



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

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Setting

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



Systemic enablers

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



Practice Level

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



Ways forward

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