Skill mix translation; Top down or bottom up? An international comparison

APCHRI Travelling Fellowship Stream 10

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Setting

- APHCRI 6/Primary care
- Rural Canada/UK
- 4 family practice sites
- Looked at nurse practitioners (Canada) and advanced practice nurses (UK)
- Snap shot of some of the issues at practice level
Systemic enablers

- Funding models
- Regulation and accreditation
- Education
- IT and IM
- Practice infrastructure
- ? Necessary but not sufficient?
Practice Level

- Scope of practice variable (evolving skills and confidence)
- GP/nurse concerns
- Continuity of care
- Consumers
Ways forward

- Clarity of purpose
- Predicated on supply
- Need policy Top Down and Bottom up
- Support current innovation that makes sense at the practice level