

Challenges for the future of Integrated Primary Care

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Two Challenges:

1. Conceptual framework to support research, communication etc
2. Scientific debate on methodology to assess impact of Integrated Primary Health Care



Background and rationale

Integrated care as a concept is an imprecise hodgepodge. Its meanings are as diverse as the numerous actors involved.

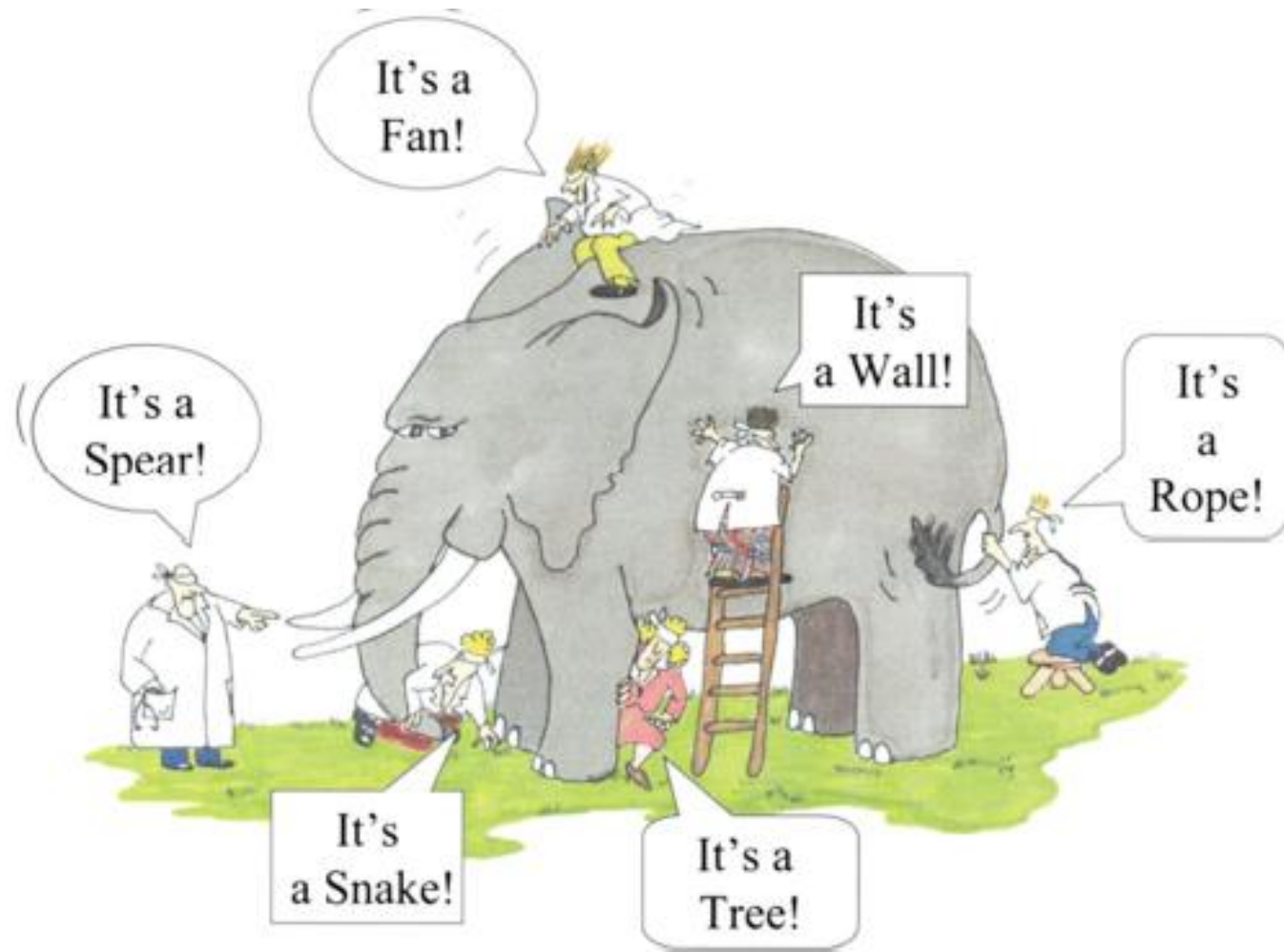
Key Conclusions

Integrated care is essential to sustaining our health systems. It is a multi-level, multi-modal, demand-driven and patient-centred strategy designed to address complex and costly health needs by achieving better coordination of services across the entire care continuum. Not an end in itself, integrated care is a means of optimizing system performance and attaining quality patient outcomes. While there is growing consensus that high-performing healthcare organizations cannot do without health system integration in order to meet changing patient needs and community expectations, there is much less agreement on the best ways to accomplish the goal of integrated care. The purpose of this review was to explore and provide a clearer picture of integrated care.

Kodner (2009)



Integrated Care: Conceptual confusion



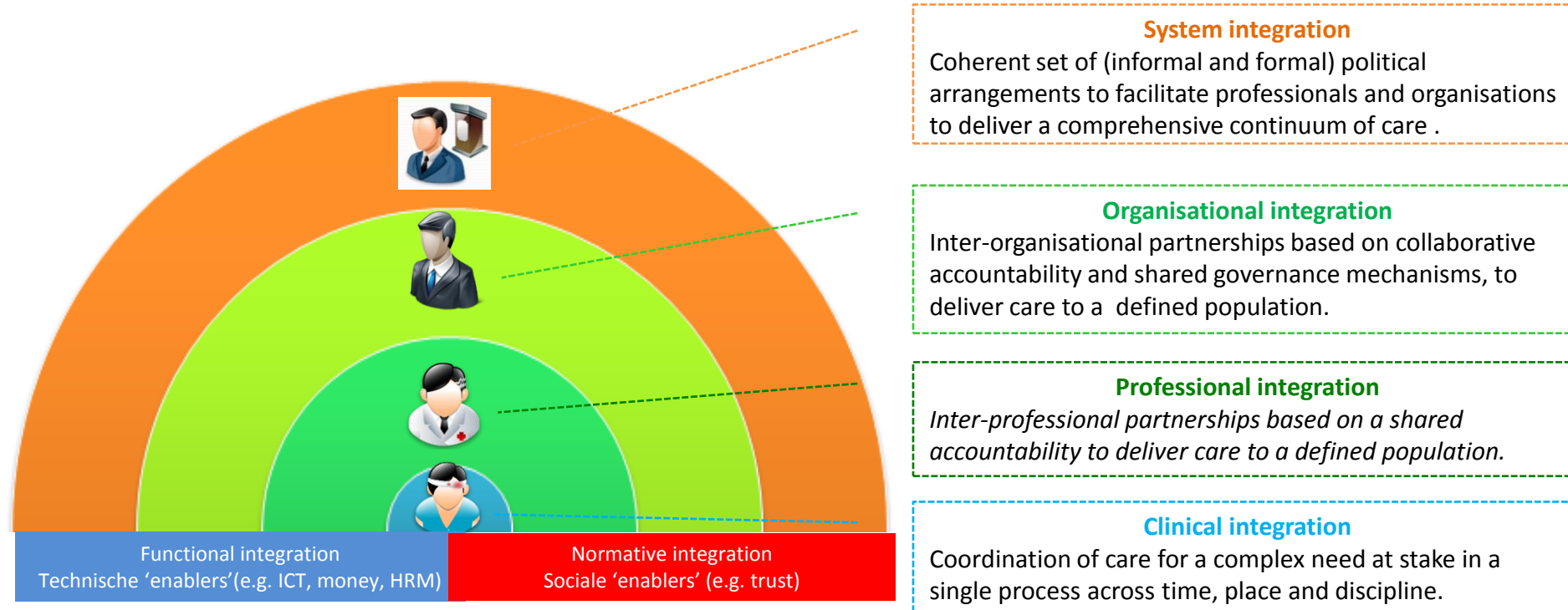
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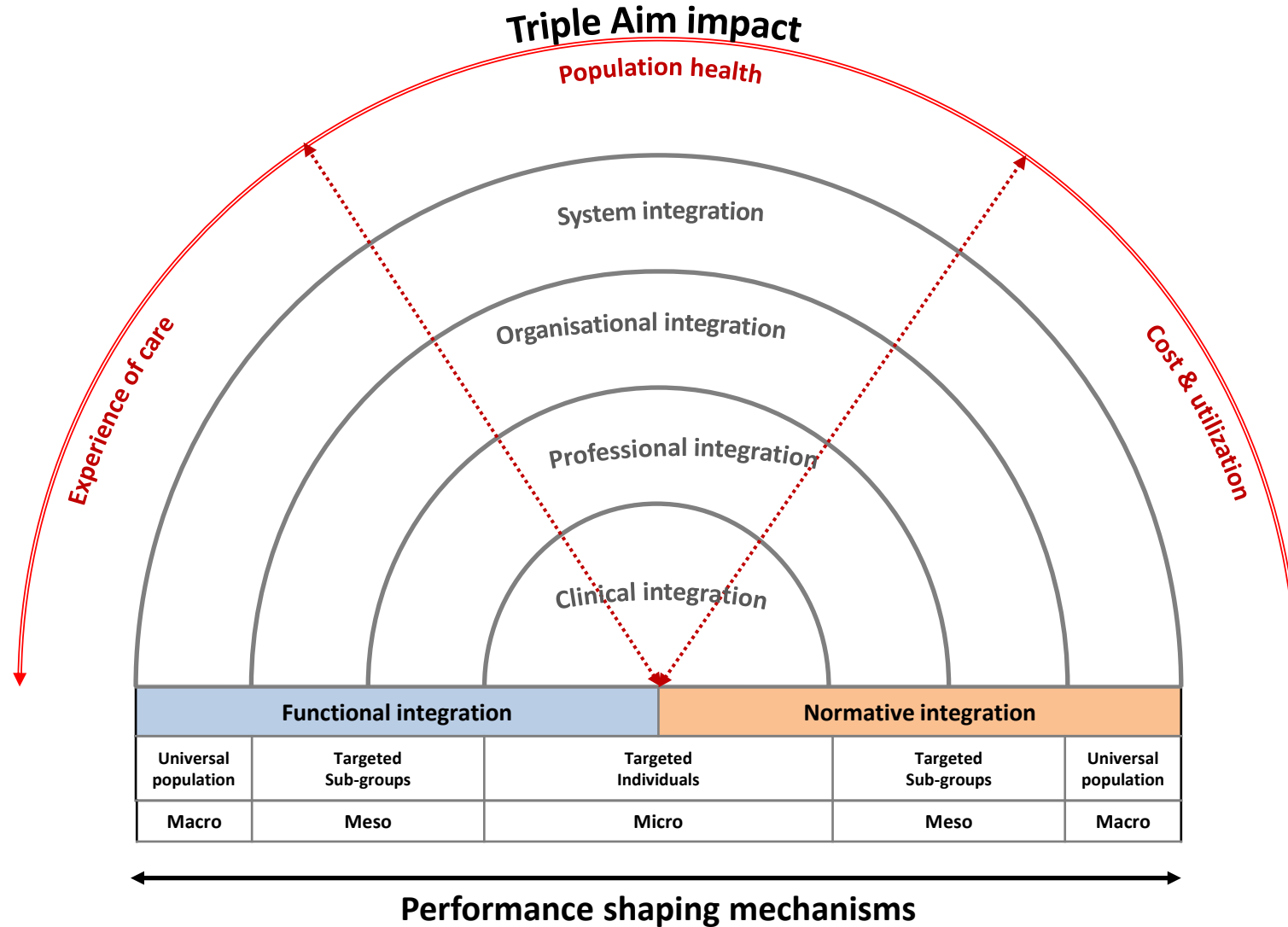
Professionals

Patients

Integrated Care



JVEI Proposed Conceptual framework*



*We used the 'Triple Aim' framework to specify the outcome of an integrated care intervention (IHI 2012; Berwick 2009). The Rainbow Model of Integrated Care (RMIC) was used to describe the underlying performance shaping mechanisms of an integrated care intervention (Valentijn 2013).

Integrated Care: Methodological challenges

- Paradigm focus ->
 - RCT, narrative analysis, feedback mechanisms
 - “New” research methods?
- Multi perspective ->
 - Confrontation of the various perspectives
- Combination of quantitative & qualitative data
 - Interpretation issues as well as “beliefs”
- Real world evidence -> useful for practice
 - Rapid cycle evaluation

Integrated Care: Methodological challenges

Mixed Methods Research Design



Research Plan -
logical description of how data would be collected, and analyzed to address the research question(s)

(Yilmaz, 2013)

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