

UNSW research centre for **primary health care and equity**

Primary health care reforms: what mix of types?

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A Healthier Future For All Australians

Major goals

- Tackling major access and equity issues
- Redesign the health system to meet emerging challenges.
- Create an agile, responsive and self-improving health system for future generations.



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Proposed PHC reforms

- Integrating multidisciplinary PHC services.
- Comprehensive PHC centres/services.
- Better use of specialists in the community.
- Voluntary enrollment: 'Health Care Home'.
- Primary Health Care Organisations.

Types of primary health care

(Lamarche et al 2003)

Features	Professional	Community
Definition	Primary (clinical) care Individuals or registered patients	Primary health care Geographically defined pop'n Community development Broad range of services
Strengths	Accessible and responsive to individual needs	Equity Comprehensiveness
Comprehensiveness	Care across the continuum Range of health professions Bio-psycho-social approach	Addresses individual & community health problems Works with other sectors Social health approach
Population perspective	Individuals +/- carers Ensuring access for all	Works with community to address their health needs Prioritising health needs of the most disadvantaged

Determinants of population health

(Kaplan G, 2004)

