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## **WELLNET INTEGRATED CARE PROGRAM**

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**SUPPORTING CHRONIC DISEASE  
MANAGEMENT THROUGH THROUGH  
PRIVATE-PUBLIC PARTNERSHIPS**



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## An alternate Chronic Disease Management system

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Evidence-Based



Outcomes-Based



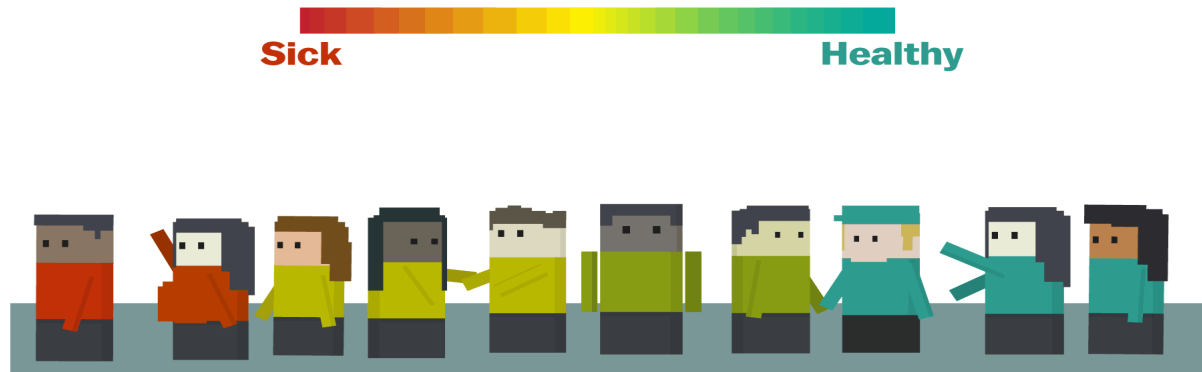
Tailored for patients



Stepped-Care Model

# Target Groups

- Complex patients
- Multi-morbid patients
- Uncomplicated patients
- At risk patients



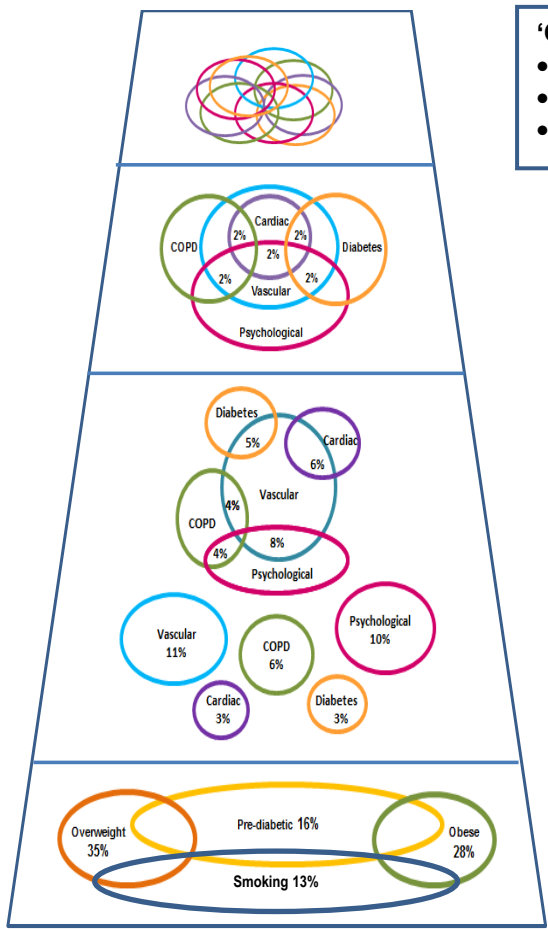
**GetWell**  
Individual Care Program

**FeelWell**  
Progressive Care Program

**BeWell**  
Coordinated Care Program

**StayWell**  
Chronic Care Program

**LiveWell**  
Preventative Care Program



**‘Complex’ target group**

- High care needs
- High risk of re-admissions
- High level clinical care coordination

**‘Multi-morbid’ target group**

- Complications of chronic disease
- At risk of hospitalisation
- Targeted care coordination

**‘Uncomplicated’ target group**

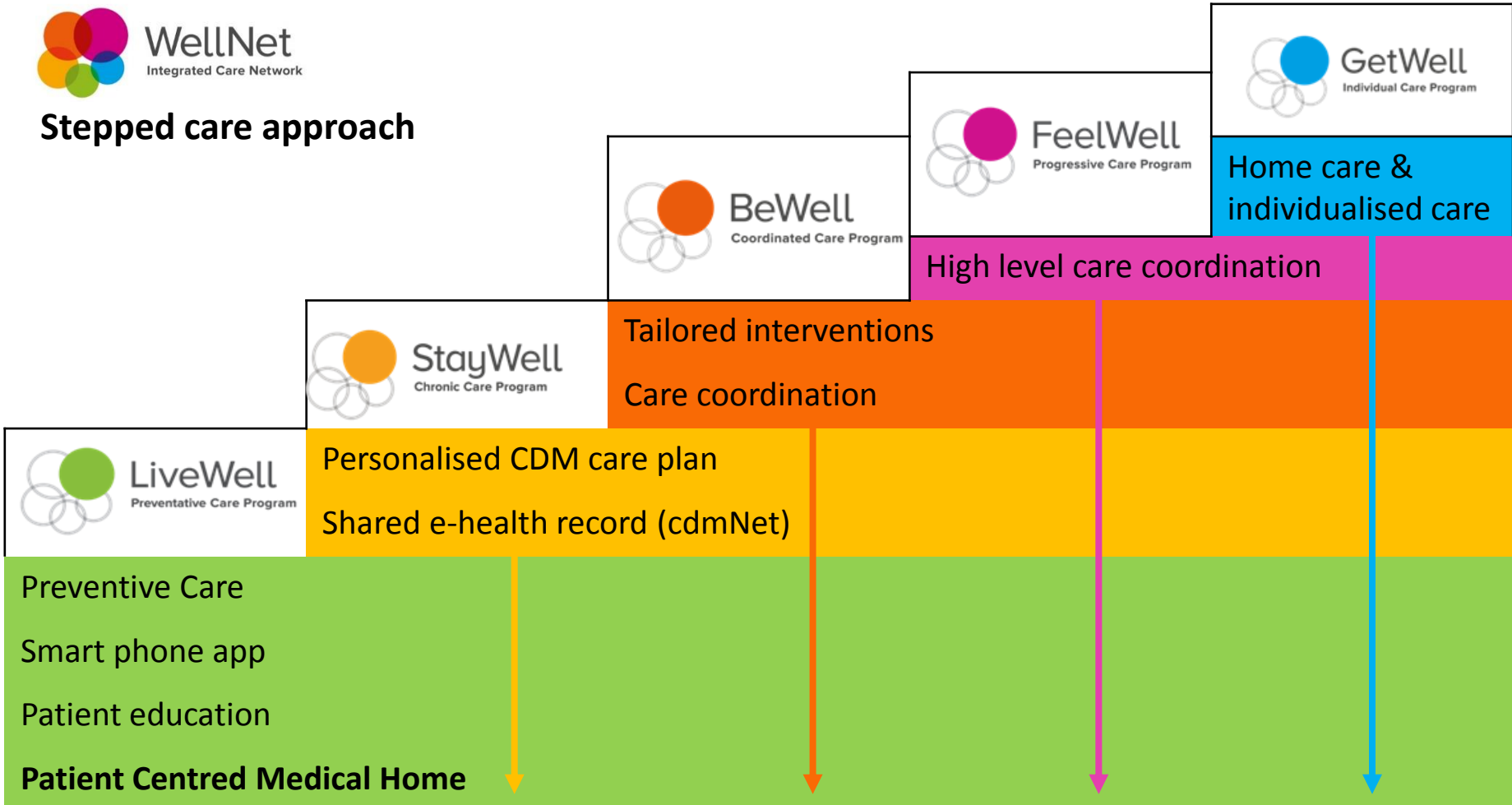
- Controlled or low risk of complications
- Low risk of hospitalisation
- Supported self-care

**‘At risk’ target group**

- Personalised patient education



# Stepped care approach



# Pooled Funding approach





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# Public Private Partnerships & Pooled Funding

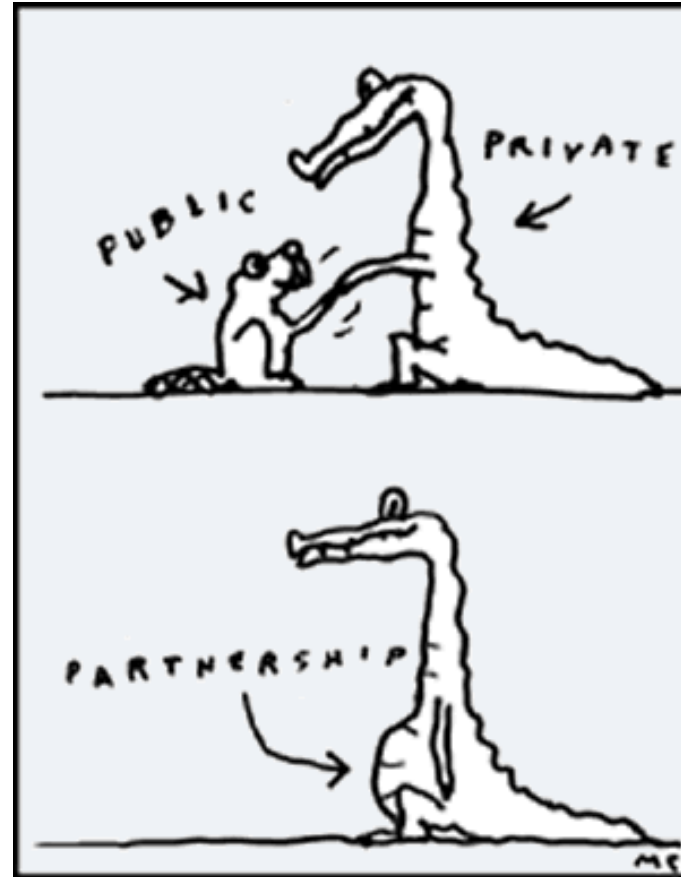
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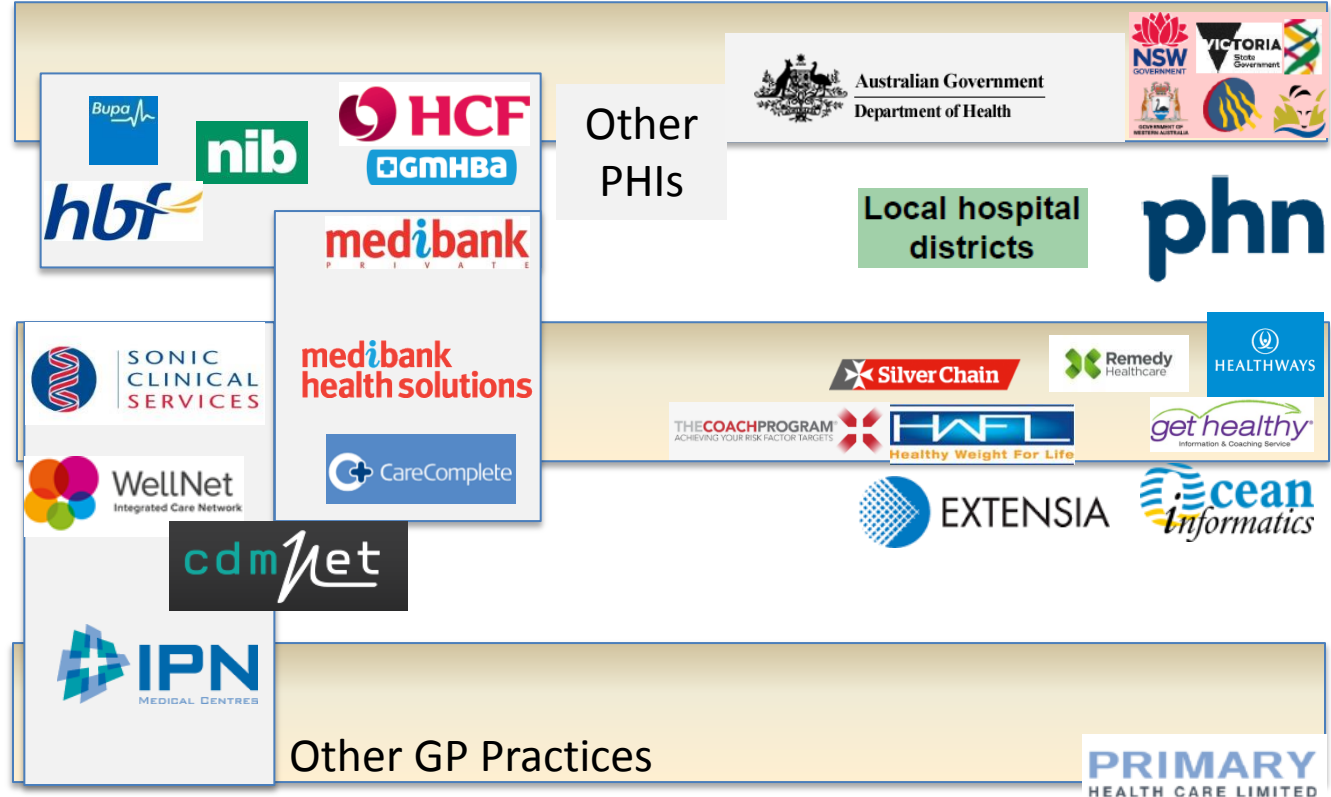
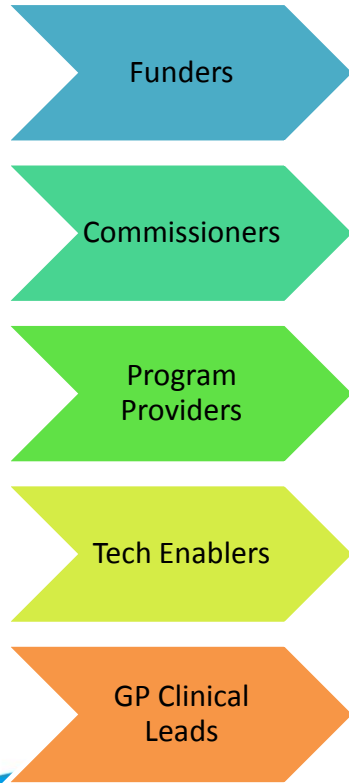
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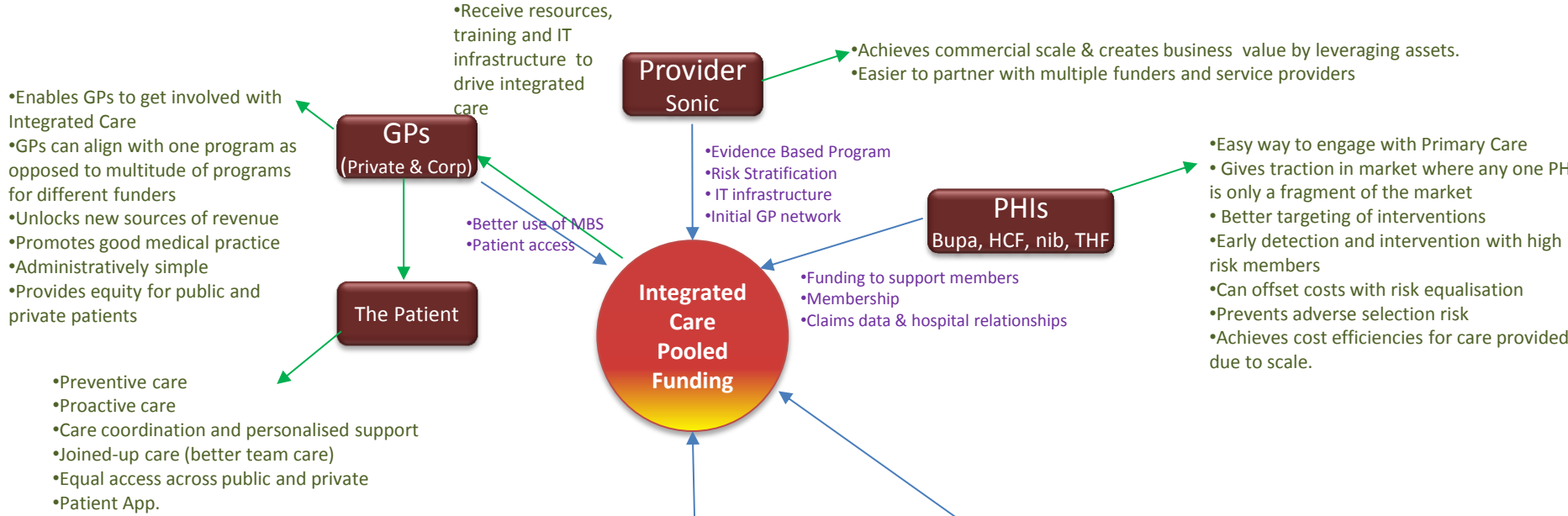
# To P or Not to P...



# Integrated care value chain > \$40 Billion p.a.



# Understanding Value in a Pooled Funding Model



Commission & Pay for services for patients to access integrated care services in the community



- Public Private Partnership in line with strategic approach.
- Supports government Integrated care agenda
- Assures government funding is effective
- PHI eases pressure on public funding and delivery
- Benefits from better access and reduced hospital costs.

- PHNs and LHDs find it easier to interact with industry vehicle as opposed to individual funds and multitude of GPs and integrated care service providers
- Access to resources for patients that would be otherwise difficult to achieve and is not funded via MBS
- Enables joint planning and commissioning across a region

# WellNet Trial Locations

Current Locations	Size & Mix	Target Cohort
North Sydney Trial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 IPN &amp; 3 non-IPN Practices.</li> <li>• LHD, PHN, BUPA, HCF, nib, Teachers &amp; DoH on Steering Committee.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1050 Tier 2 and Tier 3 Patients.</li> <li>• 600 in evaluation cohort</li> <li>• Public &amp; Private Patients</li> </ul>
AHS Victoria Trial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10-15 IPN &amp; non-IPN Practices.</li> <li>• AHS, AU, GMHBA, Defence Health, People Care on Steering Committee.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Target 400-600 Private Patients.</li> </ul>
SEMPHN Victoria Trial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6-8 non-IPN practices</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Target 800 Public patients</li> <li>• Separate cohort of 40-50 Frequent Flyers</li> </ul>
Hunter PHN & nib Trial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5-6 IPN and non-IPN practices</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Target 800-1000 patients</li> <li>• Greater focus on obesity related chronic disease</li> </ul>

# SCS WellNet Trials



- 20%-30% Overall costs funded via existing MBS billings
- 40%-50% Funded by private health insurers
- 30%-40% Funded by public health ie PHNs/Hospitals/LHDs
- 60% Enrolled patients are private
- 40% Enrolled patients are public

# Formal evaluation

- Conducted by CMCRC
- Full ethics approval by university...
- Detailed consent forms signed by patients
- Longitudinal cohort study
- Data extraction from cdmNet and practice management systems.
- Results by mid 2019

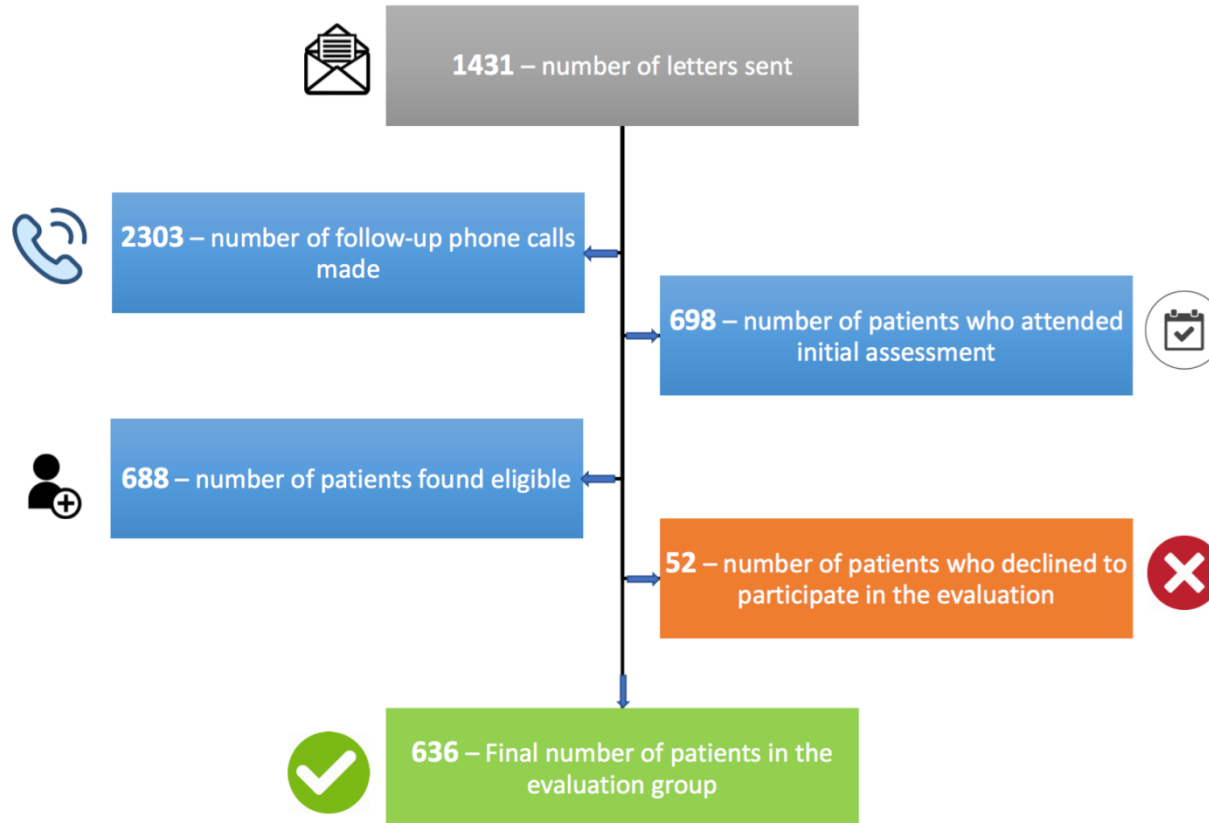


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## Learnings to date

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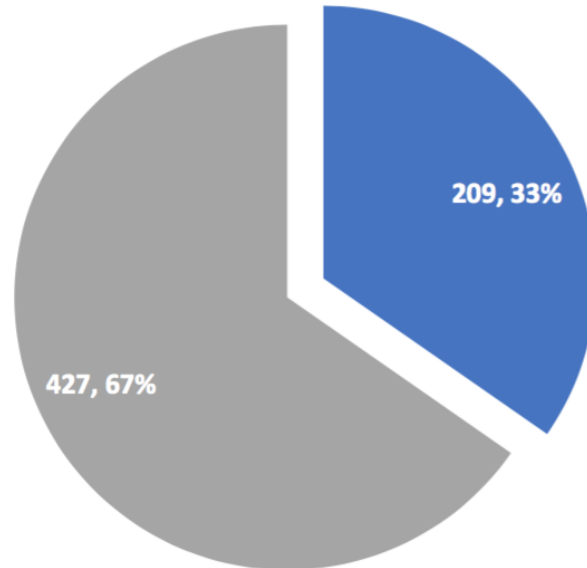
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## Method of Enrolment

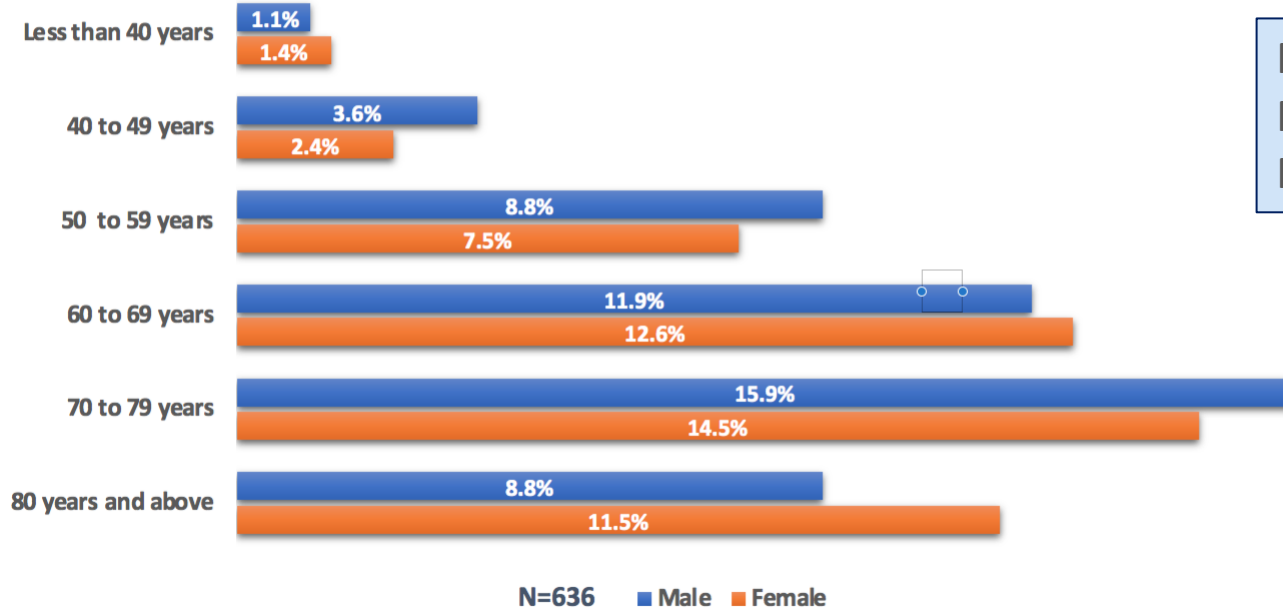
■ opportunistic   ■ letter recall



N=636

# Patient demographics

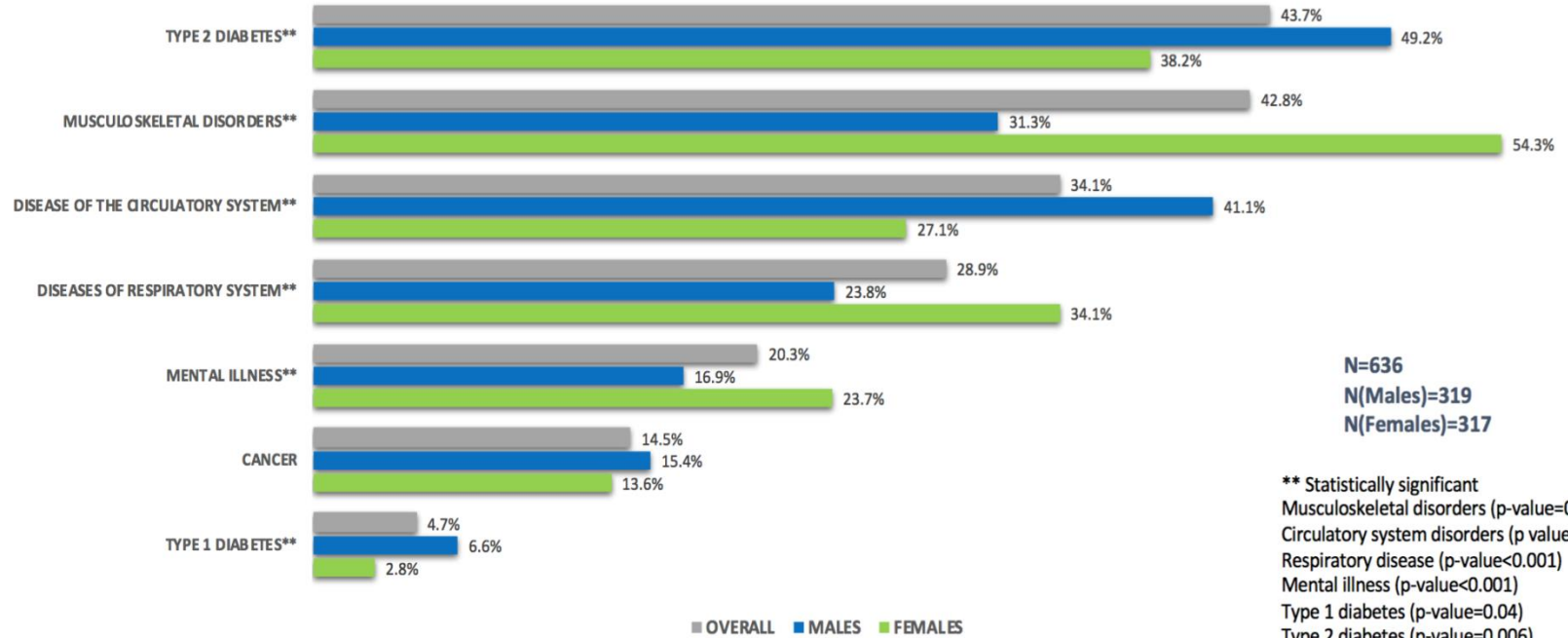
## How old are the participants in WellNet group?



N=636  
N (Males) = 319  
N (Females) = 317

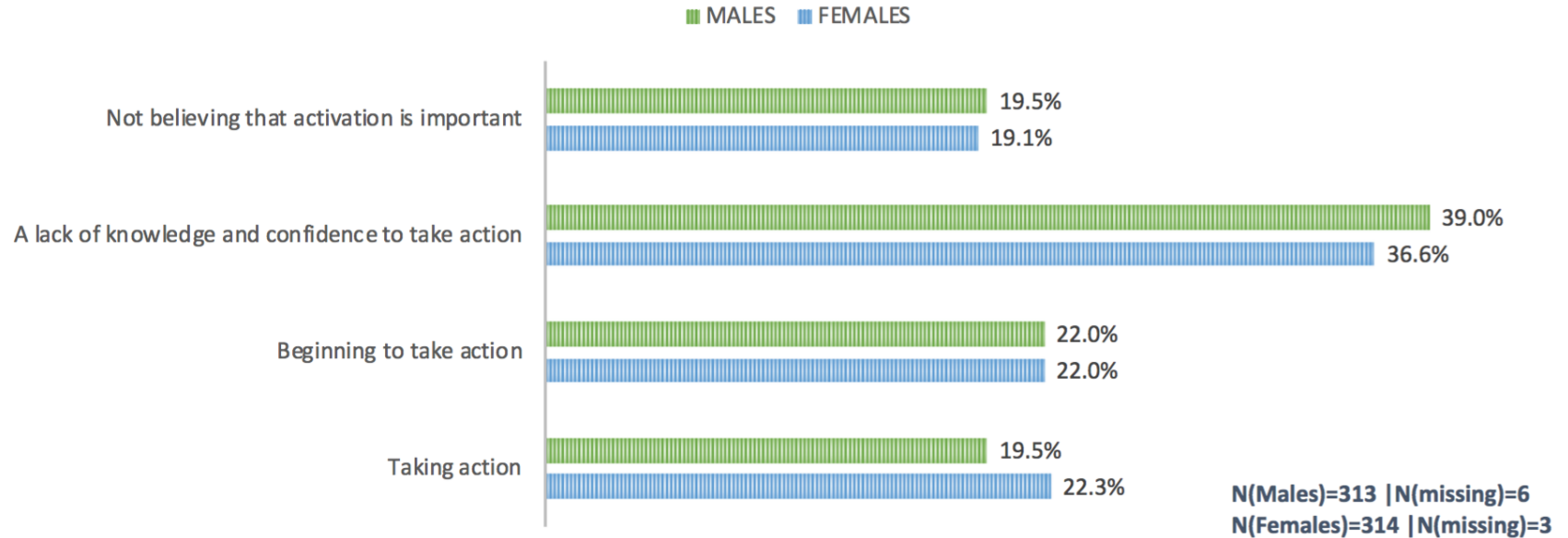
# Disease profile

## CHRONIC CONDITIONS IN WELLNET GROUP (BY GENDER)



# Patient Activation

## PATIENT ACTIVATION MEASURES (PAM) SCORES



# Patient engagement

- Patients engaged with program
- Positive patient outcomes
- Program generated patient loyalty

*“patients love the program because of its comprehensive care”*

*“it definitely improves practice reputation”*

“patients are so much more motivated to take charge of their lifestyle issues and health”

# GP engagement

- Takes time and investment in change management
- GP leaders and early adopters are critical
- GPs see value of comprehensive nature of program
- 250% increase in CD item number billings

“many silent or unattended to issues are uncovered and dealt with”.

“identification of clinical issues which clinicians ordinarily don’t have time to delve into”

# Technology

“(cdmNet) saves on faxing and emailing”

## cdmNet

- Enables shared care planning and engagement
- Sits outside of GP clinical practice system
- Can be confusing for GPs not familiar with it
- Requires dedicated training

60% of GPs reported that cdmNet platform assists in providing better planning and care coordination

## GoShare

- Not hitting the mark – need to explore why

# Team based care

- Care coordination a valued component
- Care coordinators build up an extensive network
- GP and practice staff exposed to team based care

“feedback from patients very positive especially with care coordination set up via nurses”.

“working in the team framework is the way things should be done”.

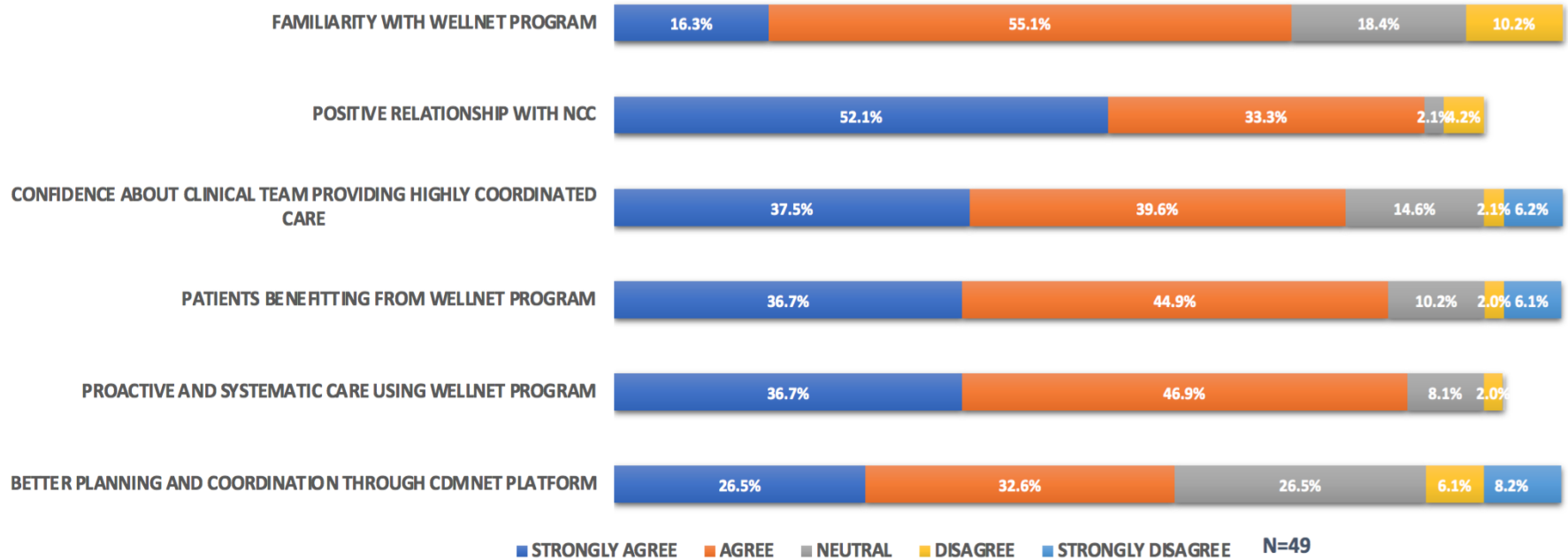
# Care coordinators

- Role must be specific to avoid competing priorities
- Patient caseloads must be managed
- Use of care navigators should be explored



# GP survey

## SECTION 2: WELLNET PROGRAM



# WellNet



Designed for patients who are at risk of developing a chronic disease, such as smokers, the overweight and obese and those with 'pre-diabetes'. Patients receive targeted educational interventions and GP support to improve their risk profiles and live well.



Specifically designed for patients with 1-2 uncomplicated chronic diseases. This program aims to keep people well and ensure they have the right support to self-manage their conditions and stay well.



A coordinated care program for patients with multiple chronic or complicated chronic diseases. This program aims to support some of the sicker people in the community that have not yet become frequent users in the hospital system and are currently being managed in general practice.



Designed for complex chronic disease patients with complex health needs, who are at a high risk of hospitalisation or re-hospitalisation. These are some of the sickest people in the community who can benefit most from targeted interventions that are closely managed by the entire care team.



GetWell is an extension of the FeelWell program and has been designed to support patients on their road to recovery from an illness or a health intervention. GetWell improves the patient experience and shortens the length of hospital stay, and assists in avoiding hospital primary admissions as well as re-admissions for situations that can be treated in the community.



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**Thank you**

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Questions?