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## **The impact of chronic illness: partnerships with other healthcare professionals**

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### **Abstract**

Healthcare workforce shortfalls require a rethinking of models for delivering care to people with chronic disease.

Chronic disease needs to be managed by a multiskilled team of healthcare professionals with specialist input.

Education at undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate levels needs to prepare healthcare professionals for this new paradigm.

Some tasks currently seen only as part of a doctor's purview could be performed by other trained professionals to allow doctors to concentrate on more appropriate activities.

We need to explore new collaborations to deliver multidisciplinary healthcare for chronic disease and evaluate these for patient outcomes and cost effectiveness.

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