

Models of Nurse-led Integrative care globally

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WHO NCD Action Plan Objective 4 (2013-2020)

To strengthen and orient health systems to address the prevention and control of NCDs and the underlying social determinants through people centred primary health care and universal coverage



WHO 25% reduction in premature mortality from NCDs by 2025

Human Resource Development

“Optimize the scope of nurses’ and allied health professionals’ practice to contribute to prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, **including addressing barriers to that contribution**”.



Defining 'integrative care'

- Combining two or more things to form an effective unit or system.
- Integrative care:
 - integrated health
 - co-ordinated care
 - comprehensive care
 - seamless care
 - transmural care
- Focuses on strengthening PHC systems to be able to provide more coordinated and integrated forms of care provision to achieve the ultimate goal universal health coverage by

What are the issues (especially in LMI countries)?

- Care is not patient and family centred
- Care is delivered in siloes
 - patients are obliged to make several visits to different health care providers
 - Care is not delivered near to where patients and families live – time wasting, time off work
- Lack of access to essential cardiovascular medicines

WHO Global Hearts 2016

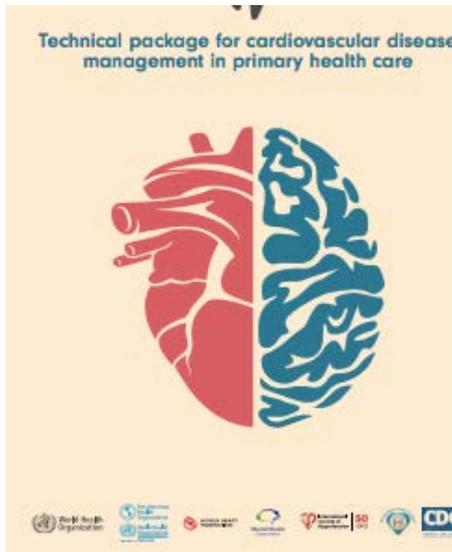
HEARTS



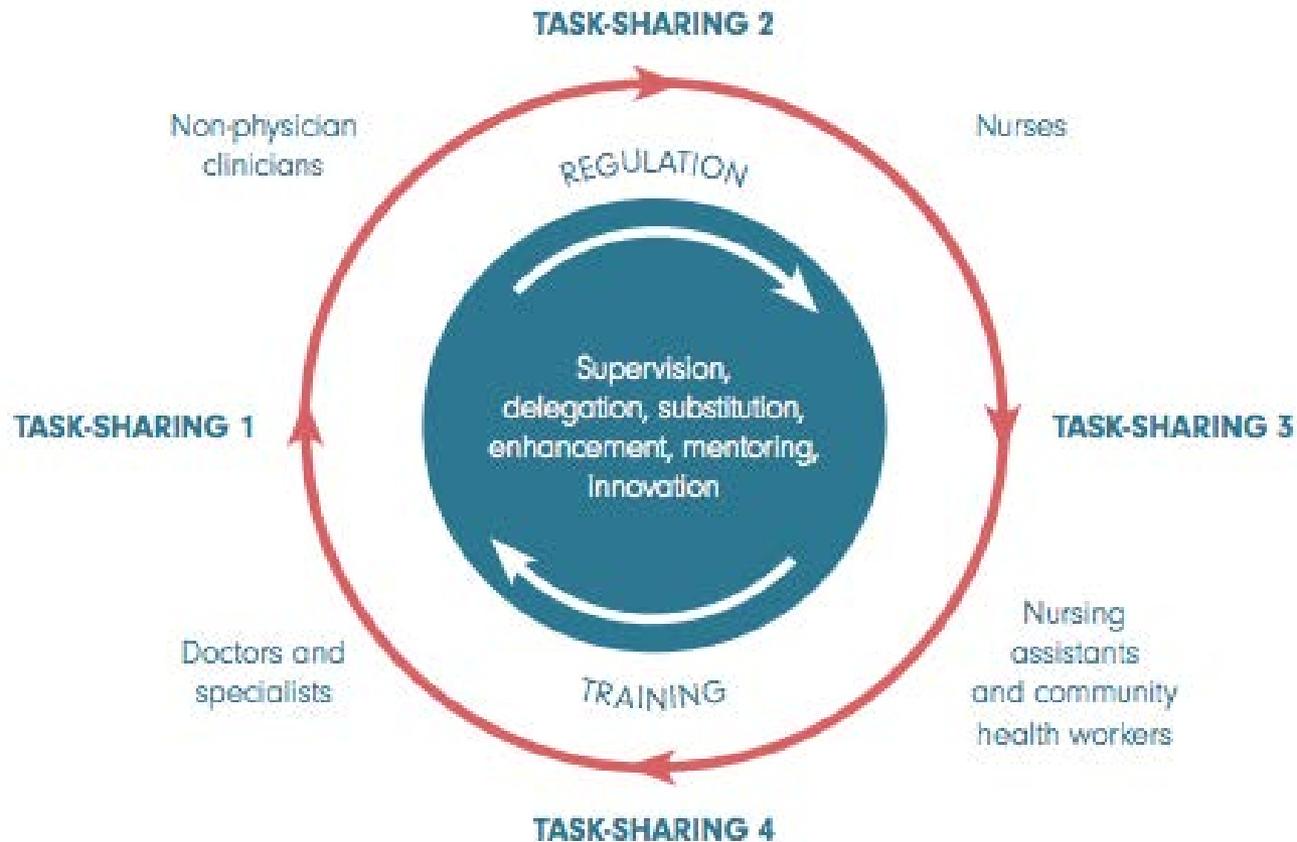
The HEARTS technical package represents a strategic and practical approach to reducing the number of premature deaths from cardiovascular disease (CVD). The aim is to improve clinical preventive services in primary health care using highly effective,

scalable, sustainable and proven interventions. It involves a public health approach to CVD management that will improve access, particularly in settings with significant resource limitations, by systematically addressing barriers to care. The main conceptual shift is the use of a protocol-driven approach to simplify, standardize and support the scaling-up of integrated CVD management in countries. The public health approach involves:

- **Healthy lifestyle**
- **Evidence based treatment protocols**
- **Access to essential medicines and technologies**
- **Risk based management**
- **Team care and task sharing**
- **Systems for monitoring**



Task-sharing to expand the pool of human resources for health

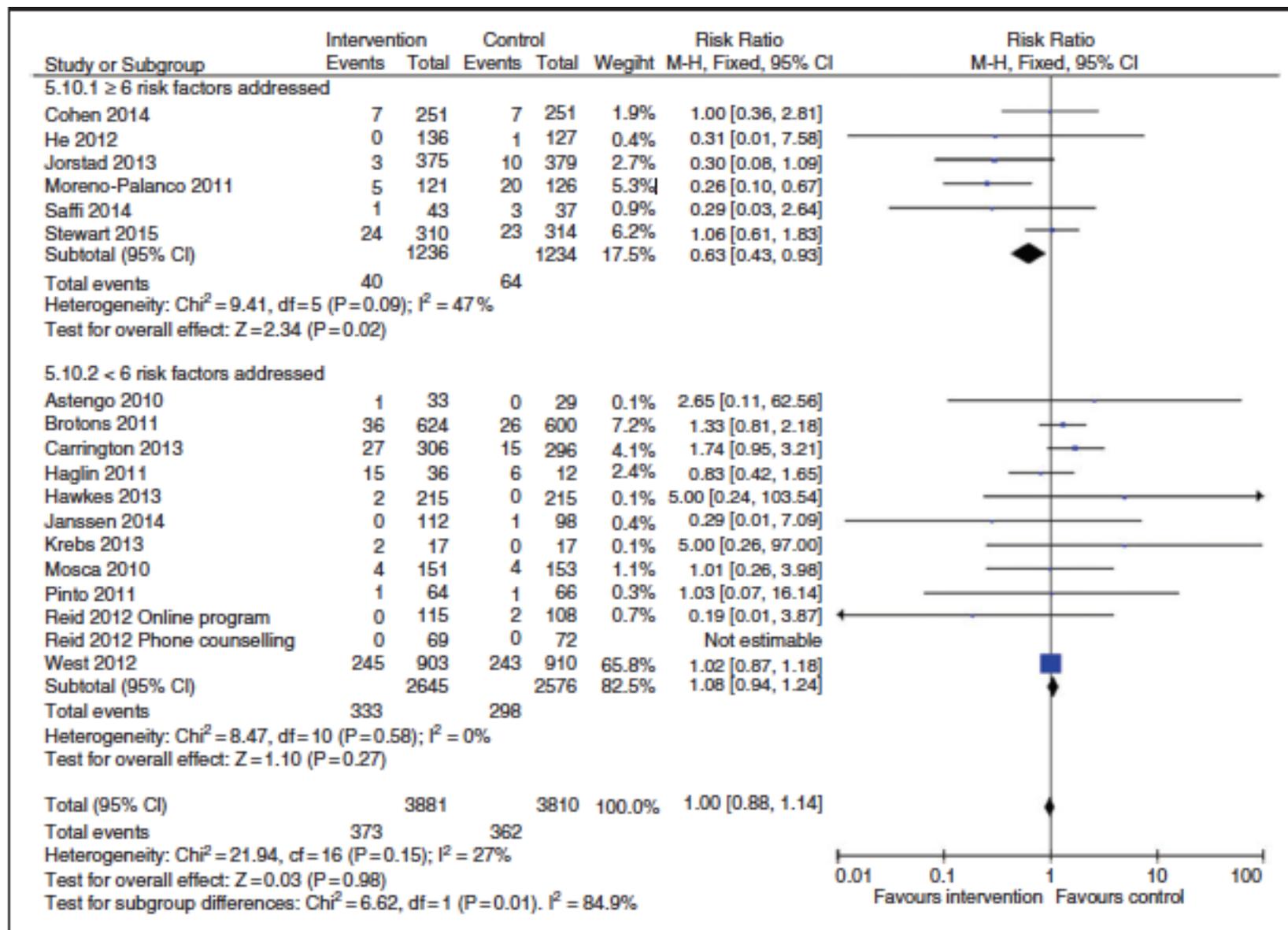


What do nurses offer?

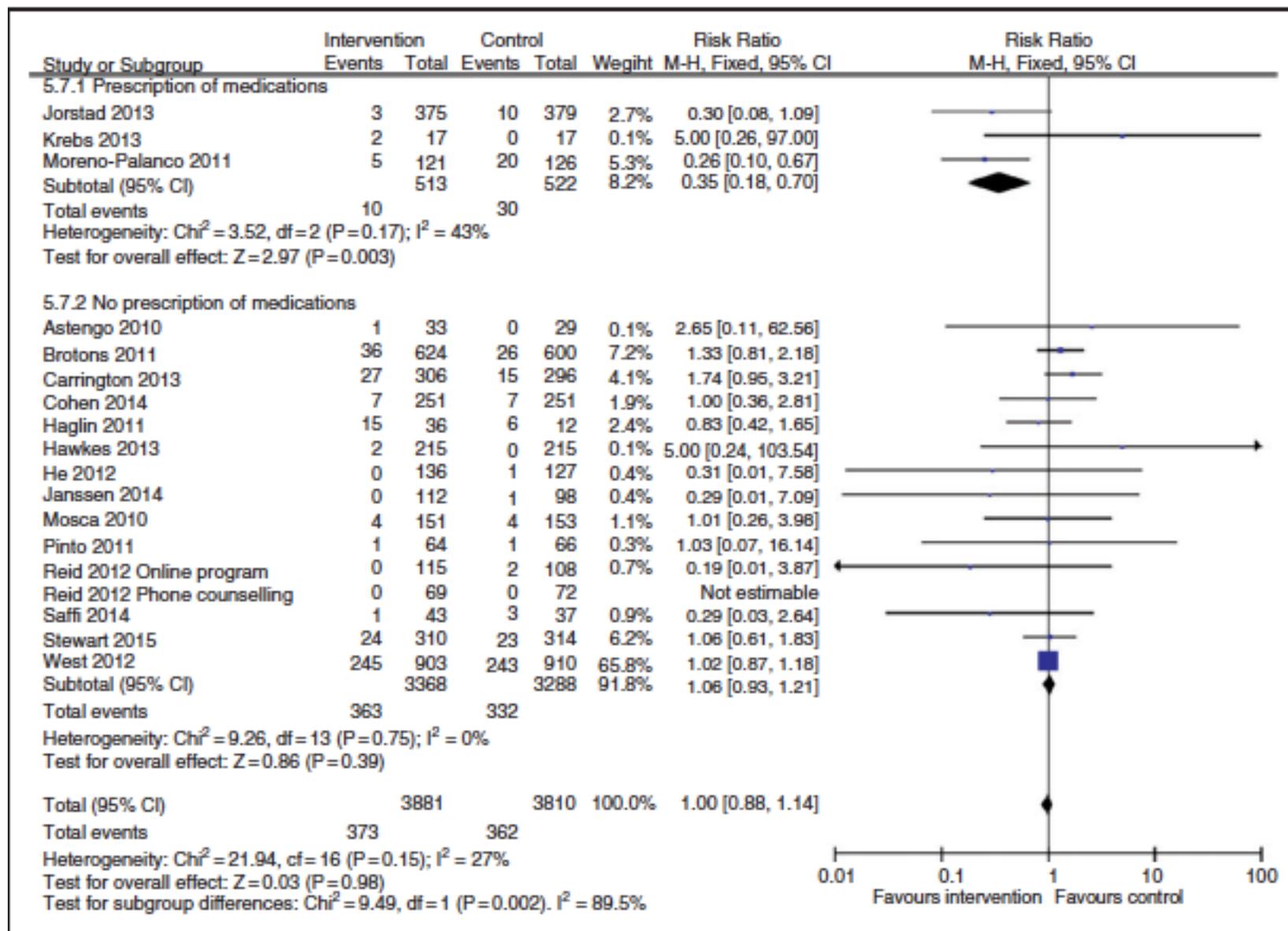
- Ethos of holistic care
- Skills in behavioural counseling and education
- Close working relationship with physicians, familiarity with medicines and monitoring of signs and symptoms
- Familiar with coordinating the MDT to care for patients and families – support patient and family centred care
- Can be trained to follow care protocols and deliver multidisciplinary interventions
- Can manage medications (prescription, titration and promote adherence)
- Can promote self management and patient and family centred care

Systematic review and meta-analysis of RCTs of prevention and rehabilitation programmes

TOTAL MORTALITY: Comprehensive versus less comprehensive programmes.



TOTAL MORTALITY: Including medical prescribing versus no prescribing



Systematic Reviews of uniquely nurse-led programmes



The Impact of Nurse-Led Clinics on the Mortality and Morbidity of Patients with Cardiovascular Diseases

A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

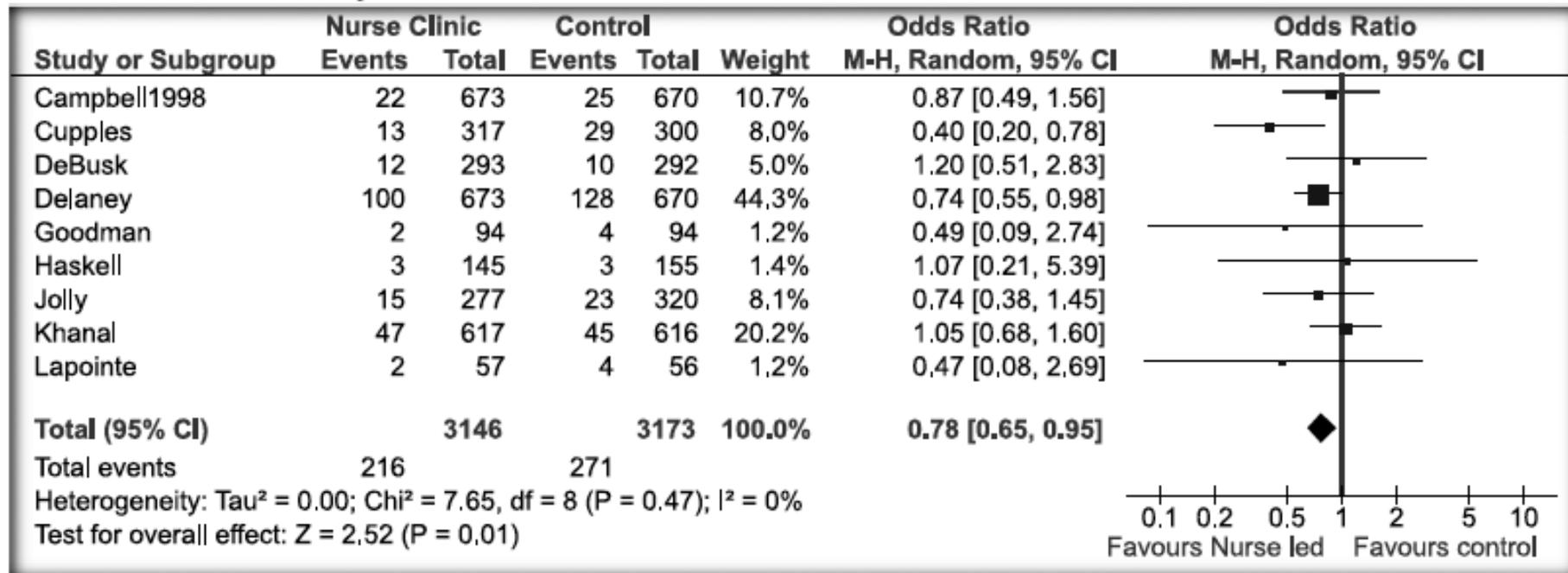
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Review characteristics

- 12 RCTs of secondary prevention programmes conducted in US, UK, Sweden, Spain, Italy, Poland, France, Canada in > 9000 patients and published between 2002 and 2008
- Outcomes of interest:
 - all-cause mortality and CV mortality, nonfatal myocardial infarction, major adverse cardiac events, revascularisation
 - lipid control and adherence to medications

All cause mortality (9 trials)

All cause mortality

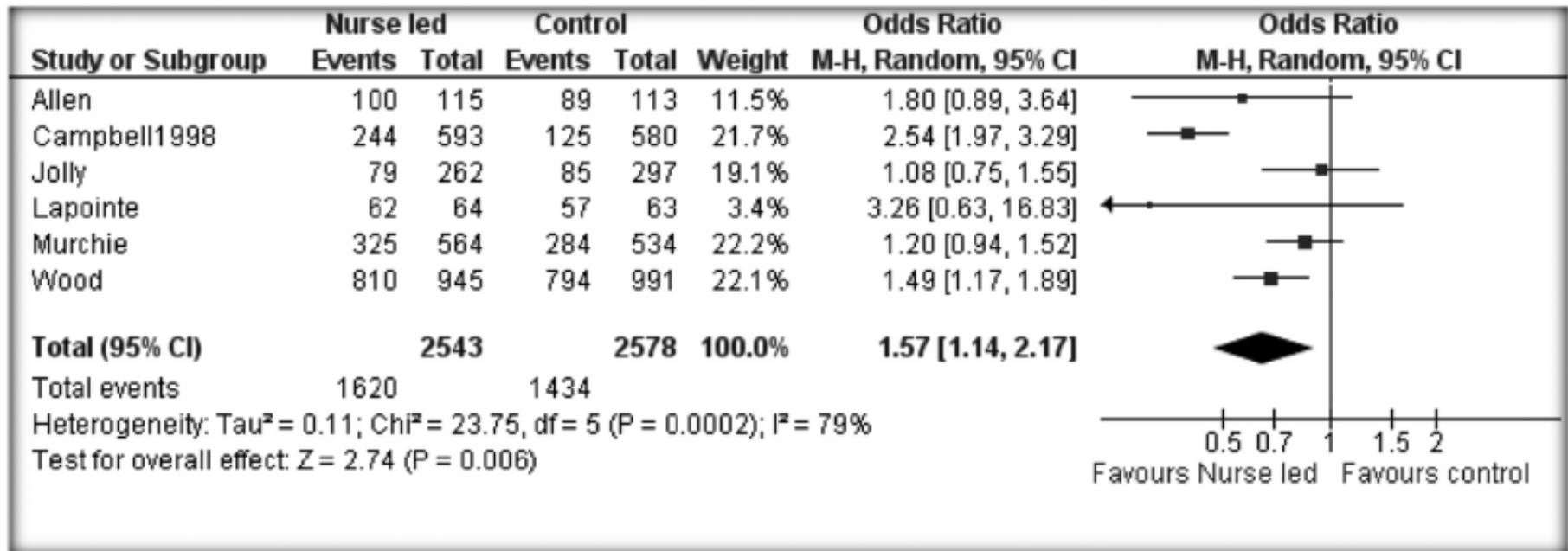


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OR 0.78; 95% CI, 0.65 - 0.95; P < .01

Adherence to lipid lowering medicines (6 trials)

Lipid Lowering Medication Adherence



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OR 1.57; 95%CI, 1.14 - 2.17;P = .006

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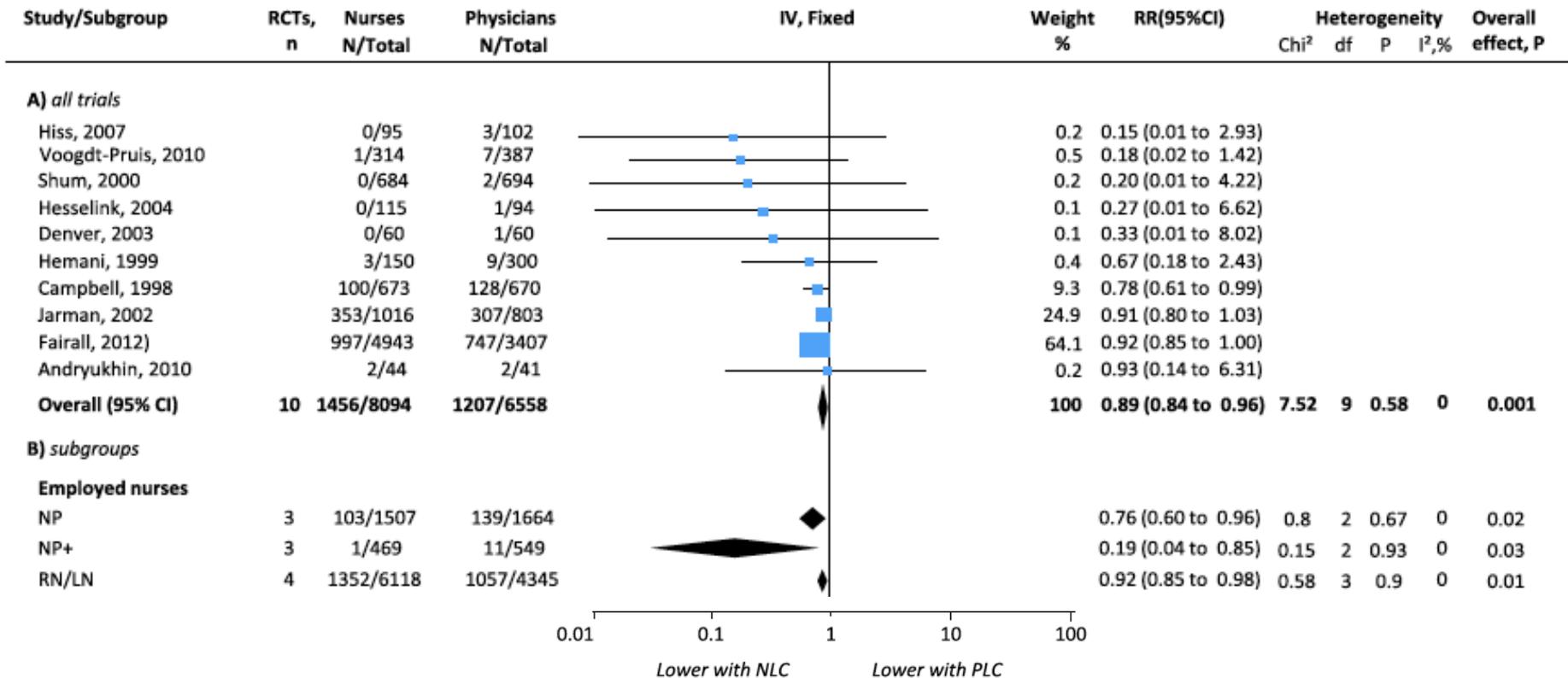
Substitution of physicians by nurses in primary care: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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Review characteristics

- 26 studies (24 RCTs) conducted in UK, Netherlands, Russia, US and South Africa in 38,974 patients and published up to 2012
- Only studies where nurses acted as main figure of care with autonomous or delegated clinical responsibility for physician's tasks
- Reported on patient satisfaction, quality of life (QoL), hospital admission, mortality and cost of health services.

Total Mortality all trials and by nurse type

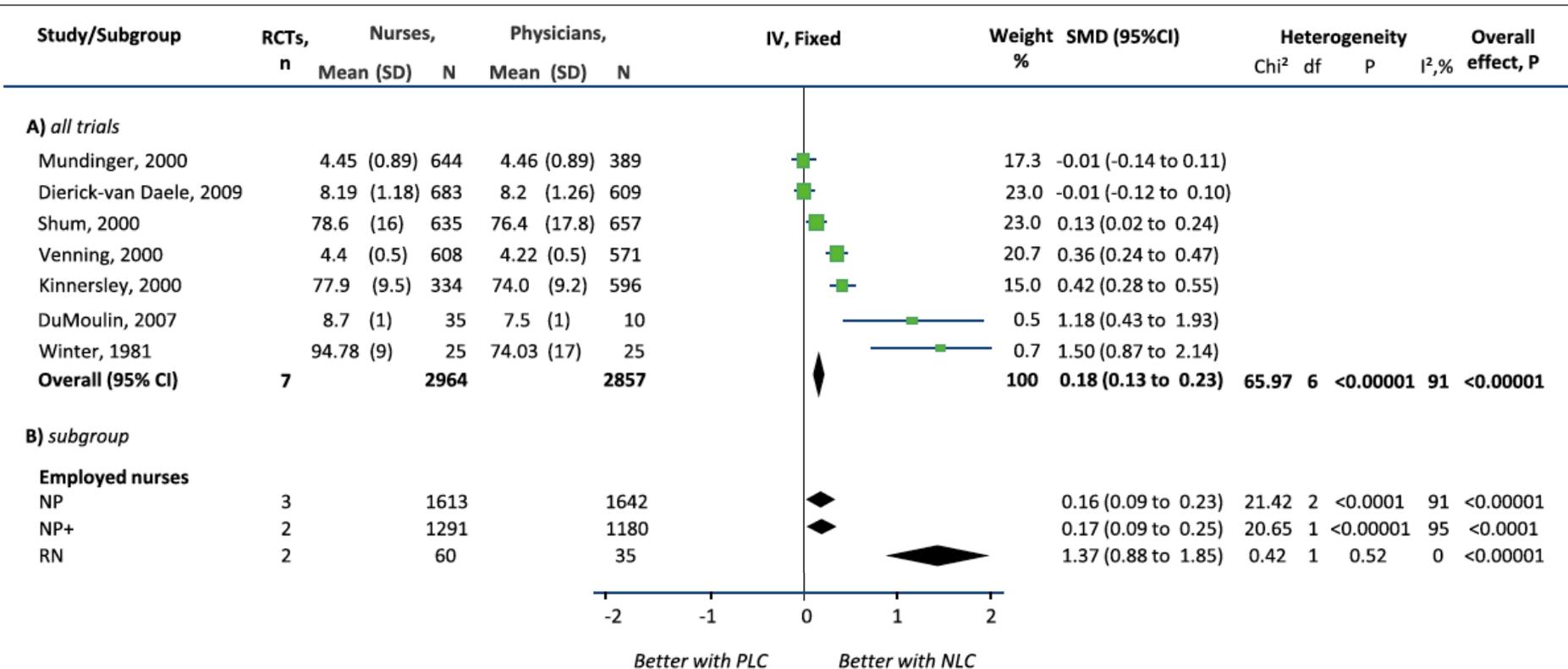


NP+ = nurse practitioner with higher degree courses/specialisation

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RN/LN = versus registered/licensed nurse

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Conclusions

- Nurses' holistic ethos and role in education and counselling important for patient satisfaction
- Review excluded the potential to evaluate interdisciplinary initiatives, i.e. where nurses work together with physicians

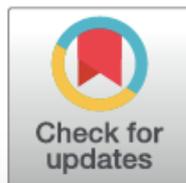
RESEARCH ARTICLE

Are community-based nurse-led self-management support interventions effective in chronic patients? Results of a systematic review and meta-analysis

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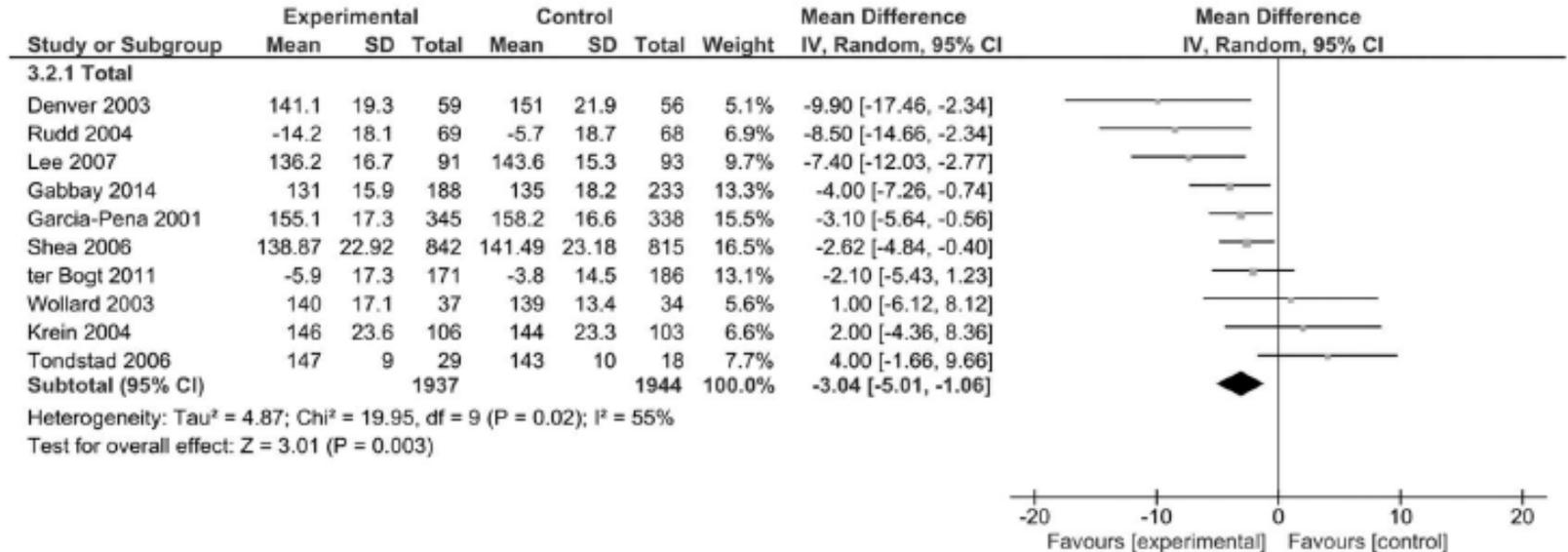


Review characteristics

- 23 RCTs conducted in USA, UK, Netherlands, Mexico, Norway, Australia patients and published between 2000 - 2013
- Community based educational interventions – promoting self monitoring and decision making in NCDs
- Outcomes of interest:
 - Total mortality
 - Systolic and diastolic BP
 - HbA1c and glucose
 - lipids
 - Quality of life
- Mix primary and secondary prevention

Systolic BP

A Systolic Blood Pressure



Successful interventions for BP reduction:

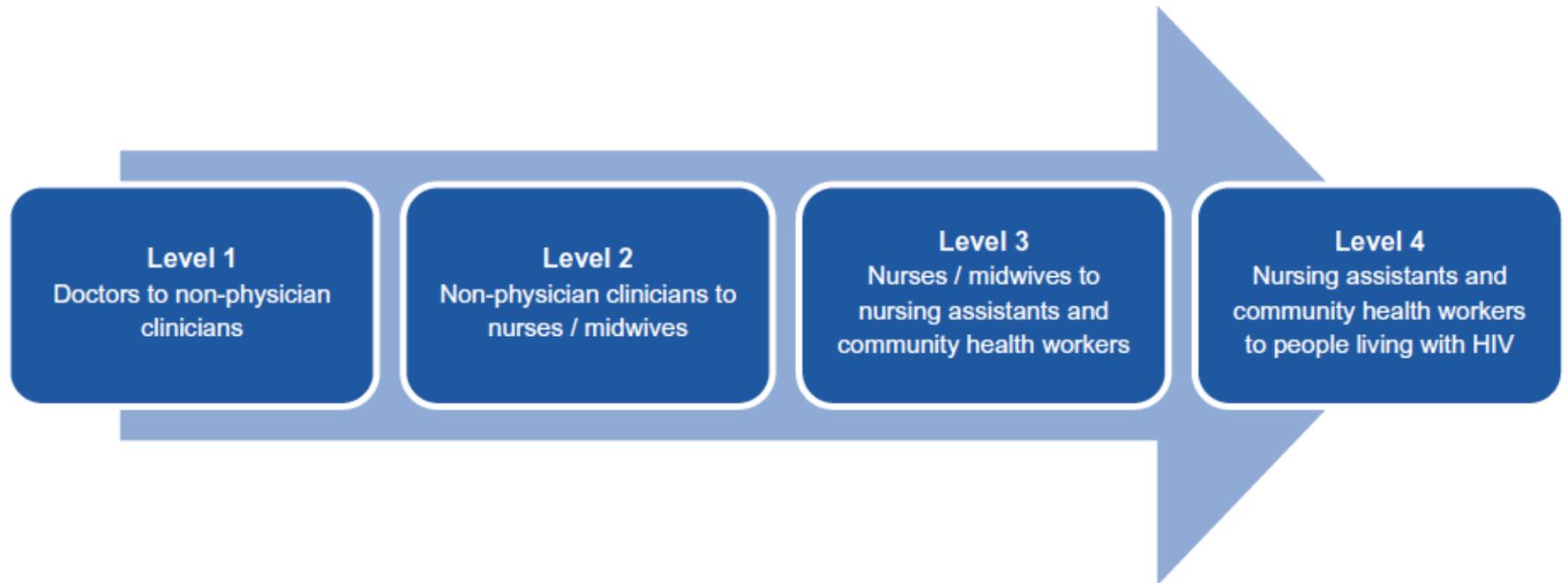
In patients with Diabetes -2.56 (-4.82, -0.31) 0.03

Led by APNs -3.57 (-6.36, -0.78) 0.01

Specific training provided -2.81 (-4.30, -1.32) <0.001

What about LMI countries?

- Example of HIV and ART
- Task shifting



Growing evidence base and WHO Guidelines

- Task shifting: Global Recommendations and Guidelines 2008 ISBN 978 92 4 159631 2 (NLM classification: WC 503.6)
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Priorities in high HIV prevalence countries

- Maximising access to ART with limited health care personnel – task sharing
- Decentralisation – strengthen primary health care – move away from hospital based care

- Ambivalence amongst both physicians and nurses
- Need for supportive MDT environment
- Potential for increased job satisfaction in nurses

Task sharing in rural Malawi

- High HIV prevalence area of country (20% HIV), low supply health professionals
- Diagnosis and treatment provided in rural areas
- Observational study (drawing on > 10,000 patients' data)
- Up-skilling of nurses

Table S1. Distribution of tasks and responsibilities between different types of providers in the Chiradzulu HIV programme

	Clinical Officer	Nurse	Medical Assistant	Counselor	Peer Counselor	Community Health Worker
HIV rapid diagnostic test						x
Initial physical exam and staging	x	x	x			
Assessment of ART eligibility	x	x	x			
Follow-up of non-eligible patients	x	x	x			
Pediatric follow-up	x					
Prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV infection		x				
ART care, requesting laboratory tests	x	x	x			
Interpretation of laboratory tests results	x	x	x			
ART initiation and follow-up of uncomplicated cases	x	x	x			
ART initiation and follow-up of complicated cases*	x					
Adherence counseling				x	x	
Tracing of default patients						x
ART refill		x				x
Register keeping, reporting		x	x	x		x
Training, mentoring, supervision	x	x				

*Complicated cases are patients with suspicion of tuberculosis or treatment failure, patients with Kaposi's sarcoma, those receiving second line ART and pediatric patients (<15 years old).

Table S2. Nurse training Module objectives and validation criteria

Nurse Training Modules	Curriculum objectives
Model 1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Diagnose and treat all WHO clinical stage 2 and 3 infections 2. Refer patients when necessary
Model 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gain knowledge and attain skills for adherence counseling (1st, 2nd and follow up counseling sessions) 2. Refer patients to the adherence counselor if they cannot manage them 3. Accurately dispense ARVs to all patients (start, follow-up, pediatric dosage, second line, etc) 4. Consult stable patients and refer to clinician when necessary 5. Record and account for ARVs dispensed
Model 3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stage new patients 2. Interpret CD4 count results 3. Teach patients about ART use 4. Assess readiness of ARV initiation, including acceptance of disease and commitment to life-time treatment
Validation and supervision	<p>Ongoing supervision and refresher training is carried out by a team of 1 nurse and 1 clinical officer. The Malawian Ministry of Health implements ART certification training with a written test.</p>

Interdisciplinary model worked best!

- Improved adherence
- Better treatment outcomes
- More realistic for settings with limited supply of health care workers

***Strengthening and monitoring of
training for nurses required***

Applying this LMIC interdisciplinary model to management of NCDs

- Need to consider multiple conditions – total CVD risk management
- Education and specific training
 - Skilling up nurses for behavioural management
 - Risk factor management
 - Prescribing and titration CV medications
 - Adherence
- Patient and family centred care
 - Avoid siloes – consider how workload is organised to integrative all chronic care
 - Avoid multiple visits

tobacco cessation

Prescription and adherence with cardioprotective medications

Monitoring management of blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose



Dietary change to impact risk factors:
Overweight, BP,
lipids and diabetes

Promotion of physical activity and exercise to impact risk factors:
Overweight, BP,
lipids and diabetes

Integration into other care priorities (diagnosis and treatment)

- HIV
- TB
- Malaria
- Maternal and child health and Family Planning
- Rheumatic fever and RHD prevention

Way forward

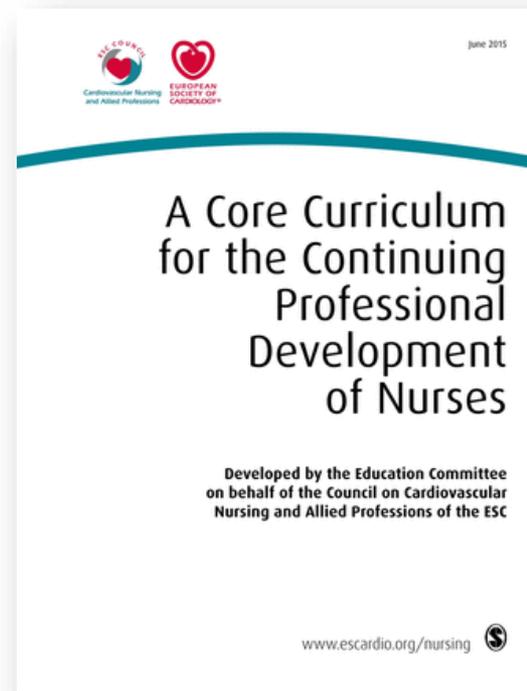
- Less rigid dichotomy required between the autonomy of nurses and doctors
- Involve nurses in health care redesign and leadership
- Ensure the largest workforce world wide is practicing to the full extent of their training
- Legislation – eg nurse prescribing and scope of practice
- Implement task sharing/interdisciplinary models of care – integrate care
- Improve nursing post basic education for specialisation

Advocacy, Education, Clinical Practice



The Global Cardiovascular Nursing Leadership Forum (GCVNLF), an initiative led by the Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association, explores ways in which nurse leaders and global nursing organizations can support cardiovascular and stroke risk reduction.

While cardiovascular disease (CVD) and stroke are largely preventable, they remain a global epidemic and the major cause of death worldwide. Nursing as part of the CV team is uniquely positioned to play a major role in reducing the global burden of cardiovascular disease.



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