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# Crossing the boundary: Collaborative approach in Patient and Carer's Empowerment

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# The CRN's story of crossing the boundary

I. Why there is boundary?

II. The urges to cross the boundary – the birth of CRN

III. Level one interfacing: The Networks

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V. Level three interfacing: The Partnership

VI. How far we're reaching the "integration level" of interfacing?

# I. Why there is boundary?

Health care in Hospital:



Welfare services in Community:



Like “Men are from the Stars while women are from the Venus”: with different languages, values, guiding principles and practices.



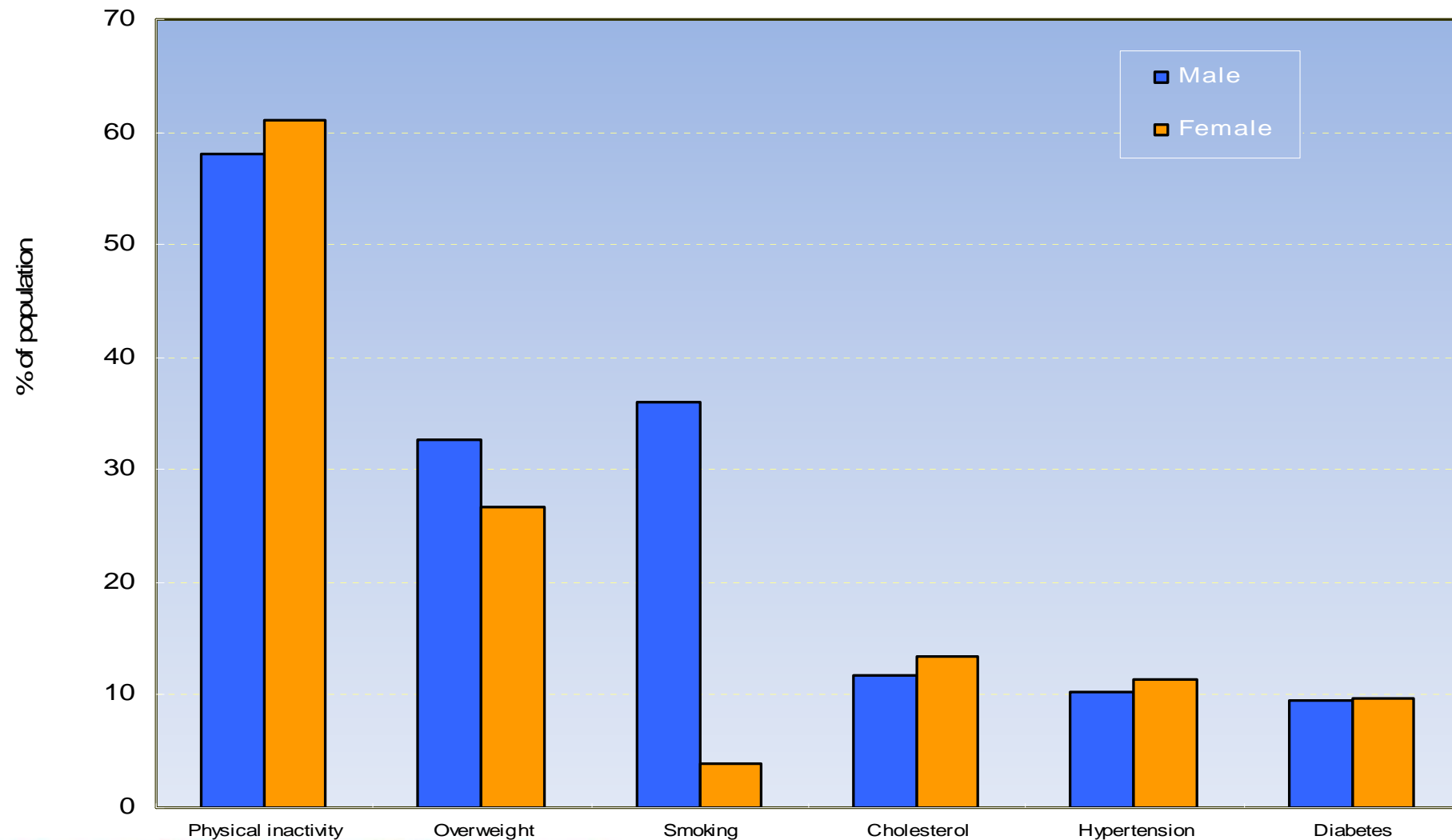
# Hospital is a castle

(Dr. F K IP, COS, O&T, PYNEH, presented a paper called, “The Great Wall and the Castle” – can we cross the moat?, at the HKEC Symposium on community Engagement –VI in April, 2011)

- ◆ There is a Strong Great Wall;
- ◆ Protect the dwellers;
- ◆ Well defined the power;
- ◆ Not everyone got the permission to enter ...
- ◆ “My patients”, not “our patients”



However, managing chronic disease is not a pure sciences, it involves the social sciences. Chronic disease risks are behavioral factors.

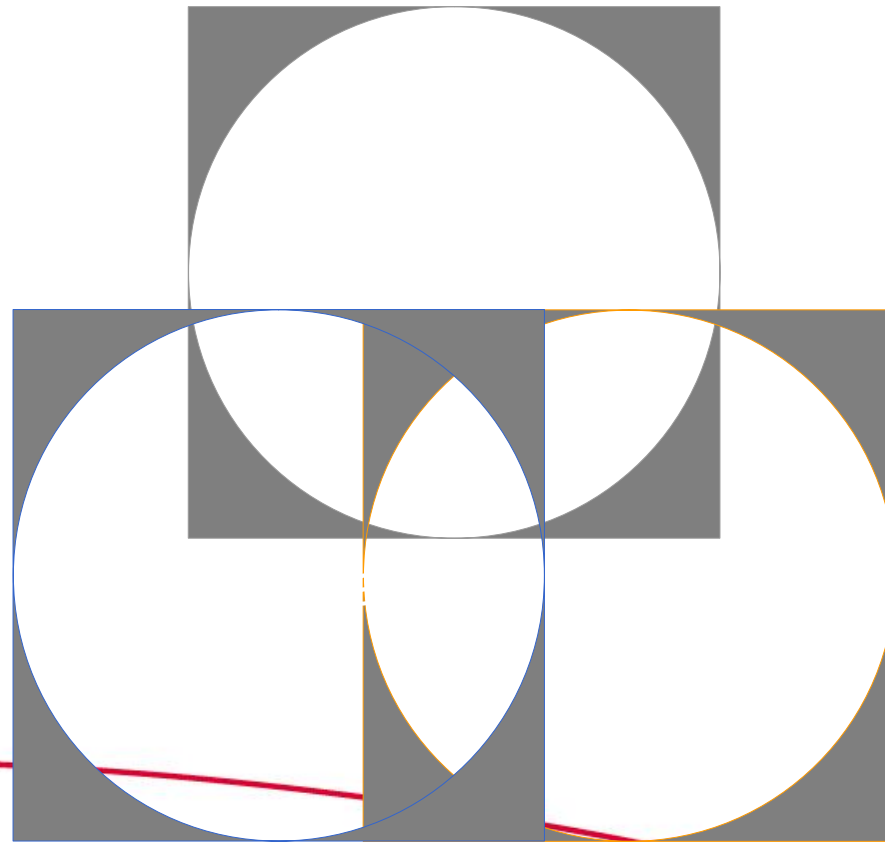


Source: Janus ED 1997

## II. The urges to cross the boundary – the birth of CRN

There were a group of pioneers in 1994, giving birth to CRN. It is born to cross this health-care and social-welfare boundary.

A new concept came out: the holistic care





# III. Level one interfacing: The Networks

Gate opened:

- ◆ information can flows in;

Interfacing:

- ◆ Set up display boards;
- ◆ Set up information counter;
- ◆ Distribute pamphlets and flyers;



Levels of Interface	Components of Interface		
	Resources	Governance and Operation	Services
<b>Network</b>	<b>shared information</b>	<b>NIL</b>	<b>NIL</b>

Why we can't go further?

Perceived role of community partners as “optional”: “Anyone wants to have birthday party, please go.” “Non-scientific”

Mindset of ownership of patients care: It is the duty of clinicians and health care units in the hospital.

Again, “Men are from the Stars while women are from the Venus”: with different languages, values, guiding principles and practices.



# Evidence-based of CRN Interventions

## Outcome Studies

- ◆ DM Self-Management Program
- ◆ Chronic Disease Self-Management Program
- ◆ Rheumatoid Arthritis Self-Management Program
- ◆ 「心情新角度」情緒管理課程
- ◆ Stage of Change in Self-Management of Chronic Disease



**~ more than 30 EBP projects were conducted**

For details, please visit <http://www.rehabsociety.org.hk/93.0.html>

# Physicians believe their training did not adequately prepare them in treating people with chronic conditions

- ◆ Coordinate in home and community services (66%)
- ◆ Educate patients with chronic conditions (66%)
- ◆ Manage the psychosocial aspects of care (64%)
- ◆ Provide effective nutritional guidance (63%)
- ◆ Manage chronic pain (63%)

National Public Engagement Campaign on Chronic Illnesses  
Physicians Survey, conducted by Mathematica Policy Research Inc. 2001

# Level two interfacing: The Linkages

Gate opened + bridges built:

- ◆ Patient Resources Center & Community Services Division
- ◆ Set up chronic illness platforms and panels to communicate;
- ◆ Collaborate with various interfacing services and programs

Interfacing:

- ◆ Interfacing workflow;
- ◆ Referral mechanism;
- ◆ Pre-discharge program for the stroke patients;
- ◆ Co-organized Tai Chi exercise with renal unit;
- ◆ Joint health talks with rheumatology unit; so on...



港島東醫院聯網  
社區復康延展計劃

胸肺科 - 轉介表

病人姓名：\_\_\_\_\_ (中) 機密  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (英)  
 性別：\_\_\_\_\_ 年齡：\_\_\_\_\_  
 電話：\_\_\_\_\_ (日) \_\_\_\_\_ (夜)

全：機構名稱	電話號碼	傳真號碼	由：以下機構轉介	
<input type="checkbox"/> 香港康頤會社區復康服務 - 彌敦中心	2549 7744	2549 5727	<b>東區尤德夫人那打素醫院</b>	<b>東華東醫院</b>
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機構 / 醫院名稱	建議參與之項目 (在空格加上✓)			
	遠程復康訓練 (如電話諮詢、傳真諮詢)	飲食、營養及 體重管理	自我管理課程/ 復康小組	病人互助小組
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(X)  先轉介至「東華東醫院」接受健康評估一次 (費用 HK\$55.00) 電話：2162 6400 傳真：2162 6401

~ 病人同意轉介至以上機構 / 醫院接受復康計劃，請安排評估及跟進。 ~

轉介者簽名：\_\_\_\_\_ 轉介者印章：\_\_\_\_\_ 電話：\_\_\_\_\_ 日期：\_\_\_\_\_

病人同意

- > 將個人資料(姓名、年齡、性別及電話)由本院轉介至上述指定機構進行跟進，參加活動期間須將此病人同意。
- > 遠程復康訓練參與性質之遠程訓練，請參加者清楚自己的身體狀況，並作適當反映。
- > 參加者須負責自身安全，如活動過程中出現任何損失、意外或傷亡，主辦機構及有關服務均無須負上任何責任。

簽名：\_\_\_\_\_ 日期：\_\_\_\_\_

病人已口頭上答應 日期：\_\_\_\_\_

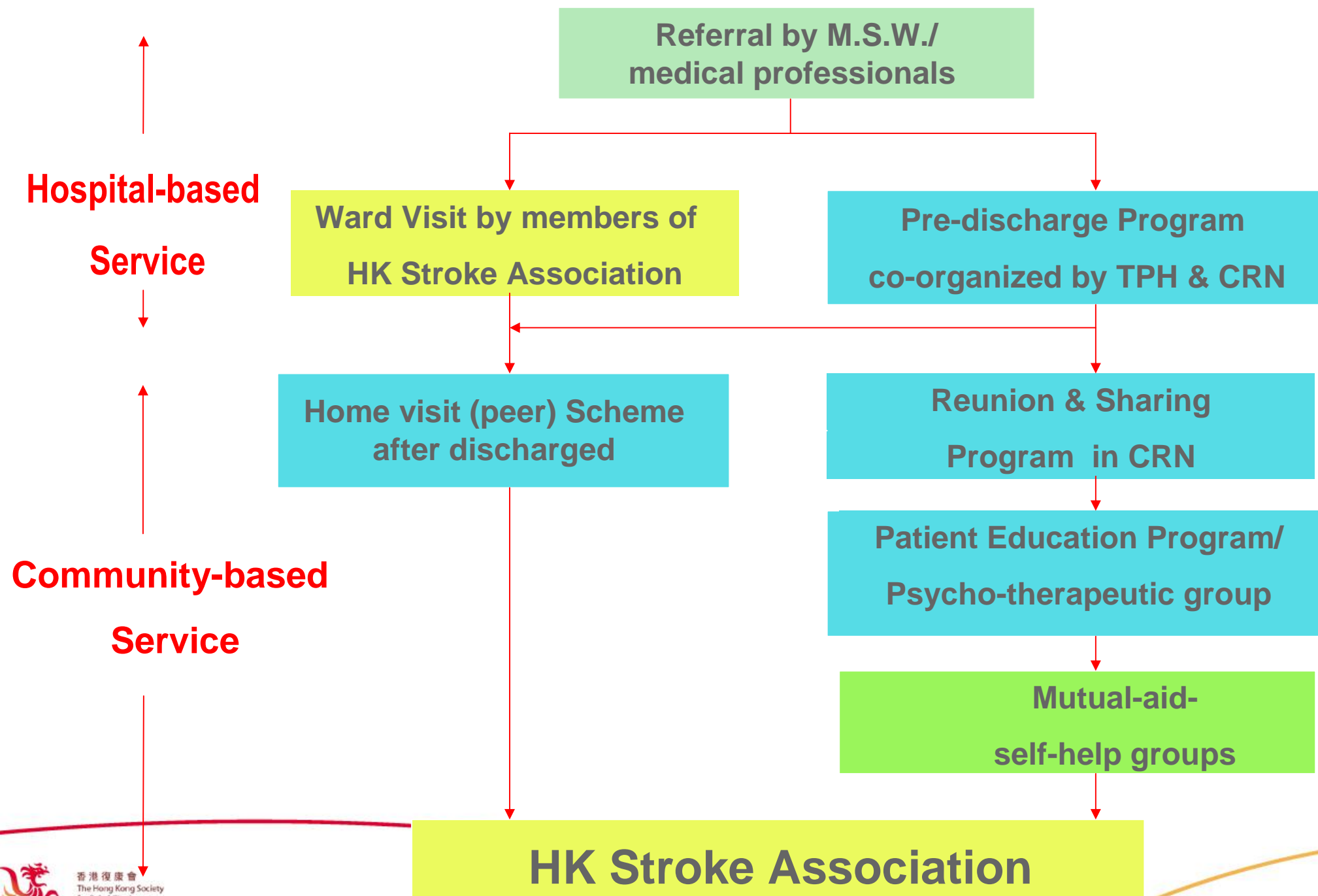
港島東醫院聯網  
社區復康服務 - 胸肺科 - 轉介確認書

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# Example With Tai Po Hospital (Stroke Team):



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Linkage	shared information	overseeing committee	single & multiple projects

However, we face:

- ◆ The efforts go as the enthusiasm of individual practitioner. “Community partnership & collaboration is just a voluntary work, I can’t push my junior”
- ◆ The services projects may be single or multiple but never mandatory
- ◆ Always gone away when there is “change in personnel”

Perceived role of community partners as “supplementary”:  
“Value added supplements to the patients care”  
“But may not be my priority when I am overwhelmed by huge workloads”  
“Out of sight, out of mind”  
“Yes, it’s good...But...”

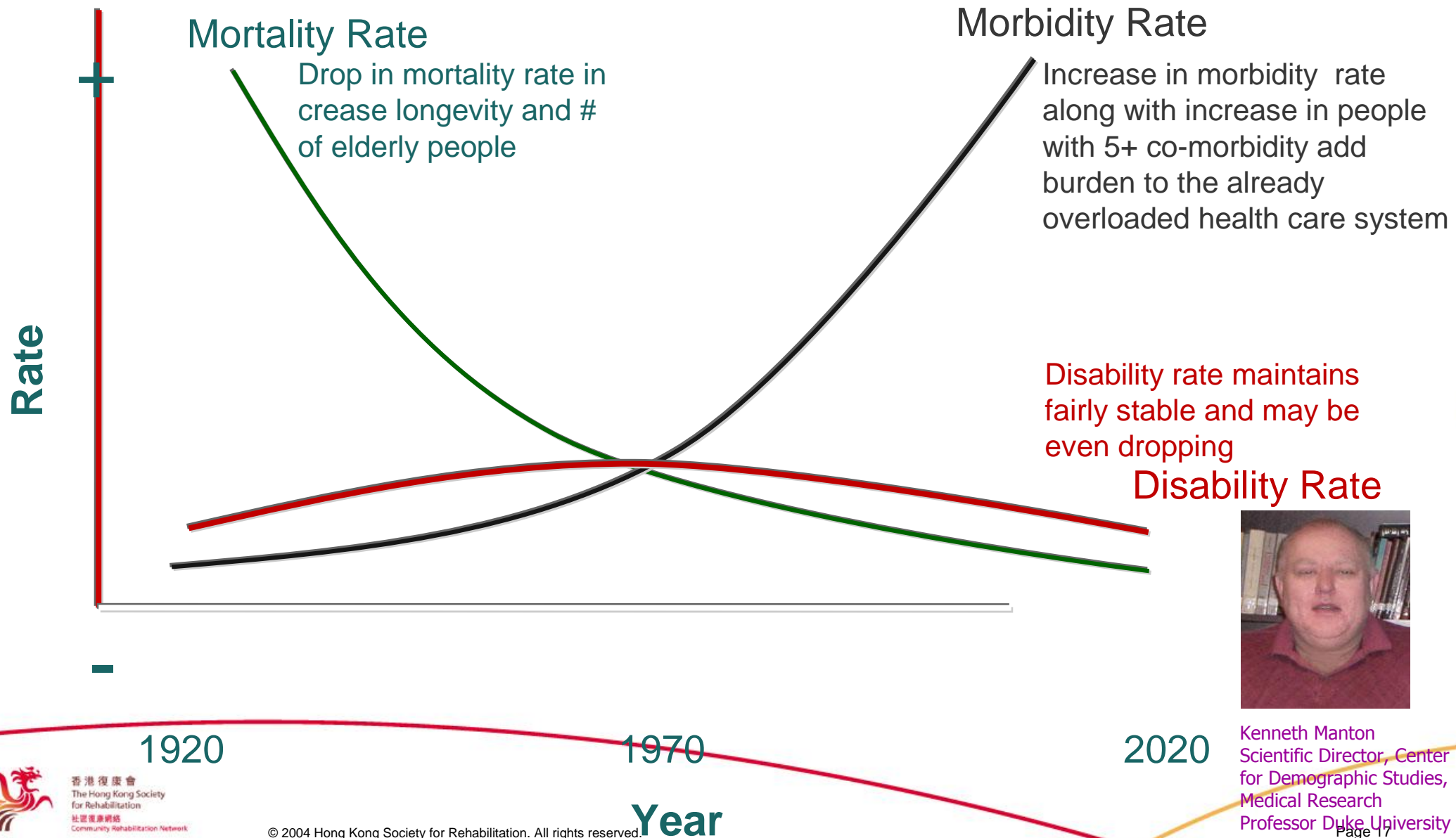
Mindset of ownership of patients care:  
Community partner is valuable to us as they can share the work, but the clinicians and medical health care units have the role to oversee & monitor.

# But crisis (危) brings opportunity (機)





# Trends of Mortality, Morbidity & Disability Rates



Kenneth Manton  
Scientific Director, Center  
for Demographic Studies,  
Medical Research  
Professor Duke University

# Institute Of Healthcare Improvement (IHI) Dr. Don Berwick



“The current care systems **cannot** do the job... the acute care system cannot manage chronic illness... Global disease burden has shifted to chronic condition whereas health care systems have not.

“Trying harder will not work.”...*we cannot work any harder*

“Changing care systems will.”... *we must change the system*

# Promoting Health in Hong Kong: A Strategic Framework for Prevention and Control of Non Communicable Disease (Department of Health, 2008)

## Problems of preventing & control of NCD:

- ◆ Rapid ageing population;
- ◆ Change in population health risk profile (rise of central obesity & hypertension);
- ◆ It takes time & joint efforts of the government, community & individual to bring the attitudinal and behavioral change in avoiding NCD risk factors

## What is need:

- ◆ To establish a cost-effective prevention & control strategies in combating NCD



# A Strategic Framework for Prevention and Control of Non Communicable Disease

**Partnership:** draw together the strengths from various sectors with different knowledge & skills

**Environment:** Link health promotion & disease control with total environment, e.g. healthy restaurants

**Outcome-focus:** monitoring the health outcomes

**Population based-intervention:** emphasis on whole population for collective health benefits

**Life-course approach:** addressing health from womb to tomb

**Empowerment:** for those working in health & non-health sectors to equip with knowledge and skills in health promotion & disease control, including behavior modification, early detection, etc





# Level three interfacing: The Partnership

Gate opened + bridges built + friendship developed

- ◆ Patient Empowerment Program (PEP) born in 2010
- ◆ Hospital Authority (Health and Food Bureau) is inviting NGOs to share the patients' empowerment education via bidding
- ◆ Six out of seven cluster have been kicked off now, closer intimate relationship is expected
- ◆ Mandatory & legitimate to refer and interface



Interfacing:

- ◆ Shared data base: PPI-ePR;
- ◆ Training of the NGOs on the medical knowledge;
- ◆ Shared responsibility on patients recruitment and referrals;
- ◆ Acknowledge the generic components on disease management



# For Patient Empowerment Program, patient referral is now a kind of doctor's "prescription"!

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醫院管理局  
香港復康會社區復康網絡  
病人自強計劃 - 預約便條

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轉介病科：  
 糖尿病  
 高血壓

日期：2011年6月2日(星期)  
登記時間：上午10時15分  
地點：沙田威爾斯親王醫院職員宿舍  
B座10樓B室  
電話：26360666  
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## 計劃背景

為加強病人對慢性疾病的認識，提升自我照顧能力，醫院管理局（醫管局）與社區非牟利機構攜手，推行「病人自強」計劃。

## Background

To further enhance patients' knowledge and ability in self-management of chronic diseases, the Hospital Authority (HA) will collaborate with non-governmental organisations to launch the Patient Empowerment Programme (PEP).

## 目的

- 加強病人對疾病管理的知識，提升自我照顧能力，預防各種併發症
- 進一步加強基層護理和疾病預防服務
- 加強與社區機構在病人護理上的合作

## Objectives

- Enhance patients' knowledge and ability in self-management of chronic diseases so as to prevent possible complications.
- Further enhance primary care and disease prevention
- Enhance collaboration between the HA and community organisations on patient care

## 查詢

「病人自強」計劃(新界東聯網)辦公室  
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夥伴機構：  
香港復康會  
電話：2636-0666  
地址：新界沙田威爾斯親王醫院職員宿舍B座10樓B室

## Enquiry

PEP Cluster Programme Office  
(New Territories East Cluster)  
Tel: 2632-1603  
Address: Rm 124003A, 10/F, Clinical Science Building, Prince of Wales Hospital, Shatin, NT

Partner Organisation:  
The Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation  
Tel: 2636-0666  
Address: Flat B, 10/F, Staff Quarter B, Prince of Wales Hospital, Shatin, NT



「邁步健康路」  
慢性疾病管理計劃  
Chronic Disease Management Programme

「病人自強」計劃  
Patient Empowerment Programme

計劃由2010年3月開始  
Launch Date: March 2010

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Perceived role of community partner as “stakeholders”:  
 “Dancing together” “Our PEP” “Our Project” “Our Patient”...

Mindset of ownership of patients care:  
 Community partner is the expert of behavioral change while  
 the clinicians and medical health services is the expert of clinical  
 management.

# Congratulations to this paradigm shift!

Yes, the role of community partner has been successfully transformed. Let's give a big hand & render a salute to ...



those who sacrifice their personal times, put their efforts working together with the community partners, building “networks”, “linkages” and “partnerships” in the process of interfacing.



# VI. How far we're reaching the "integration level" of interfacing?

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<b>Integration</b>	<b>shared information, staff &amp; funding</b>	<b>shared leadership &amp; governance</b>	<b>expanded &amp; new services</b>

# Integration means what? When Two are in One?

Will one day the prince (the welfare services in the community) make the gate opened, get the bridges built, developed friendship with the beloved one and finally get into the castle and marry the princess (the health care in the hospital)?

Will one day “the community” marry “the hospital”?



# What does a long term and stable relationship require?

Sharing

(information, resources, responsibility, ownership);

Respects

(appreciation & recognition, equal footing & equal say);

Honesty

(you are NOT taking advantages over me);

Trust

(simply you believe in me)



Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow.  
Don't walk behind me, I may not lead.  
Just walk beside me and be my friend.  
(Albert Camus)



THANK  
YOU

