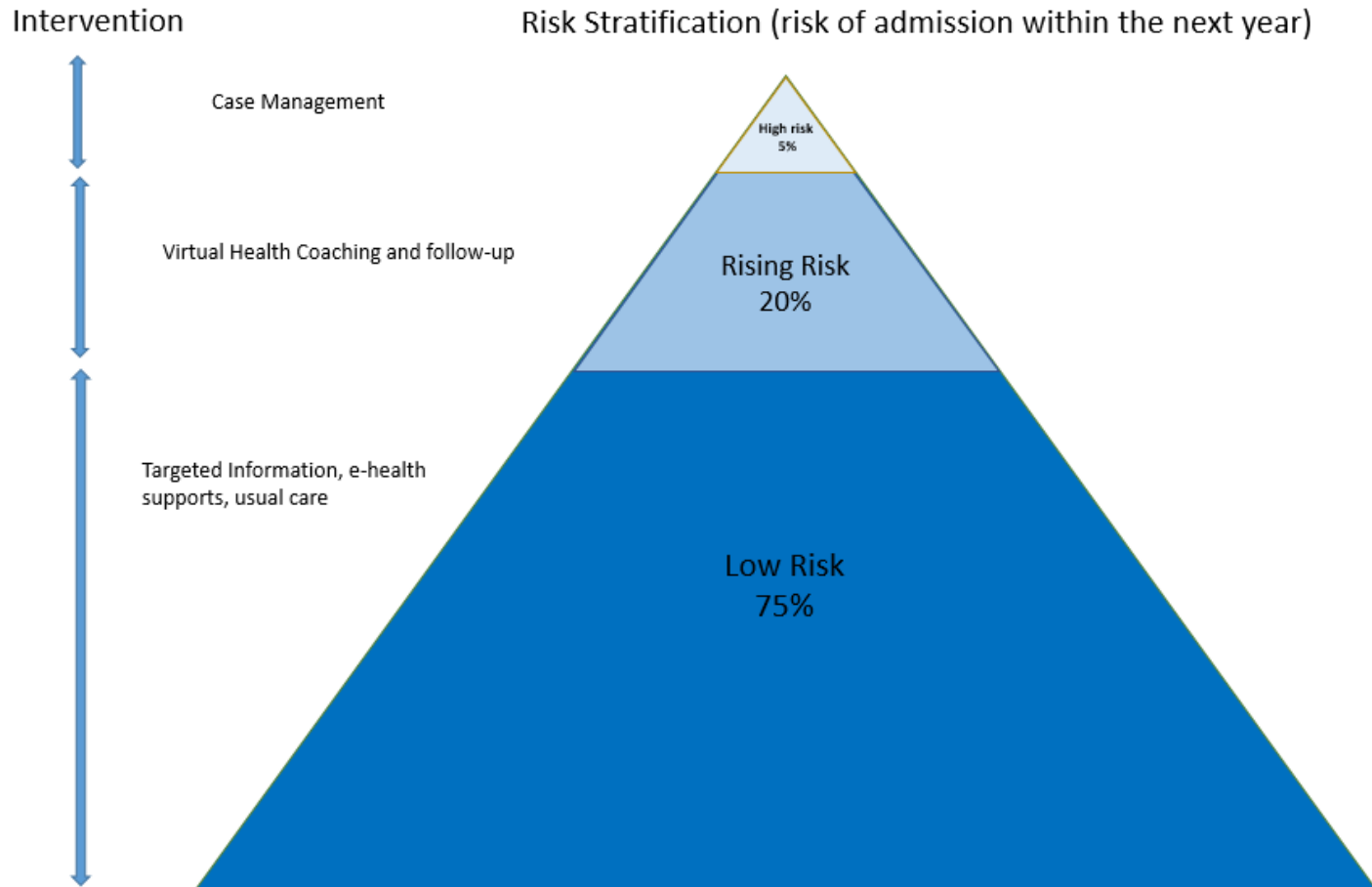


# Proportion Of Patients Seen by Service Per Year





# Population Health Management = Risk Stratification and Interventions



- Lots of movement by patients between the strata each year
- Needs ICT predictive system





# Future Developments

- Population Health Management being explored to provide additional support to multimorbid/complex patients.
  - Pilots underway
  - Virtual Case Management/Coaching allows more people to be supported.
  - Flatten the triangle
  - Not enough HCW to deliver everything face to face anymore
- General Practice central to the health system – 29 m versus 6 m attendances annually.
  - Increased number of conditions to be covered by CDM
  - GPs need additional practice staff resources
  - Supported Quality Improvement Programmes
  - Ambulatory Care Hub services fully operational to support GPs



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