

Integrated Care EU and US Perspectives

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Integrated Care - Global

- WHO gives the following definition:

Integrated care is a concept bringing together inputs, delivery, management and organization of services related to diagnosis, treatment, care, rehabilitation and health promotion. Integration is a means to improve services in relation to access, quality, user satisfaction and efficiency

Shared Care – Great Britain

Shared care involves the establishment of partnerships between professionals and laymen where they share a common goal. For example: the improvement in the health of a patient where there is patient empowerment to take a major degree of responsibility for his or her care

Patient Centred Medical Homes - US

The primary care medical home coordinates care across all elements of the broader health care system, including specialty care, hospitals, home health care, and community services and supports. Such coordination is particularly critical during transitions between sites of care, such as when patients are being discharged from the hospital. Medical home practices also excel at building clear and open communication among patients and families, the medical home, and members of the broader care team.

Accountable Care Organisations

An ACO is a network of doctors and hospitals that shares responsibility for providing care to patients. The concept unites the network of providers in a local delivery system and has special incentive payments based on savings.

What is integrated care really?

Focus should be on integrating the citizen not just the services and providers.

How can innovation support this?