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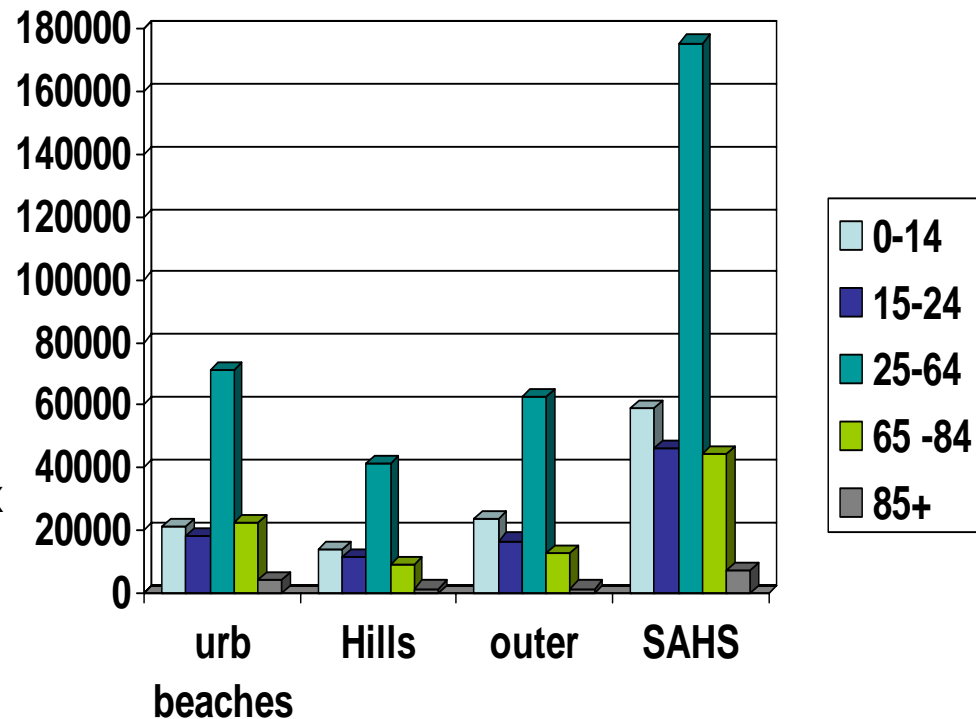
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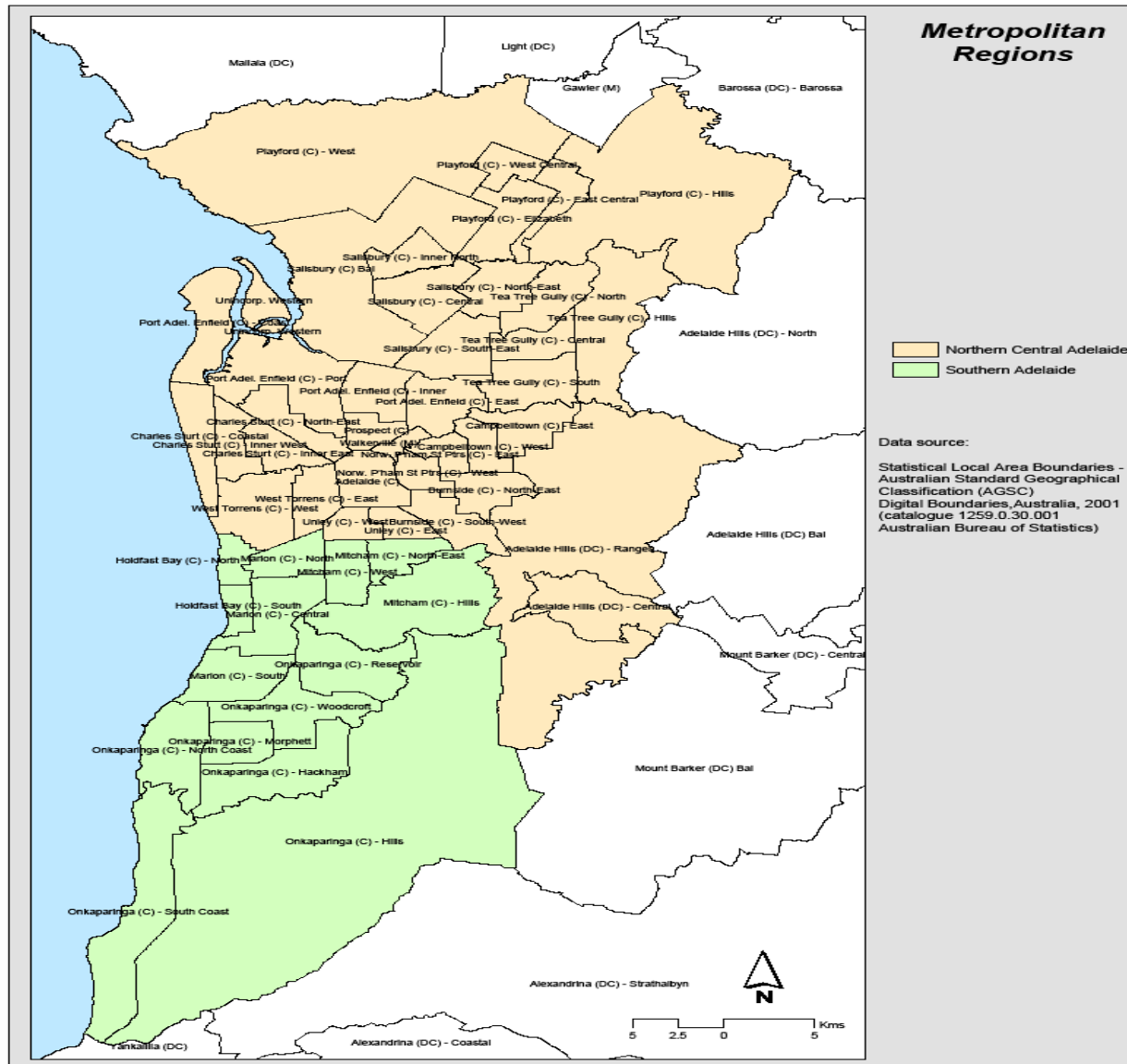
Outline

- Background
- Response & Results
- Service Reform
 - **Accredited Provider Panels**
 - the process
 - the benefits
 - the future

Southern Adelaide region

- Southern metropolitan Adelaide
- 1/5th of population of South Australia, 300,000
- Urban beaches, hills & semi rural areas
- 3 public hospitals, Private hospitals
- Primary health services
- 4 main DTC and numerous private providers
- 100 GP practices with approx 400 GPs
- 50% Practice nurses





Background

- 103,000 People (>20 yrs) in South have at least one chronic disease that is preventable
- one third of Hospital casemix expenditure in 2002-03 attributable to cardiovascular disease, diabetes, arthritis / musculoskeletal conditions, asthma & chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
- 7/10 GP visits
- like the State as a whole, the Region's population is projected by the ABS to age in future- reached 2020 prediction of 18%

Changing the approach

- management of chronic disease is often reactive in nature
- responding to an acute exacerbation of the illness rather than being directed at the cause
- dealing with the rising prevalence of chronic disease
- health system must be strengthened and geared towards prevention, early intervention and integrated management
- consistent use of best evidence

What were the issues at the local level?

- communication between acute & community services - bring sectors together to coordinate care
- focus on self management
- Allied Health was fragmented in the services offered, variable in ease of access to clients & disparate in application, use of clinical guidelines & standards
- easier access to Allied Health, - *right time, right place, right service*
- building GP team & local services capacity
- consistent & coordinated system of care that was easily accessible & evidence based standard



The response

- content – (what)
- target group – (who)
- service reform – (how)

Chronic Disease Community Program

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SA Govt funded hospital avoidance strategy:

- reduce rate & number of unplanned hospital admissions
 - improve population & individual health outcomes
- by
- actively supporting people to engage in self management of their chronic disease
 - **local services**
 - **clear communication between all providers incl GPs**
 - **patient/client involvement at all stages of care pathway**



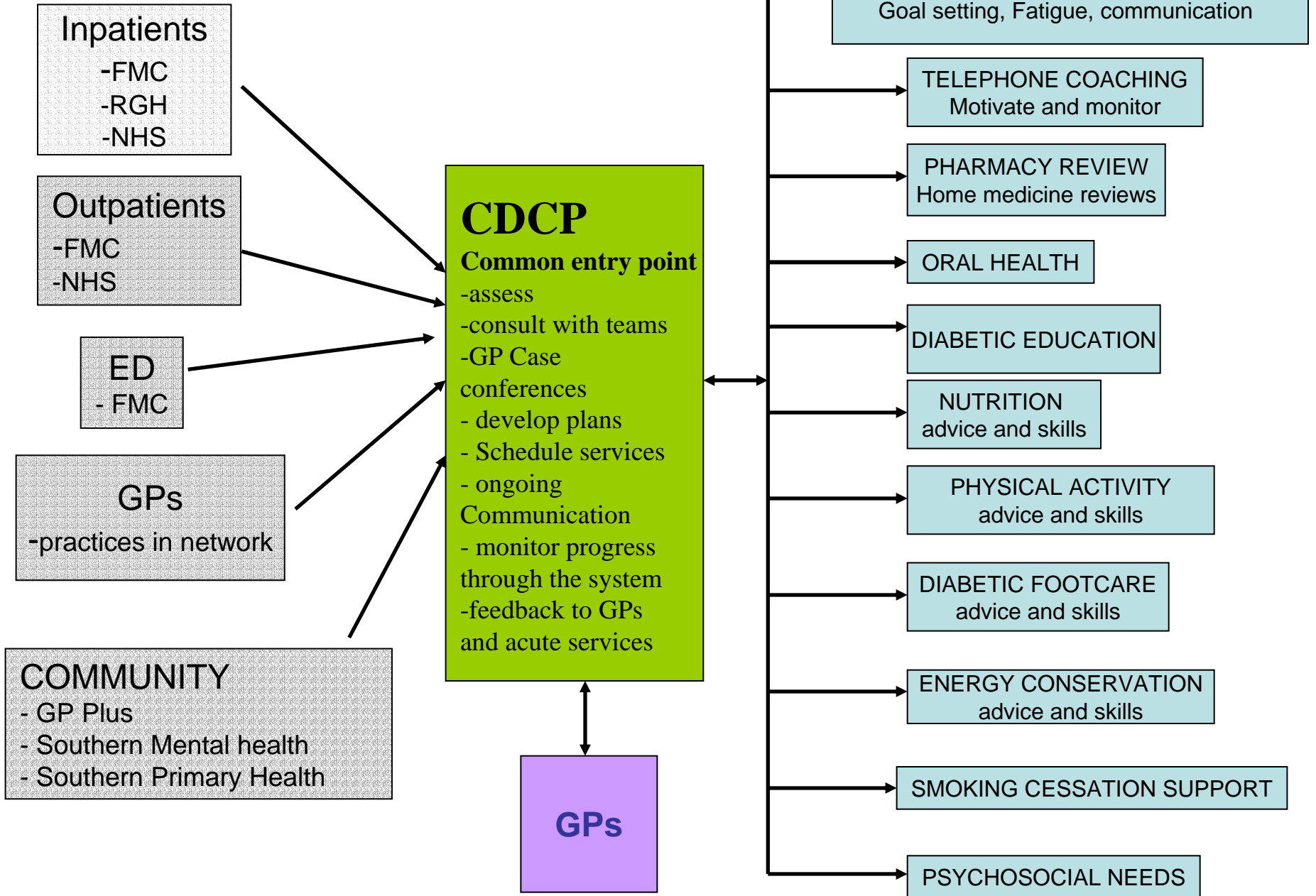
Eligibility

- diagnosis of COPD, Heart failure/Unstable Angina or Diabetes
- have complex needs requiring multiple coordinated services
- been admitted or at risk of future hospital admissions – (at least one target risk factor out of normal range)
- willingness to participate in self-management

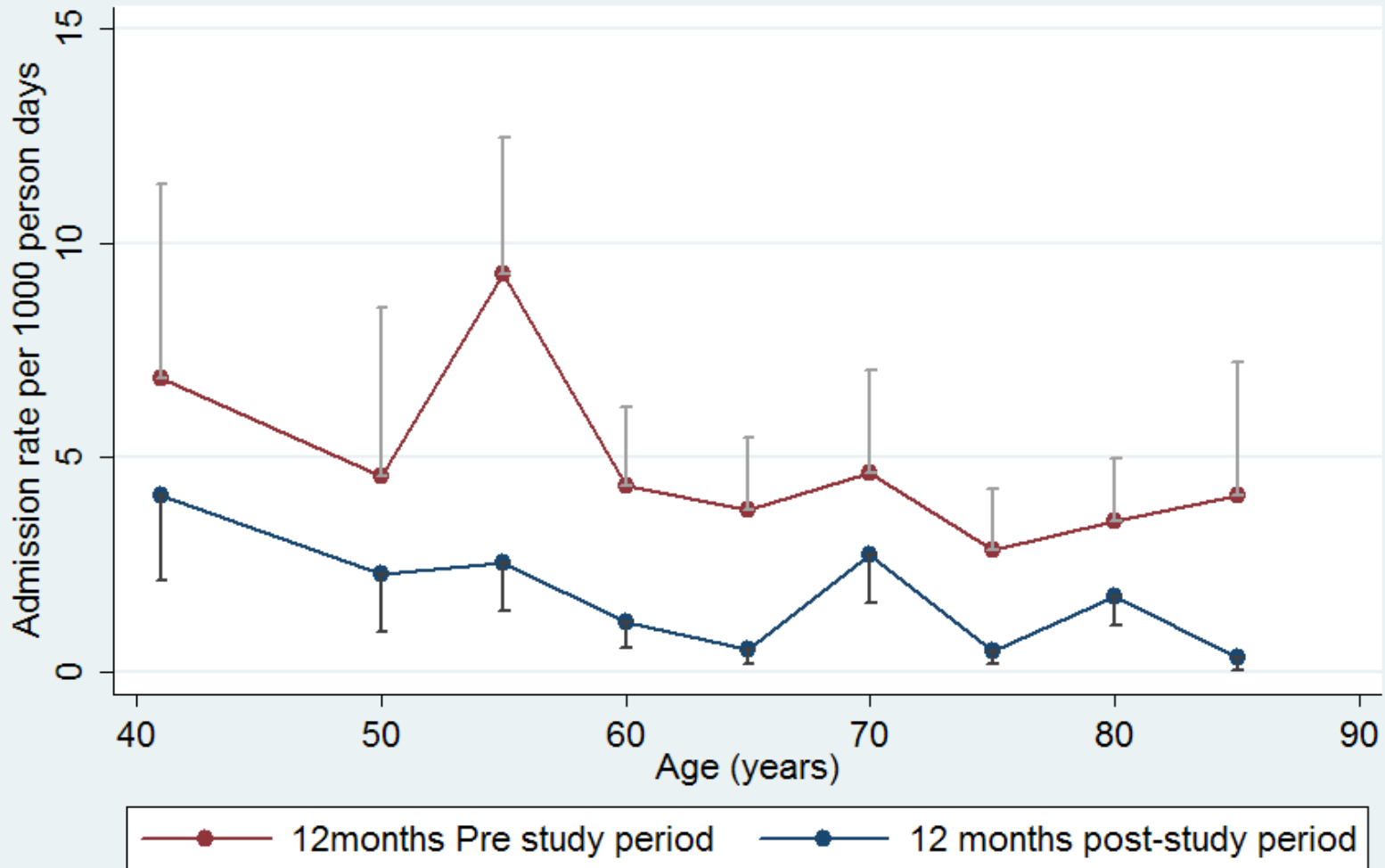
Exclusion criteria

- living in residential care
- palliative/end stage of their disease process

CDCP PATHWAY



Rate of admissions Pre and Post Program periods



Service reforms

- local services that can link people in to other services on d/c
- quality services in line with evidence
- consistency of service & information
- consistent data for evaluation
- partnership with private, public & NGO funded providers of Allied Health services.

- **a virtual team**

Accredited Provider Panels

- built on clinical guidelines – what skills & knowledge required to better manage their chronic disease and prevent complications
- worked with professional associations to engage private therapists
- standards developed with private, DTC providers and acute sector staff
 - **Type of service**
 - **Dosage**
 - **Benchmark timeframes**

Accredited Provider Panels contd

- tender process & contracts
 - agree to work to common standards of quality and clinical guidelines, use agreed communication processes, data and to be accessed through a common entry point

Accredited Provider Panels -benefits

- providers are located across a wide geographical area allowing access to services close to people's home & links to additional services
- offering a wide variety of services – **value added features**
- ongoing program of education re evidence based practice in chronic disease management
 - **learn more about each other's roles,**
 - **enhance their own practice and**
 - **encouraged consistency of information and practice**
 - **development of new services**



- Increasing capacity & linking sectors
 - **promoted to GPs & other referrers**
 - **clear information flow between the acute & community sectors**

- **18 providers**
- **23 sites across the region + home visits**
- **PT**
- **OT**
- **Speech**
- **D+N**
- **Pod**
- **SW**

Next steps

- continue to increase the choice of providers for services; build on the public/NGO/private partnerships, extend enrolment sites to more of SPH supported by workforce development
- panels to include:
 - **physical activity programs**
 - **falls prevention services and assessment**
 - **disease specific CDSM**
 - **other aged related allied health services**

Questions

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