



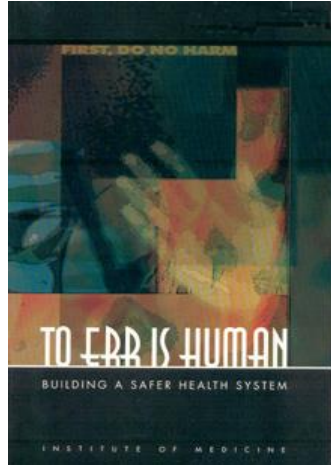
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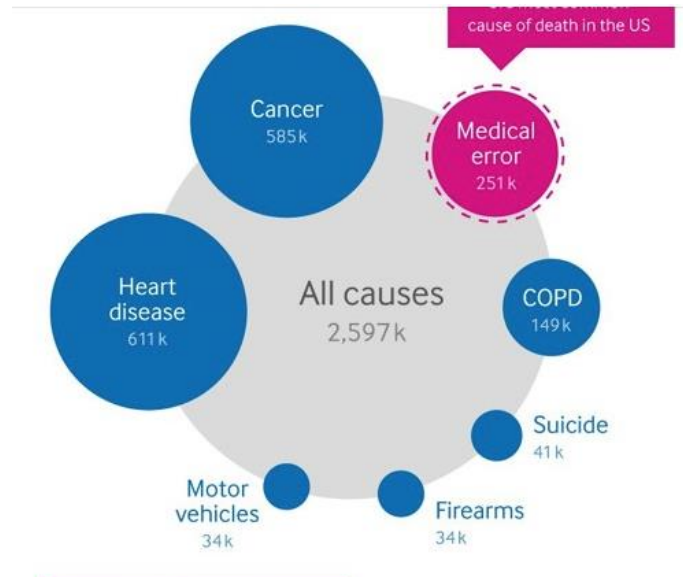
Improving patient safety in the hospital, primary and ambulatory sector – a need for European collaboration

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Safety failures: a prevalent problem in all health care systems



- **BMJ (2016):** Third leading cause of death in USA



- 64 million DALYs lost worldwide every year
- among the top 10 disease burdens globally
- EU:
 - Hospitals: 8%-12% patients suffer AE
 - PC: 1/7 citizens suffer AE

Makary MA, Daniel M. [Medical error-the third leading cause of death in the US.](#) BMJ. 2016 May 3;353:i2139.

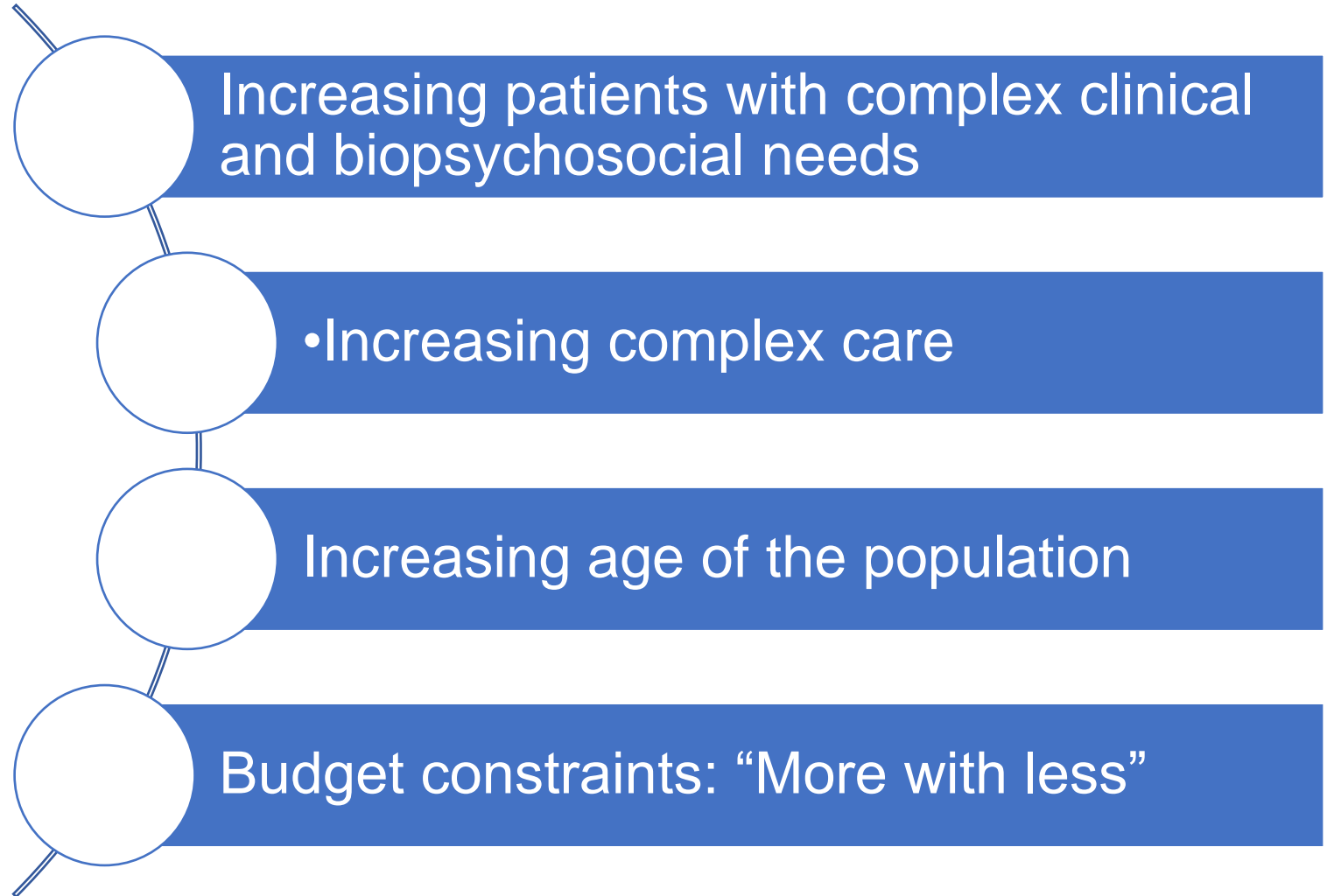
Economics of patient safety



- 15% of hospital activity and expenditure is consumed by the direct sequelae of patient harm.
- Around 7 M hospitalisations could be avoided each year for chronic conditions
- PC: 10-17.5 DALYs per 100,000 population on average in OECD countries.
- BUT: most safety failures preventable (>50%)
- Investment in safety among most profitable of all health care inves

Emerging threats to patient safety

Risks!



Need for European collaboration

Have:

- Collaboration at WHO-level
- Intensified national efforts by many states

Have not:

- Collaboration platform at EU level

Fitting Piece

- EU-level specialist network (practice, science, governance)

Benefits

- Same problems requiring similar and coordinated solutions in the EU
- Collaboration, to share knowledge and experience is cost-efficient
- Adequate answer to internationalization in health care and science

Need for European collaboration: next steps

GOAL: Include patient safety as a visible, lone-standing, transversal issue in the SGPP work and create practical output for EU-citizens

STEPS:

- ToR paper for EU-action on patient safety to be discussed in TOP at November 2019 SGPP
- Face to face meeting with member state government experts to discuss ways to collaborate (Brussels - Sep/Oct)
- Subgroup of SGPP
 - to organize work on patient safety
 - to structure EU Platform on Patient Safety
 - to prepare Joint Action on Patient Safety

EXTRA: Patient Safety could be a qualifier criteria for best practices and EU-health projects

Thank you for your attention!

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