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MEDICARE PLUS AGED CARE INITIATIVE : AN OPPORTUNITY

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Co-ordinated Care Trials

Extensive liaison with:

- **Aged care service providers**
- **Community care sector**
- **Area health service and**
- **State health**



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Needs and Gap Analysis

Stakeholder consultation:

- Interviews with Nursing Home senior personnel
- Survey of all Aged Care Homes and attending GPs
- Structured interviews with GPs
- Multidisciplinary workshops



Needs and Gap Analysis Findings

- Avoidable transfers are due mainly to lack of timely access to a GP
- High number of transfers are clinically appropriate
- There is a lack of GPs with the time and/or interest to offer their services to residents of Aged Care Facilities
- Solutions need to focus on ways to make clinical practice more attractive in Aged Care Facilities
- Staffing levels in Aged Care Facilities preclude clinical care for acute illnesses
- Unrealistic family expectations were an important factor in avoidable transfers to hospital.



Case Reviews

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- GP identifies cases that may involve behavioral or pain management problems
- Geriatrician joins the multidisciplinary team at the ACF to discuss cases
- Case Conference item can be claimed



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Managing Care in the Elderly : A Training Program for GPs





The Future....

Mapping

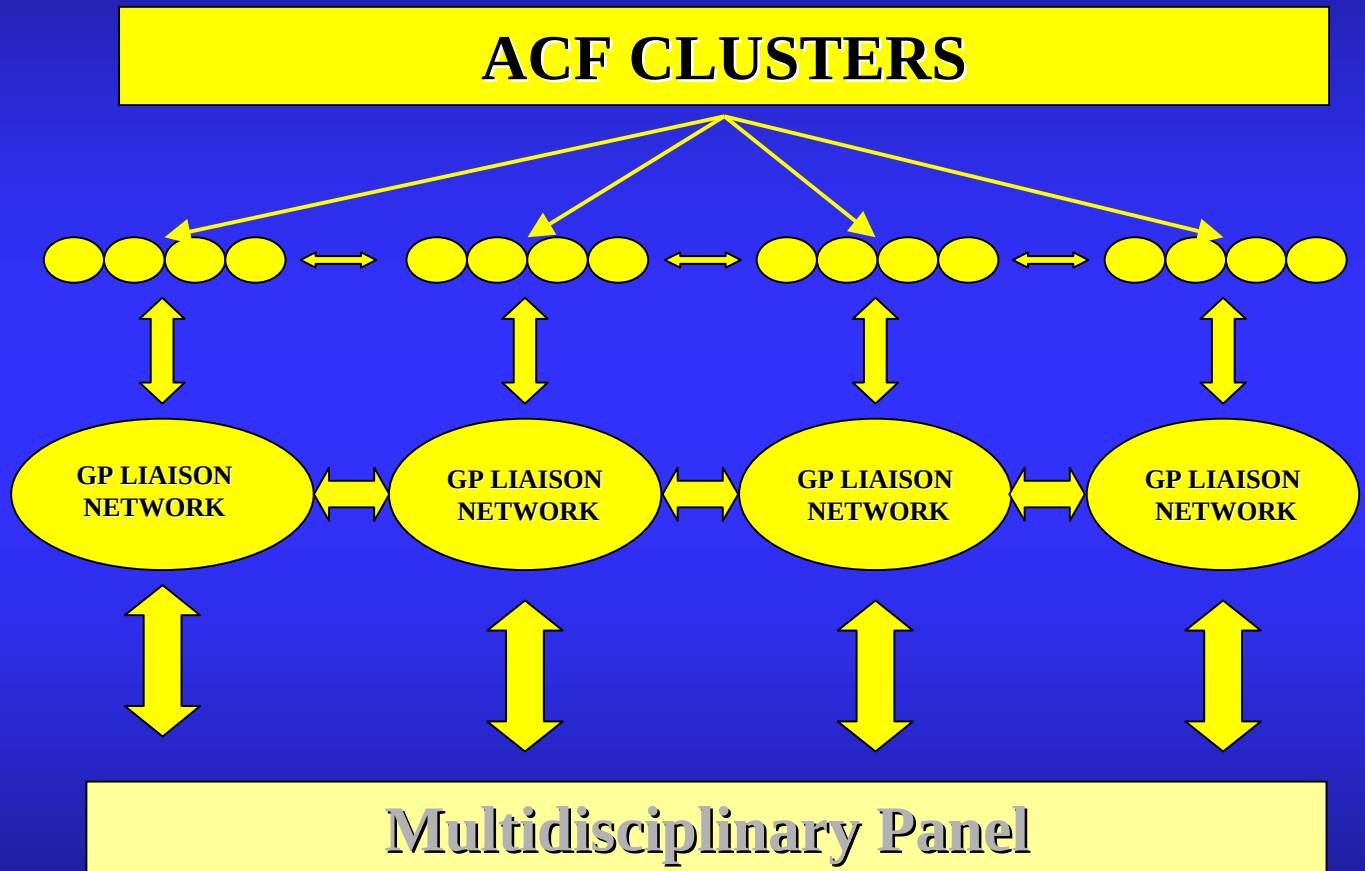
Needs Analysis

Identify Priorities

Set specific achievable goal/activities



GP LIAISON MODEL





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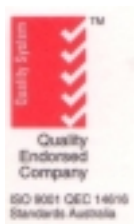


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