


The cornerstones are gone, the walls are crumbling

It is going to take 'jacks' of all types to hold it up while it is strengthened by a whole building team !!

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The reality- depressing – NO !!! A fantastic opportunity for reform

- A significantly ageing population, chronic disease
- Major GP shortages
- A workforce crisis in nursing and allied health
- Interdisciplinary rhetoric but silo reality

- Has protecting 'professional turf' at any cost resulted in hastening the crumbling?
- Are we so worried about protecting the profession that we will be seeking care in a completely unsustainable system?
- Is professional identity linked to the MBS and PBS?
- Is the public really at risk from poorly qualified 'dangerous' people meddling in other people's professional patch?

Should GPs be gatekeepers?
Constrain the flow of knowledge
Guard or restrict passage through a gate

What do we mean by primary health? Is this a good use of GP time?

Has the focus on prescribing detracted from consideration of effective and sustainable advanced practice models?

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No health professional has the cornerstone of care

- Alternative service delivery models
- Developing services based on the most appropriate person to fulfil a role
- Challenge silos in any profession – multi-skilled, dual qualifications, legitimate new roles.
- Question what is beginning practice
- Develop education models that prepare graduates who are 'work ready', interdisciplinary professionals
- We must question, debate and consider everything that we do.

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