

# **Role of Nurses in Primary Care**

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# Challenges

- Rising demand for care
- Rising cost of care
- Variable quality
- GP workforce shortages

# Expectations

## **Nurses working in extended roles can -**

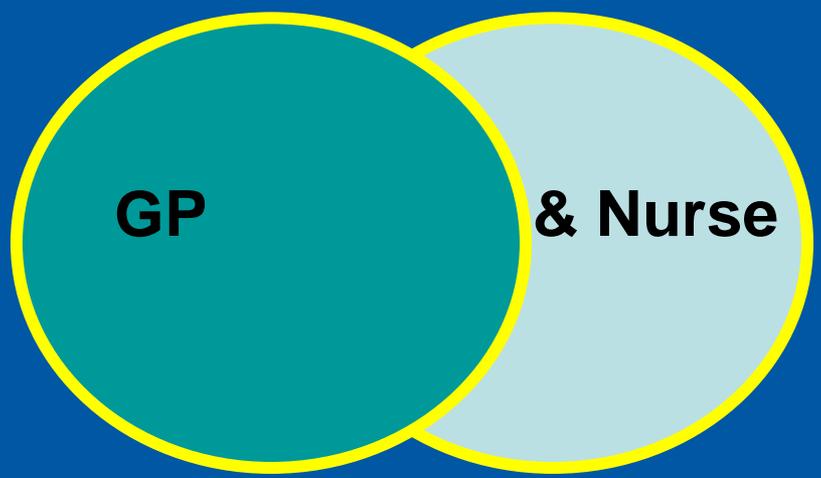
- Reduce demand for doctors
- Reduce cost of care
- Maintain (or increase) the quality of care

# Extended Nurse Roles

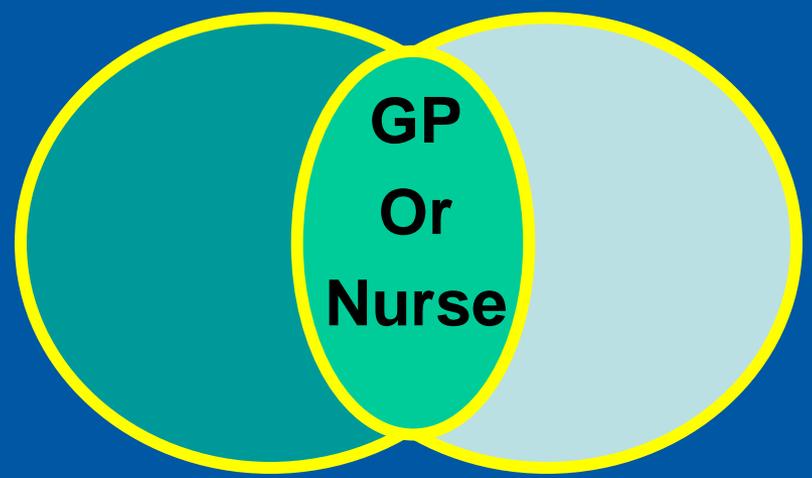
- Health promotion
- Chronic disease management
- First contact care
- First contact & ongoing care

# Two Models of Working

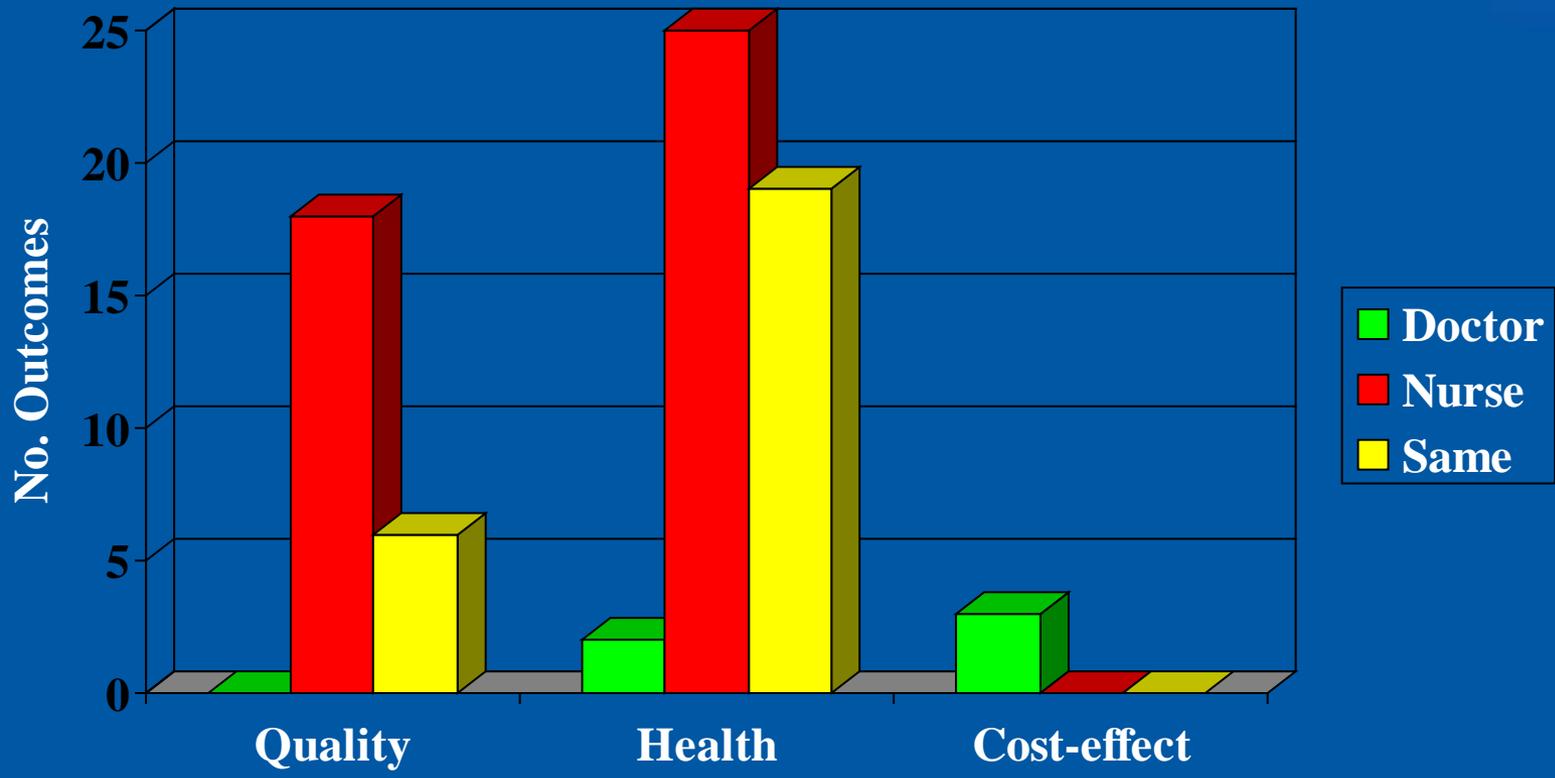
Supplementation



Substitution

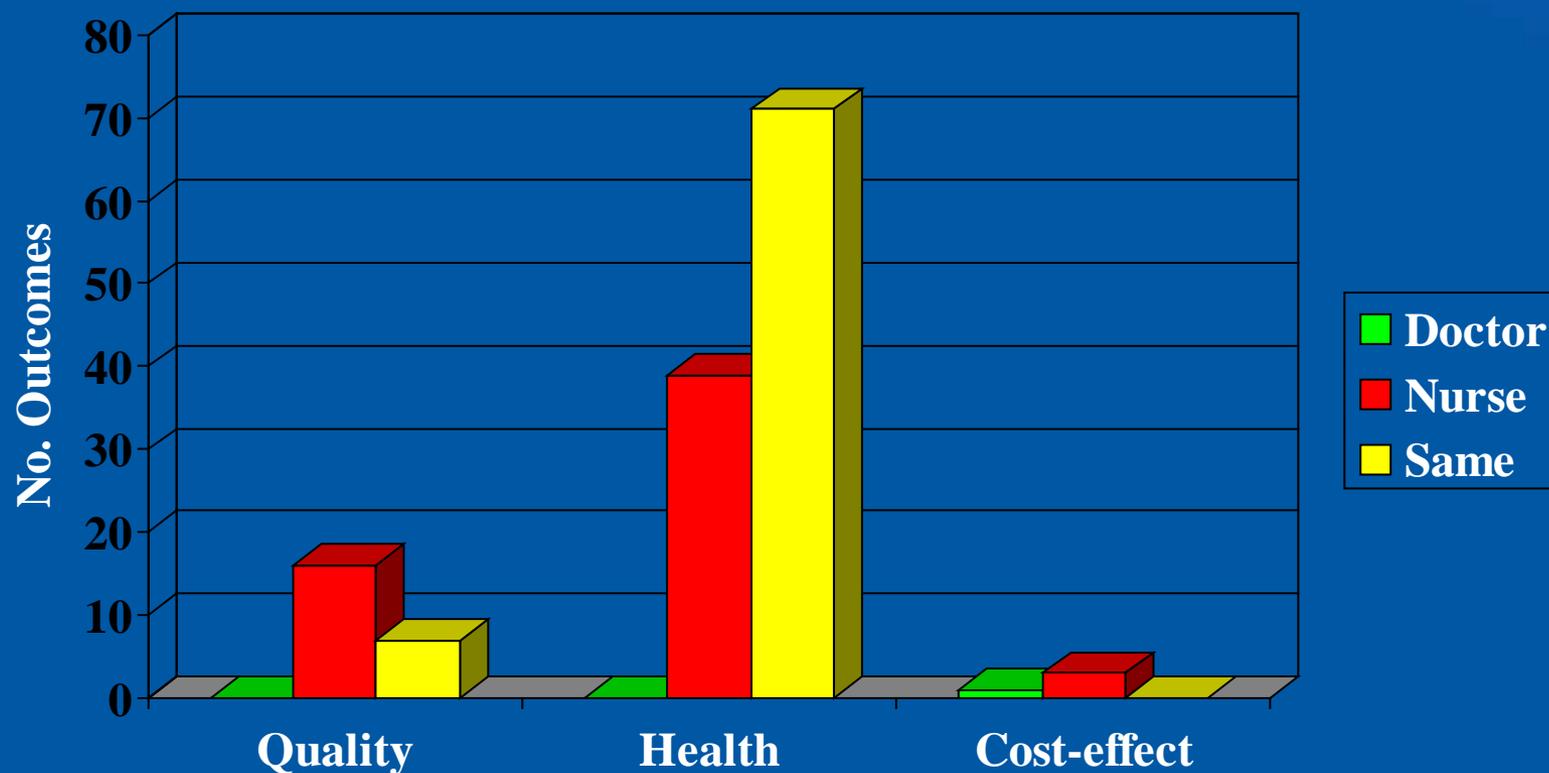


# Supplementation Health Promotion (15 studies)



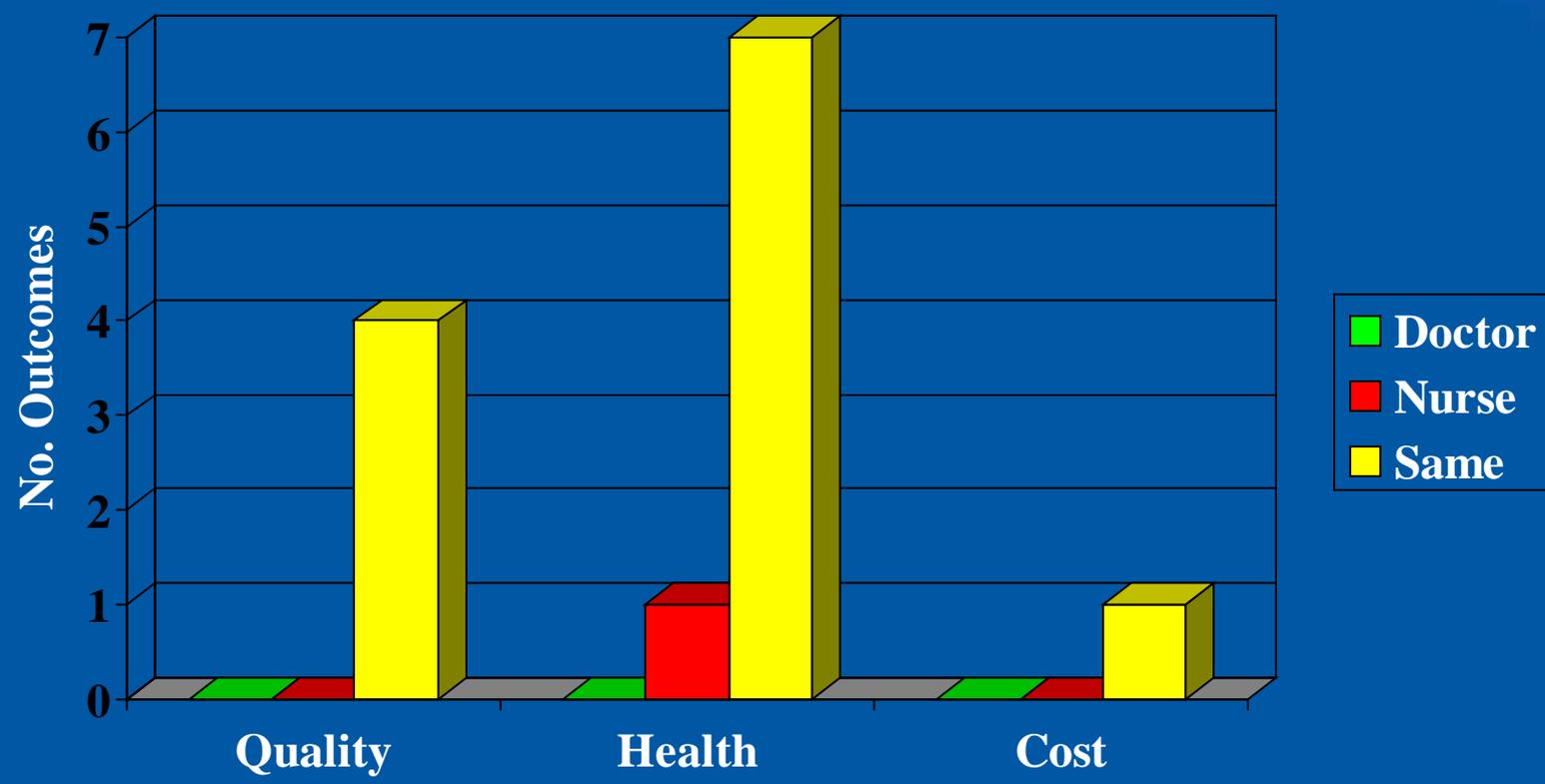
# Supplementation

## Chronic Disease Management (17 studies)



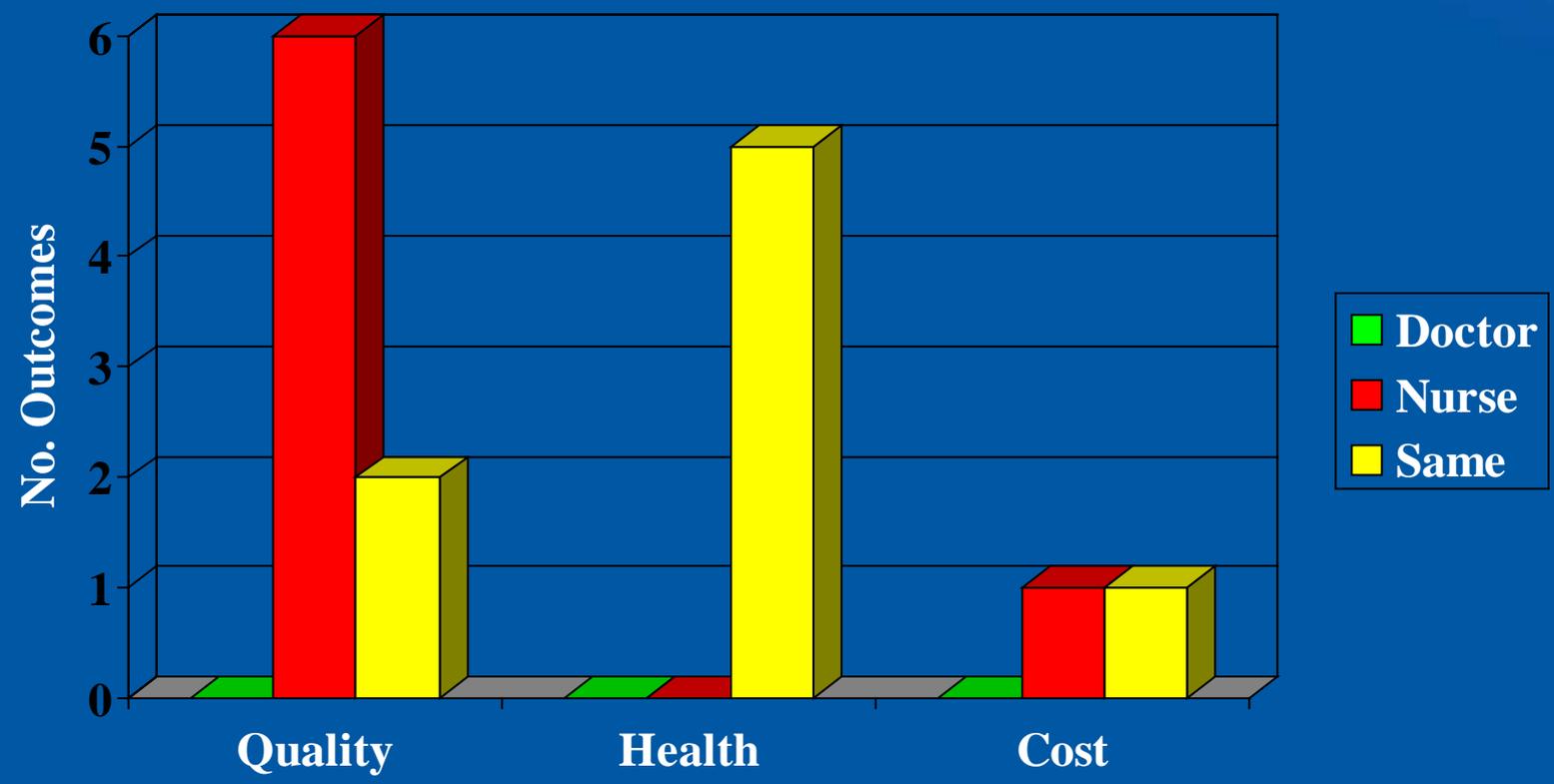
# Substitution

## Chronic Disease Management (4 studies)



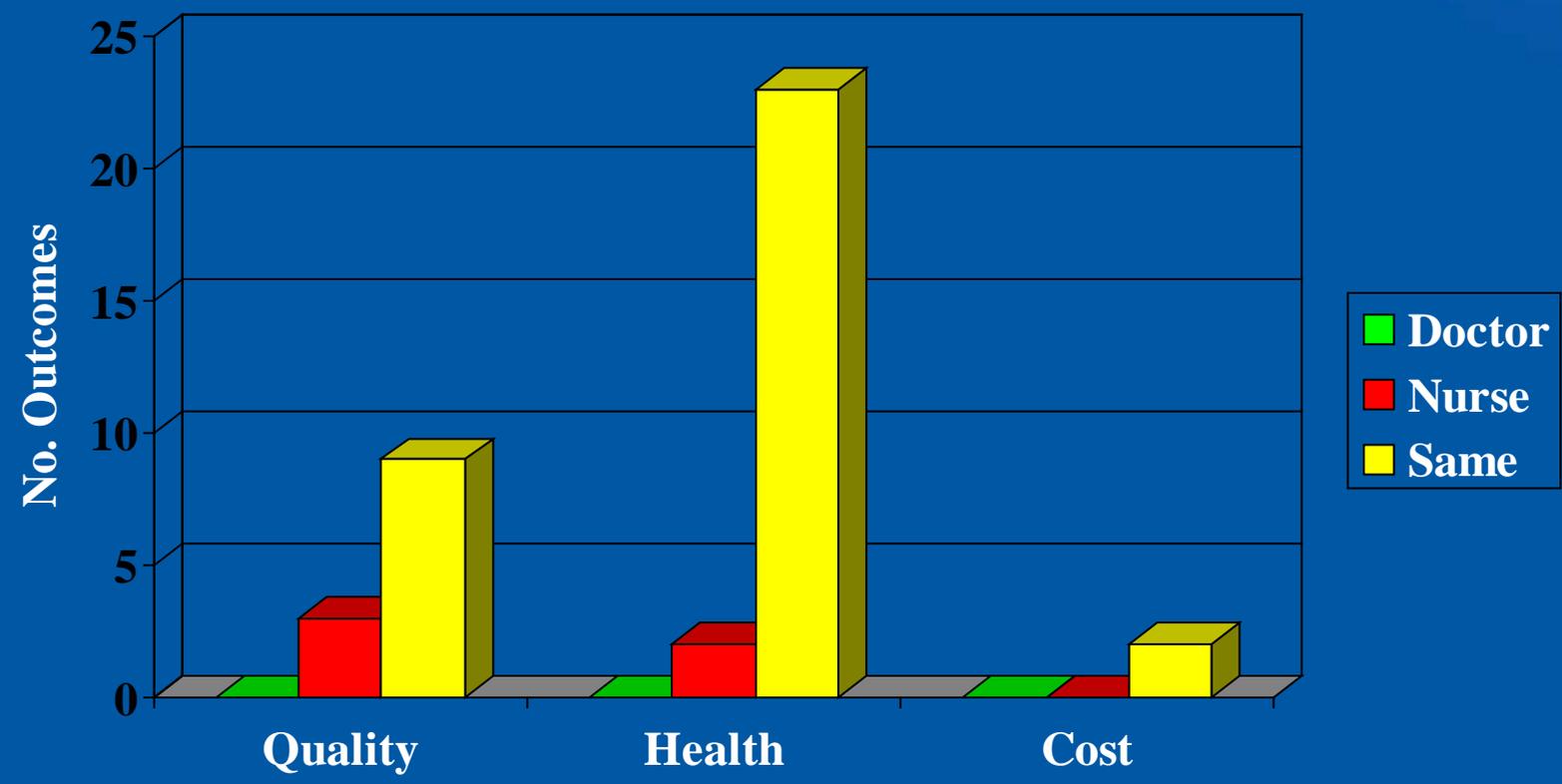
# Substitution

## First contact care (5 studies)



# Substitution

## First contact & ongoing care (7 studies)



# Conclusions

## Nurses working in extended roles can-

• Reduce demand for doctors	Yes
• Reduce cost of care –Supplementation: higher cost for higher quality –Substitution: cost neutral	No
• Maintain (or increase) the quality of care	Yes



Thank you

# Barriers/Facilitators to Enhanced Nurse Roles

- Nurse training
- Employment costs
- Accommodation (nurse treatment room)
- Legal liability
- Scope of practice restrictions
- Payment systems