

Implementation of integrated models – from the clinical and public health perspectives

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Public Health Perspective



Trends in referral



- Belgian study by Maetens et al. (2019) examining the evolution use and timing of palliative home care support between 2010 and 2015



Increase in uptake from 31,6% in 2010 to 34,9% in 2015

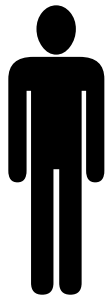
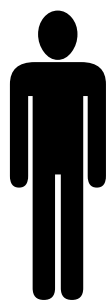
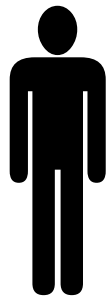
Cause of death	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Cancer Median days (IQR)	42 (45-107)	44 (16-113)	43 (15-118)	46 (16-117)	46 (17-122)	47 (17-126)

Integration of palliative care



Male

Lung Cancer



**Older
age**

**Hematologic
Cancer**

Craigs et al (2018) – Vanbutsele et al. (2018)

Integration of palliative care

Average number of contacts with specialised palliative care:

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Reasons for not referring to palliative care



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(n= 268)

Most prevalent reasons:

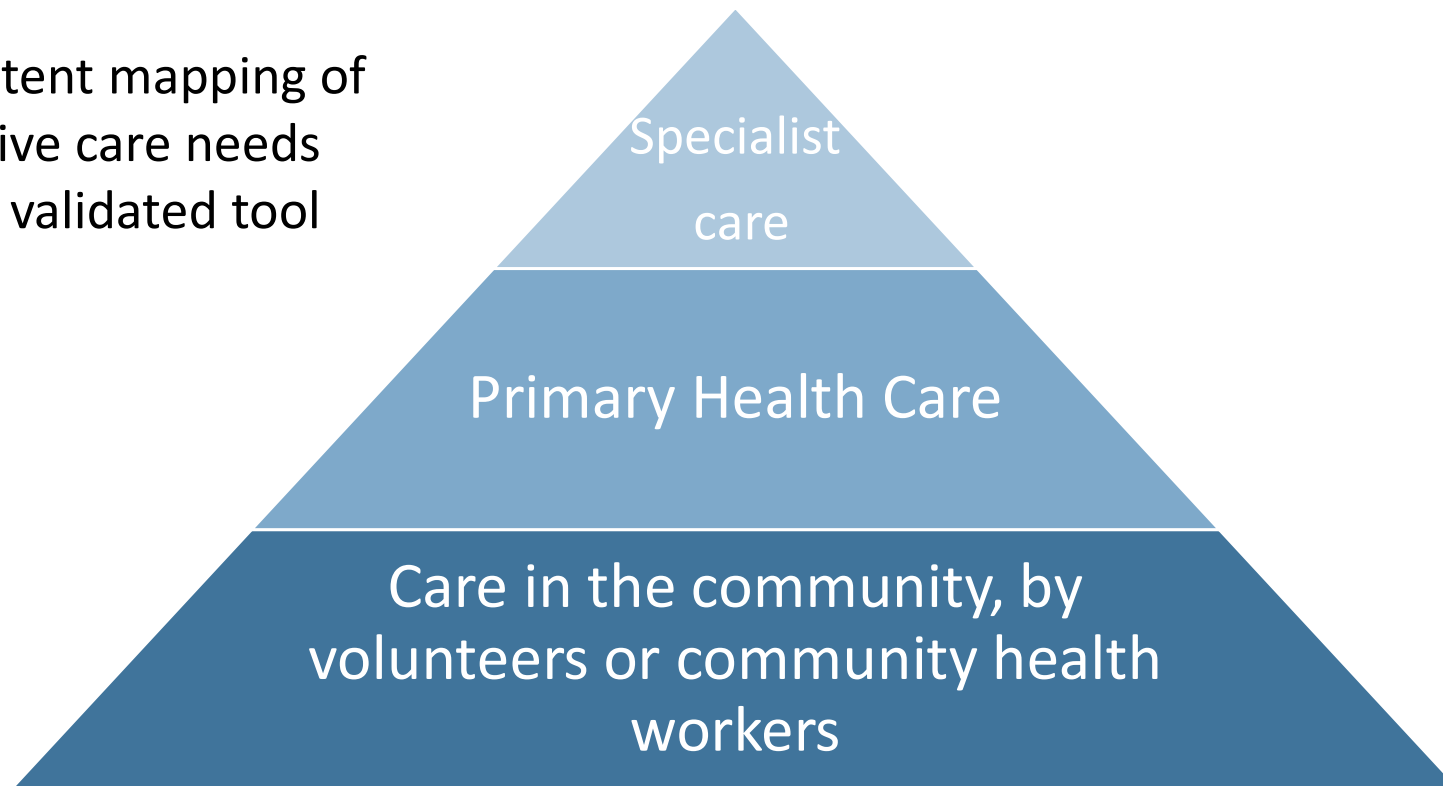
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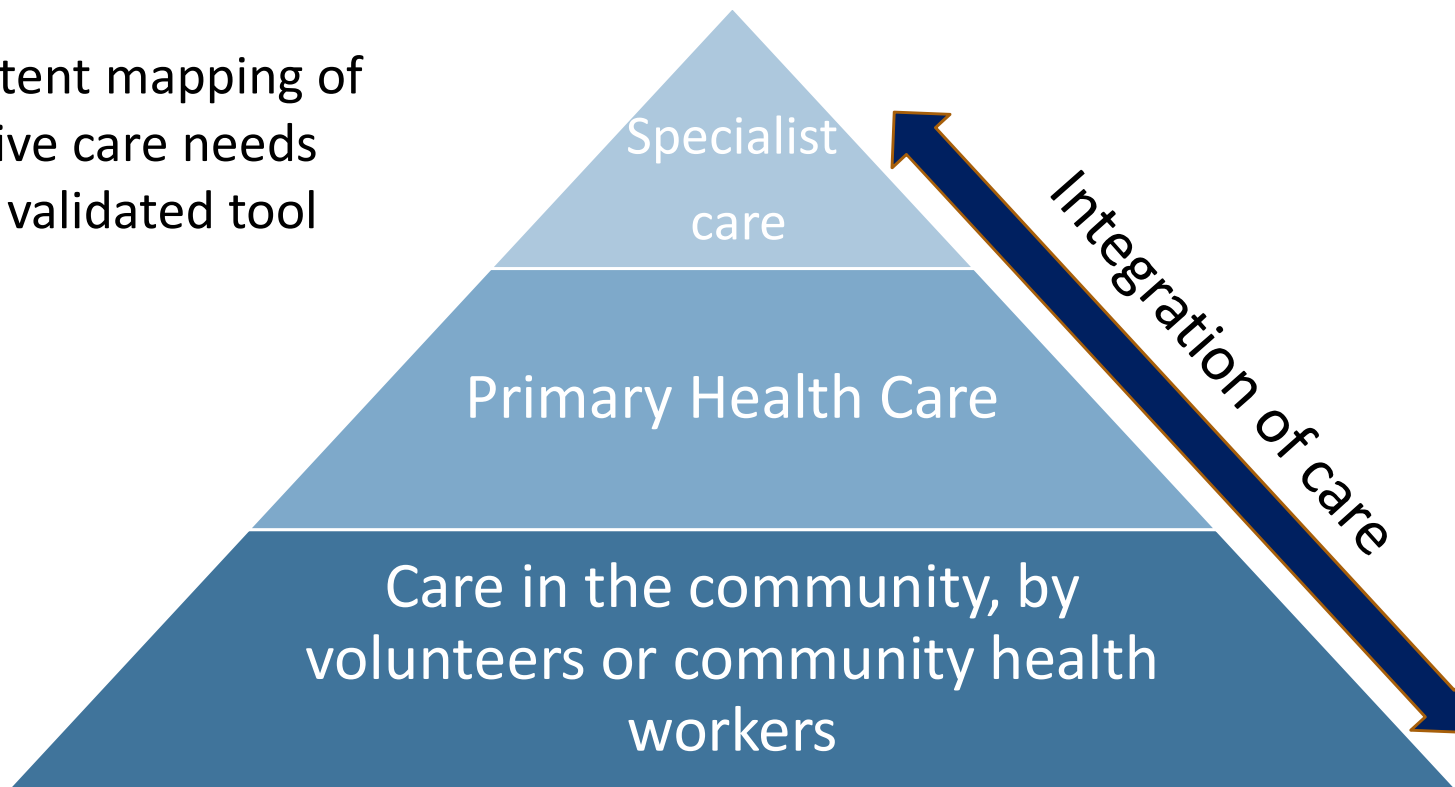
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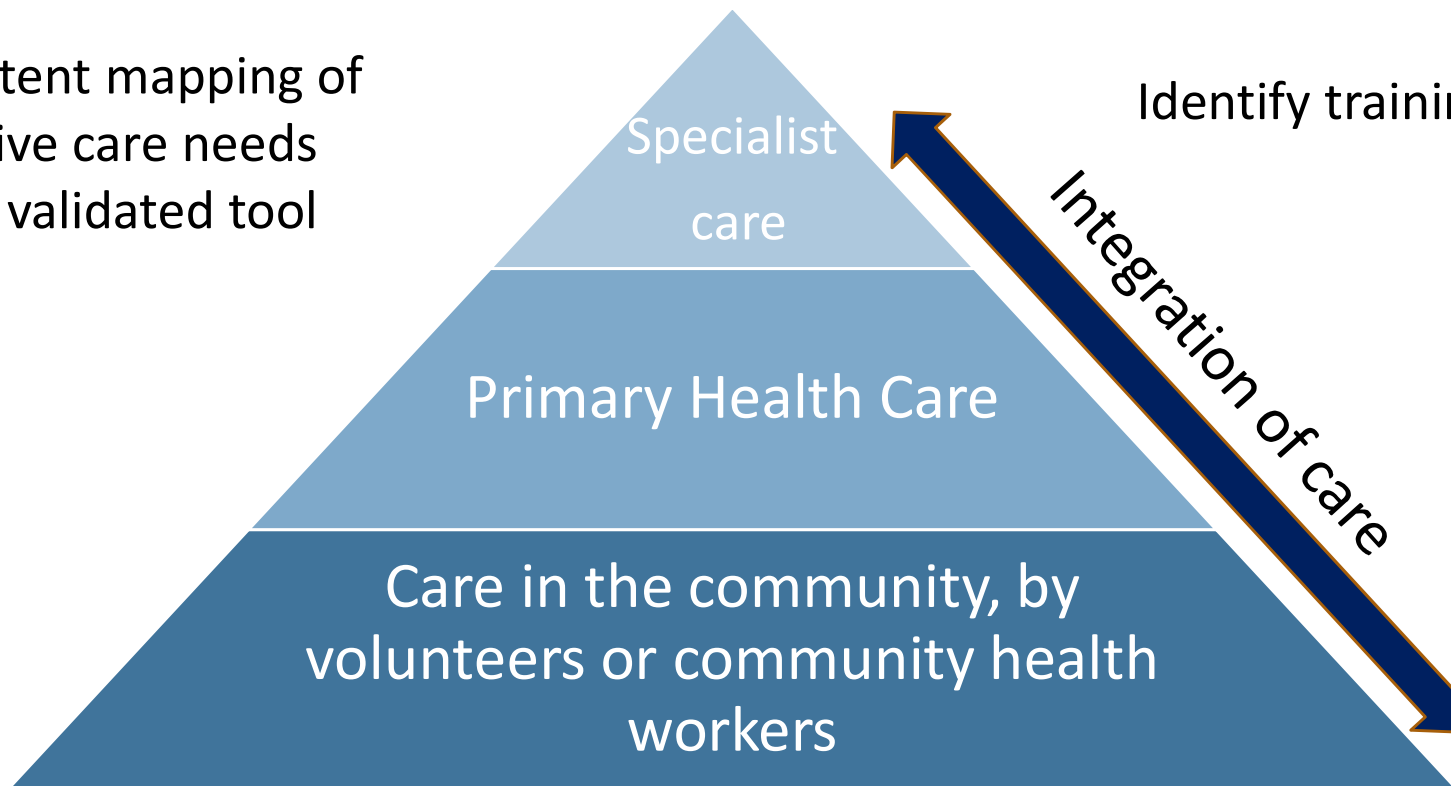
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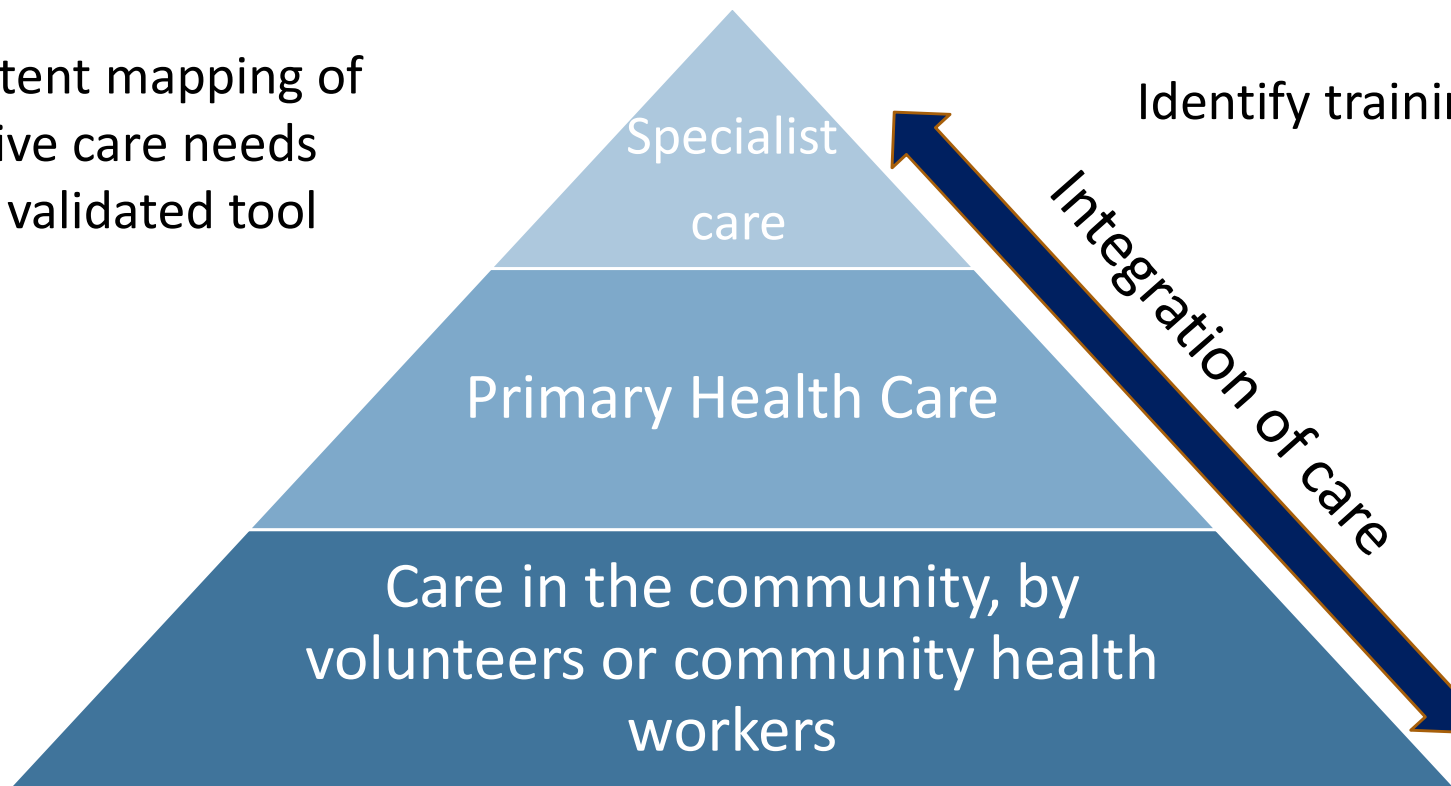
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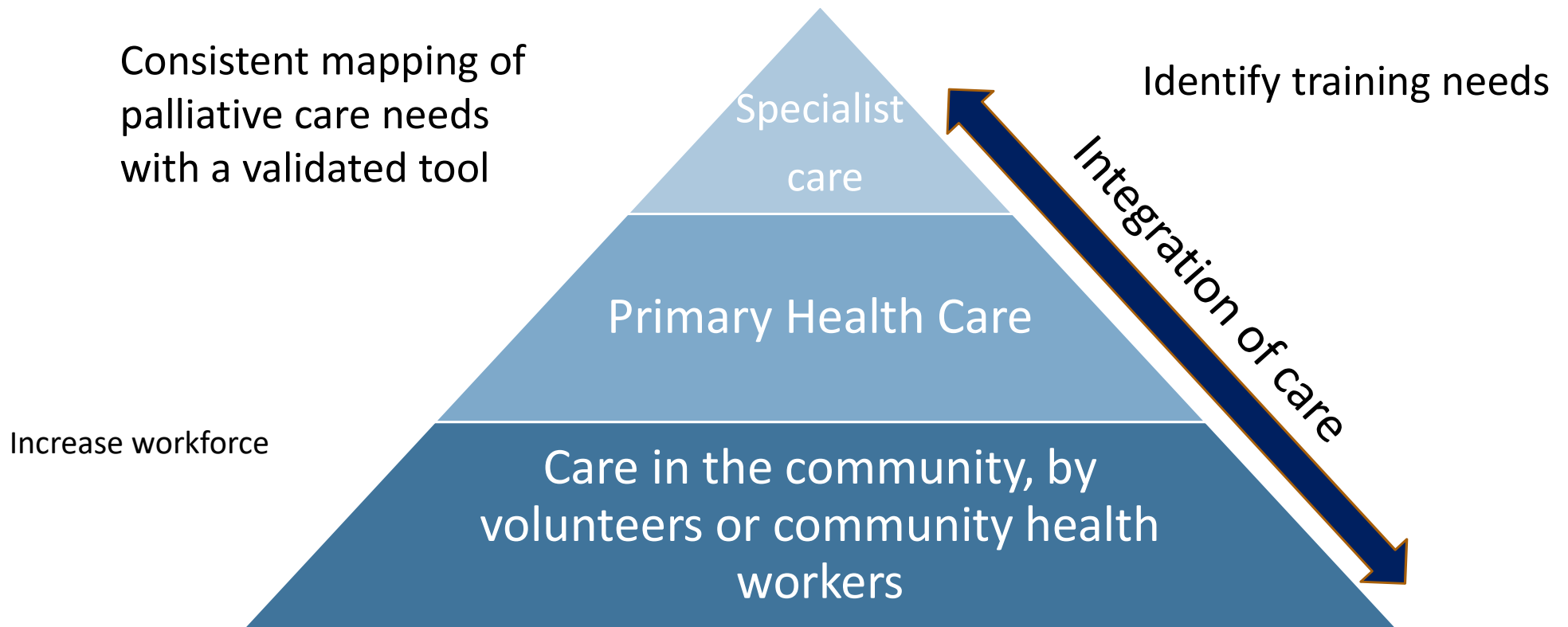


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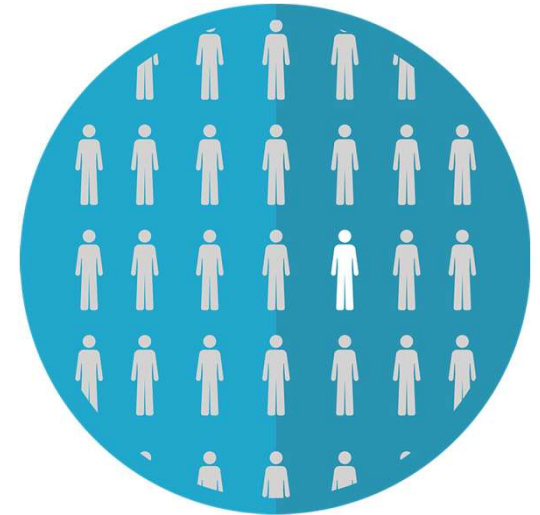
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Raising awareness



Actions for Public Health Policies



- ❖ Establish a formal national or regional policy for integrated palliative care approach
- ❖ To determine the population and define patients in need
- ❖ To agree on validated tools for identification of these patients
- ❖ To establish protocols to assure good comprehensive care and promote organizational changes
- ❖ To identify training needs of professionals and insert palliative care in all settings
- ❖ To establish and monitor indicators of standards of care

Public health approach to integration of care

No one-size-fits-all approach, but some general principles for success:

- ❖ Acknowledge the resources and structures of the health system
- ❖ Dynamic and responsive to the needs
- ❖ Context of co-development in a context of shared knowledge about palliative care
- ❖ Palliative care is an approach that needs to be embraced by everyone to be effective