

**New idea for Old problem**  
**CADENZA Community Project**  
**Health-social Partnership Transitional Care**  
**Model (HSP-TCM) for Post-discharged Elderly**



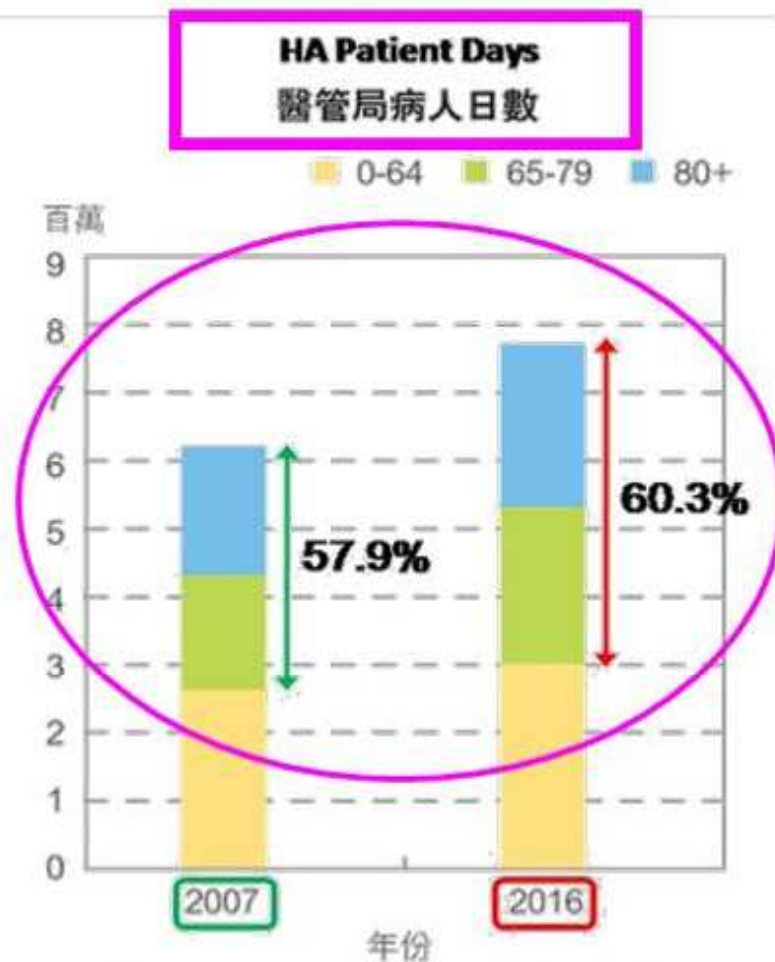
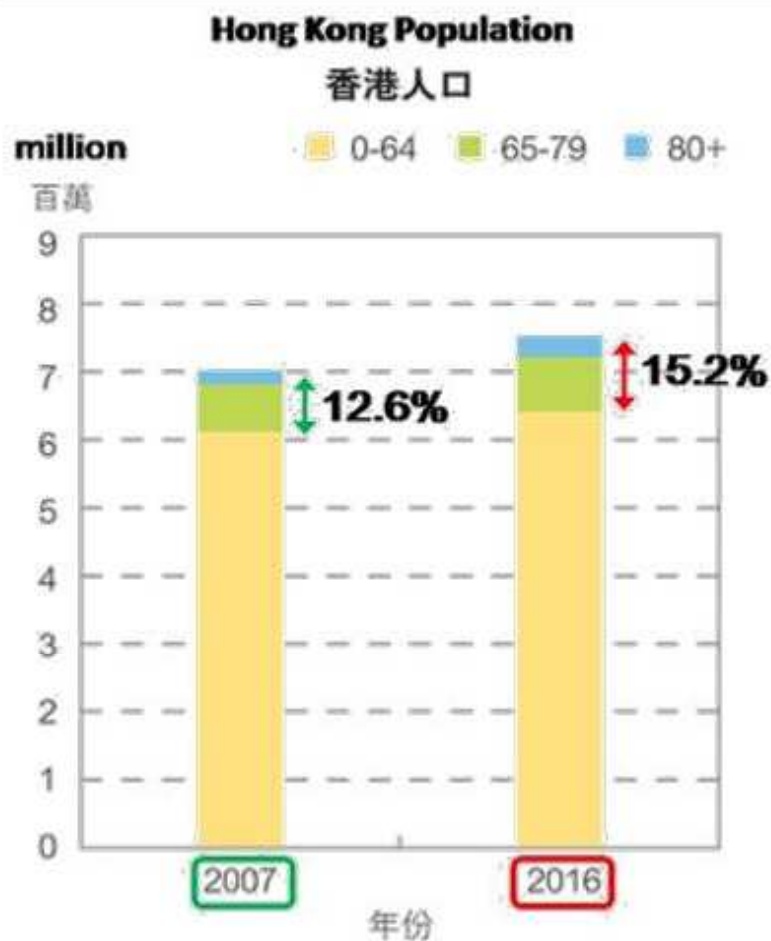
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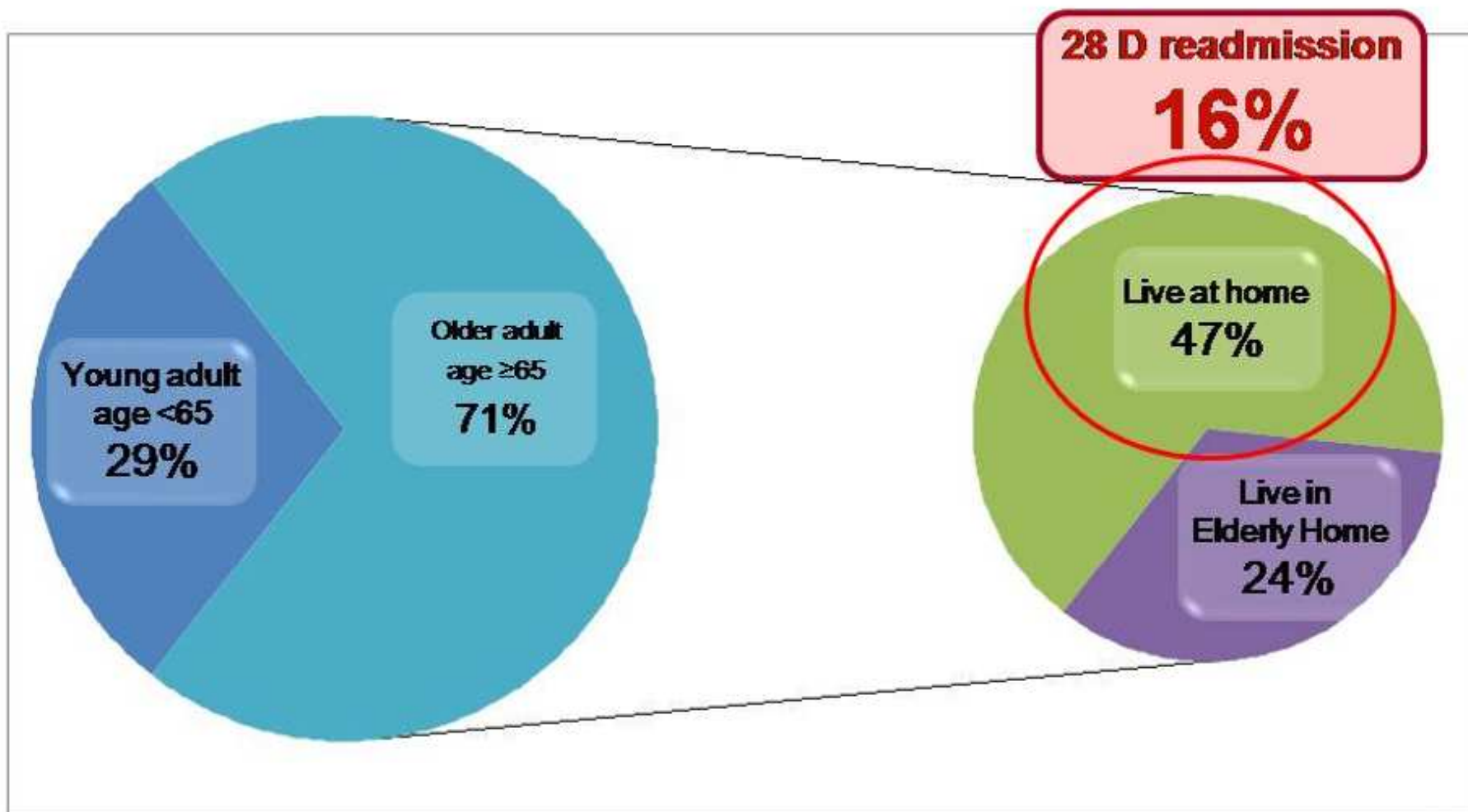
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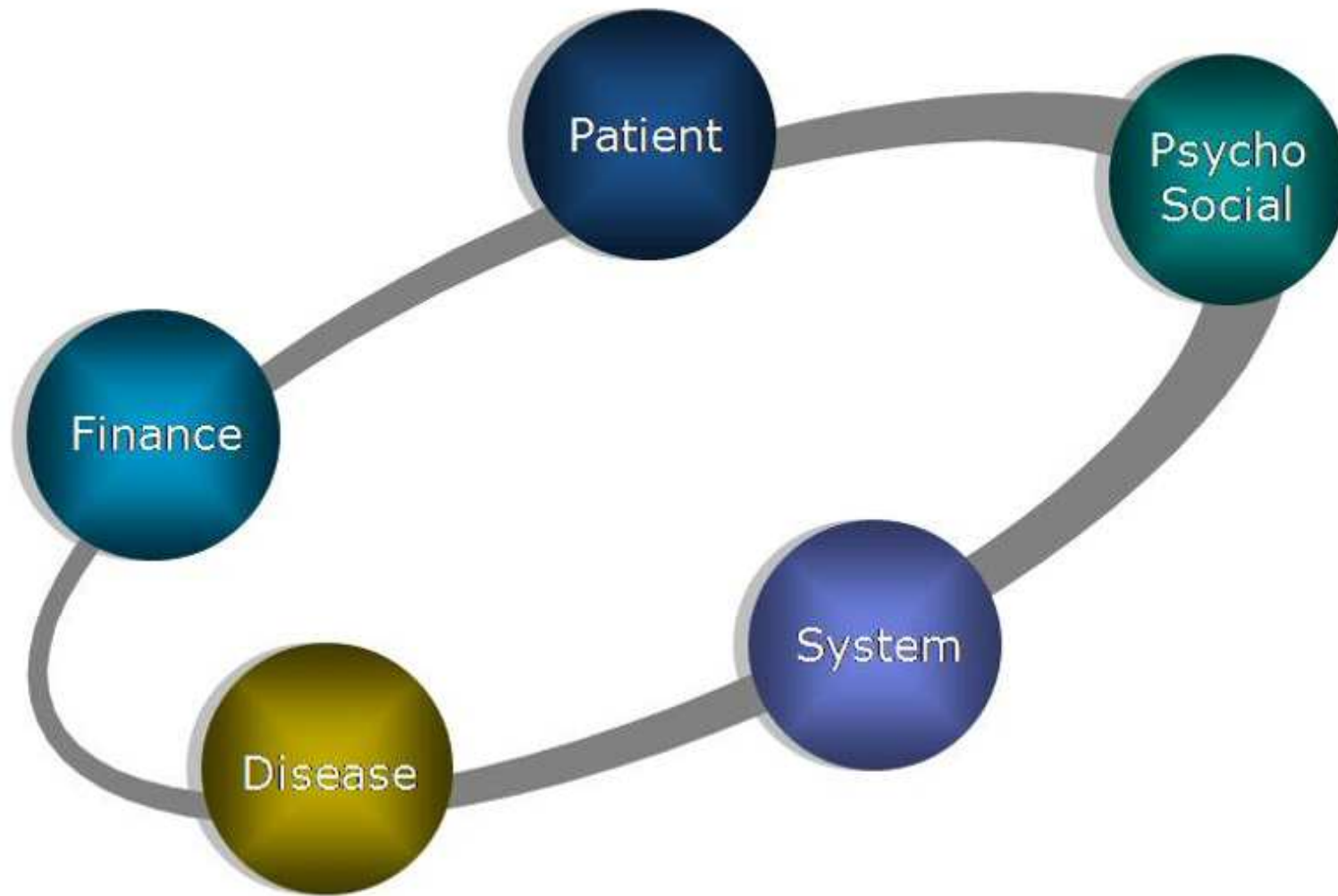
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Source: Hospital Authority Strategic Service Plan 2009-2012



**QEH MED Unplanned re-admission (28 days) Community dwelling elderly Apr/07 – Mar/08**



# Reasons of Readmissions



# CADENZA Community Project – Health-social Partnership Transitional Care Model (HSP-TCM) for Post-discharged Elderly

## Aim

- Develop a **health & social partnership transitional care (HSP-TCM)** delivery model that enhances the quality of care provided to the discharged elderly
- Reduce the **re-admission rate** of elderly

# Study design

1. Randomized controlled trial
2. Inclusive criteria
  - Aged 60 or above
  - Discharged home
  - Lives alone, with spouse or daytime alone
  - Lives within the service area



# Health-social Partnership Transitional Care Model (HSP-TCM)

1. Synergize the **collaborative relationship between health care & social care teams** - Nurse case manager with support of volunteers, social service and medical consultations
2. Protocol-driven intervention
  - Training of team members, including case managers and volunteers
  - Post-discharged intervention tools
3. Regular case reviews – clinical and health-social conferences

## **28-days intervention schedule**

- Nurse Case Manager (NCM) and Trained Volunteers (TV) offered:
- First home visit (2-4 days after discharge by NCM + TV)
- First telephone follow-up (7-10 days after discharge by NCM)
- Second home visit (16-22 days after discharge by TV)
- Second telephone follow-up (24-28 days after discharge by NCM)



# **28-days intervention schedule**

## **2 home visits + 2 phone calls**

### **Services provided:**

- Health assessment
- Health education
- Medication adherence and management
- Diet adherence
- Home safety assessment
- Patient empowerment
- Health-social system support

# Statistical Analysis



- Chi-square test and independent  $t$ -test to compare the background characteristics of study and control two groups.
- Independent  $t$ -test to compare the mean scores of each outcome measure between groups at each time period.
- One-way Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) repeated measures to examine differences of the outcome measures while controlling for some of the variables

# Results (Oct 2008 - June 2010)

**555 subjects**

**Control  
N=283**

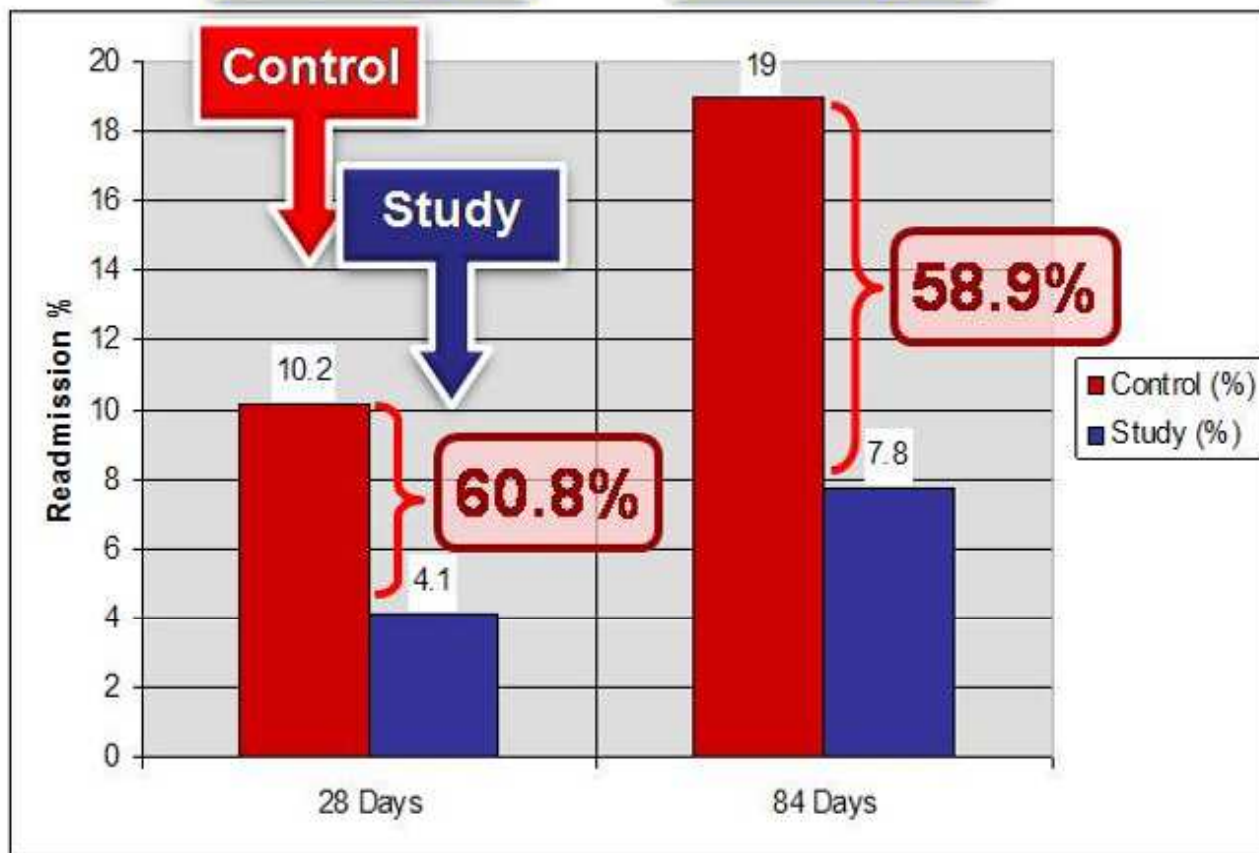
**Study  
N=272**



# Readmission Rate Within 28 and 84 Days

28 days

84 days



Readmission Rate	Control (%)	Study (%)	Chi-square
28 Days	10.2	4.1	$\chi^2 = 7.75, p = 0.005$
84 Days	19.0	7.8	$\chi^2 = 14.9, p < 0.001$

# Health Cost Savings

Based on the **28 days** readmission:

**Control group : LOS 144 x \$3650 / hospital day = \$526,000**

**Study group : LOS 30 x \$3650 / hospital day = \$109,500**

We saved **\$416,100**

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**Staff Cost** (Nurse case manager APN) for 28 days

\$467.5 per pt = 272 pt in study group **\$127,160**

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**In 28 days, we saved \$288,940**

# Health Cost Savings

Based on the **84 days** readmission:

**Control group : LOS 329 x \$3650 / hospital day = \$1,200,850**

**Study group : LOS 100 x \$3650 / hospital day = \$365,000**

We saved **\$835,850**

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**Staff Cost** (Nurse case manager APN) for 28 days

**\$467.5 per pt = 272 pt in study group \$127,160**

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**In 84 days, we saved \$708,690**



# Quality of Life

The research data showed that the quality of life of our clients have **improved significantly in all aspects of the SF36** measures

- Physical Functioning
- Role-Physical
- Body Pain
- General Health
- Vitality
- Social Functioning
- Role-Emotional
- Mental Health
- Self Efficacy

# Volunteer Achievements

- **251 volunteers** recruited
- 881 episodes of home visits provided
- **Volunteer training** provided by PolyU, QEH and Salvation Army
- Volunteers **improved** the **quality of life** of clients.
- The experience during the service was extremely **rewarding and meaningful** to our volunteers

# Conclusions

- Health-social Partnership Transitional Care Model (HSP-TCM) is **cost effective in reducing hospital readmission, improving quality of life.**
- **Developed structured protocols** for the delivery of HSP-TCM model
  - patient assessment and intervention
  - training of volunteers
  - can apply to other hospitals / clusters



## Limitations of the study

- The effectiveness of the HSP-TCM model **may be confined to** those who are less sick and **more stable** in the illness trajectory
- The study was conducted in **one regional hospital only**

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