

# Structures, Power and Respect: The Nurse's Dilemma



# Objective

- Describe the structures and roles to increased respect and professional autonomy for nurses.
  - Compare and contrast Core values and roles of various groups in the health field with nursing
  - Connect all values to support for patient needs



### Research Questions

- How do organizational structures interact with healthcare professionals?
- How do people understand "respect"?
- What are tangible policies to change the situation?
- How do we position these issues so that you have robust ways to think about them?
- How can we describe them to help CNAC with its final report(s)?



### Other Questions

- How much are the issues related to structures?
- How much are they related to lack of respect?
- How much are they related to crippling workloads?
- Are there other relevant factors that lead to current nursing problems?
  - What are some policy interventions by nursing organizations, by government and by other professions that could change the situation?

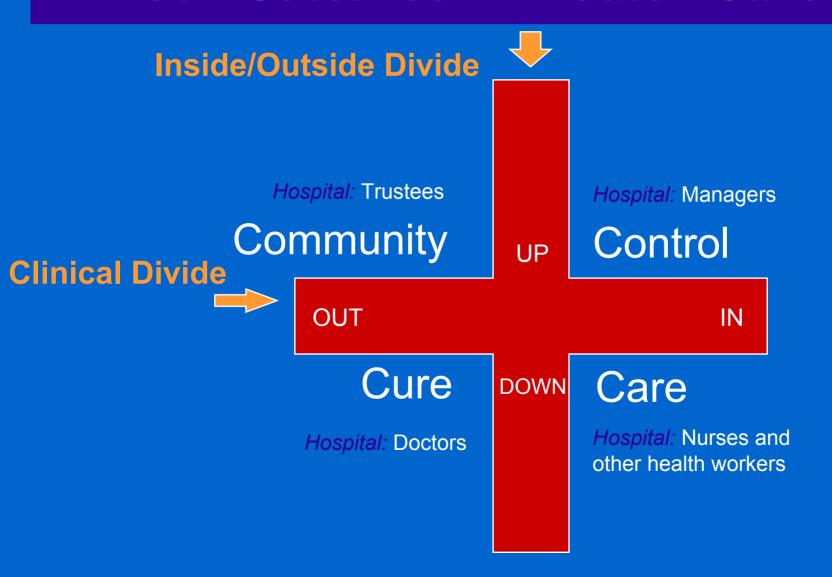


### Methodology

- Conceptual clarification of professional respect issues in health care
- Literature review
- Observe change in hospital environment
- Develop a series of alternative scenarios and recommendations
- Meet with nurses, nurse leaders and other health care audiences to review results



#### Four Cultures in Health Care



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#### Health Care Professionals at Baycrest

1.	Arts and Crafts Specialist	19.	Laboratory Services
2.	Audiologist	20.	Legal Counsel (Competency)
3.	Behavioural Neurologist	21.	Physician
4.	Chaplain (Rabbi)	22.	Music Therapist
5.	Chiropodist	23.	Nurse Educator
6.	Client Financial Services Accountant	24.	Nurse Clinician
7.	Clinical Nurse Specialist	25.	Nurse
8.	Competency Assessor	26.	Occupational Therapist
9.	Cultural and Heritage Specialist	27.	Pharmacist
10.	Dance Movement Therapist	28.	Physiotherapist
11.	Day Care Specialist	29.	Psychiatrist
12.	Dentist	30.	Psychologist
3.	Diagnostic Imaging	31.	Research Scientist
14.	Therapeutic Dietician	32.	Social, Cultural and Educational
15.	Ethicist	33.	Social Worker
16.	Family Medicine Practitioner	34.	Speech Pathologist
17.	Fitness and Health Promotion	35.	Therapeutic Recreationist





### **Doctors**

Career path	Steady State
Jobs in career	One
Organisational type	Practice in Chimney
Value base	Proficiency
Status	Specialty, Rank, Empire
Currency	Time
Job Security	Virtual Tenure
Metaphor	Scalpel
Work Activity	Intervention: Cutting, Medicating Talking





# Managers

Career path	Spiral
Jobs in career	Five to Seven
Organisational type	Corporate Hierarchy
Value base	Efficiency
Status	Title, Budget, Span of Control
Currency	Money
Job Security	Contractual
Metaphor	Axe
Work Activity	Allocation: Talking





## Trustees

Career path	Transitory
Jobs in career	Many
Organisational type	Committee
Value base	Access to the Best
	Fiscal Responsibility
Status	Role in the <i>Real</i> World
Currency	Quality and Money
Job Security	Time Limited
Metaphor	Gavel
Work Activity	Meeting: Talking





### Nurses

Career path	Up or out
Jobs in career	Two
Organisational type	Military
Value base	Professionalism
Status	Staff Size
Currency	Hours of Nursing
Job Security	Job Market
Metaphor	Scissors, Cotton Wool, Hands
Work Activity	Process: Touching Medicating Talking



# The Nursing Struggle

"For the last Hundred years the general hospital has been the key battleground for the various forces arrayed in the division of labour in health care. There seems no reason why this should change now."

A Social History of Nursing Dingwall, Rafferty, et al.

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	Nurses	Doctors	Managers	Boards
Career path	Up or Out	Steady State	Spiral	Transitory
Jobs in Career	Two	One	Five – Seven	Many
Organisational Type	Military	Practice in Chimney	Corporate Hierarchy	Committee
Value Base	Professional	Proficiency	Efficiency	Access to the Best, Fiscal Responsibility
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#### Differentiation: Integration or Fragmentation

"The greater the differentiation between different components of the work, the more need there is for the integration of the entire process. Without such integration work becomes fragmented with increased risks of gaps, duplications and mistakes."

**Sholom Glouberman** 

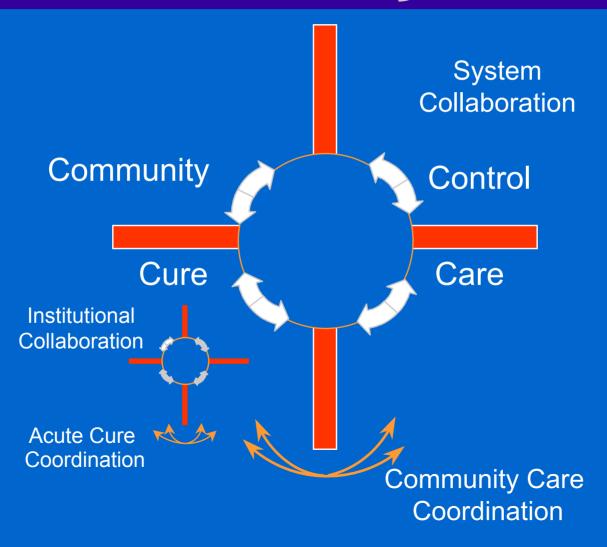


### Differentiation

Fragmentation	Differentiation	Integration	
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Distinct records	Information Systems	Shared records	
Data disagreements		Agreed data	
Cost duplication		Cost savings	
Hidden agendas	Mission	Agreement about	
Disagreements		agenda Identify	
Disguised activities		similarities and differences	
Fragmented management	Clinical Directorates	Devolve responsibility	
Sewer pipes for	Program Planning	Responsiveness to	
chimneys		clinical needs	
Nurses do it alone	Quality Improvement	Shared work review	
No room for the sick	Managed Care	Promote good health	



# The Four Major Issues





### A 90 Year Old Problem

There seems to be something radically wrong with the trained nurse of to-day – the medical profession says there is something wrong; the thinking women at the head of training-schools say there is something wrong; and the lay public finds something radically wrong. Not all of these elements agree as to just what the trouble is, in fact, they all seem to differ.

The doctors say the nurses who are being graduated from the training-schools are not efficient, and a great many thinking members of the medical profession say that the nurses are being trained to too fine a point, but not in the right direction. The heads of training-schools think the nurses are not being sufficiently trained. The public does not seem to care to analyze the situation, but merely finds fault with the nurse as an individual.

Hornsby, John Allan, and Richard E. Schmidt. *The Modern Hospital*. Philadelphia: W.B. Saunders Co. 1913.page 304



#### 3 Recent Attempts To Change Power & Structure

- Care Planning
- Clinical Directorates
- Program Management



# Care Planning

- Nursing led
- Transparent processes
- Build relationships during development

- Nursing alone
- Long development time
- Not implemented by doctors
- Out of date quickly



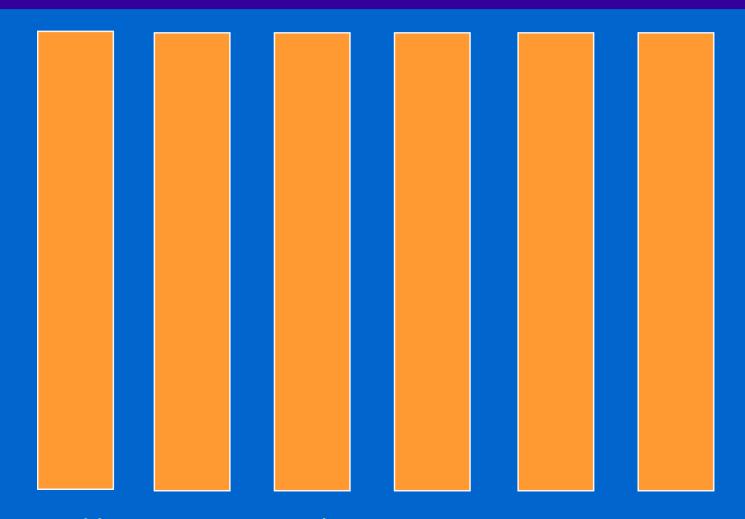
### Clinical Directorates

- Doctors involved
- Locally led
- More control over resources
- Team creation

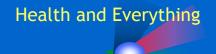
- Nurses lose power
- Doctor Directors seen as traitors
- Inadequate management skills
- Illusory control



## **Functional Chimneys**



Program Management 1



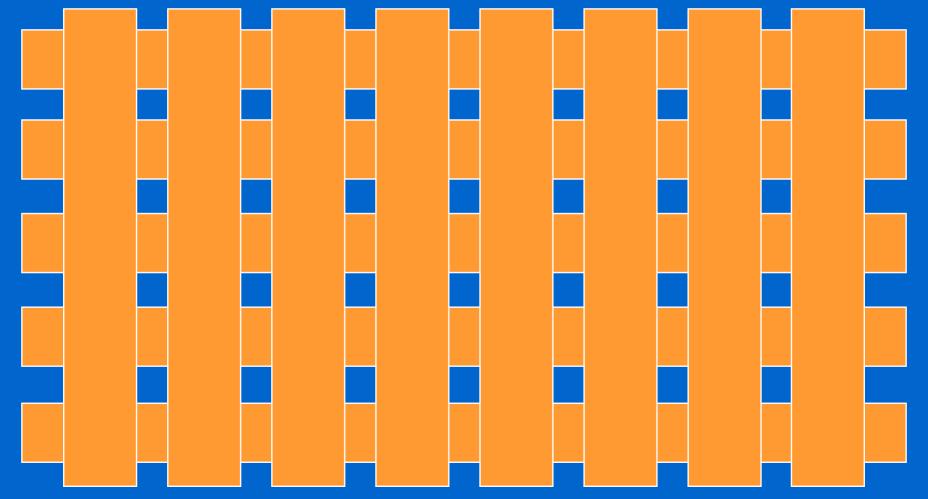
# Programmatic Sewer Pipes

Program Management 2

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# The Change Process

Health and Everything



**Program Management 3** 



## Myths about Structure

- If we get it right everything will be OK
- Managing structural change as a defense against the primary task
- All conflicts are caused by structural dysfunction
- We must keep adjusting it until we get it right



# Some Directions For Nursing

- Present trends continue
- A massive shift toward community and primary care
- A rethinking of how health care work is done



### **Present Trends Continue**

- Current patterns of power remain
  - Doctors raise boundaries
- Technology drives change
- Funding problems increase
- Constant restructuring



### **Present Trends Continue**

Work Activity	Assessment Care Plan Preparation	Junior doctor functions	Supervized Direct Care
Profession Types	Broker	Doctor extender	Pink Collar
Authority	Nurse hierarchy	Medical	Nurse hierarchy
Control	Fiscal	Fiscal	Fiscal
Quality Measures	Nursing Standards	Medical Standards	Nursing Standards
Career Path	Up or Out	Up or Out	Limited
Organizing Structure	Officers only	Professional Chimney	Troops
Value Base	Professional Boundaries	Professional Boundaries	Vocation
Job Security	Market	Tenure?	High



### Shift To Community and Primary Care

- Ever shorter institutional stays
- Increased care in community
- Primary care strenthened
- Growth of multi-service community clinics
- More alternative therapies



# Community Based Health Care

	Community Based Health Care		
Work Activity	Nursing	Health Care	
Profession	General Practice	Consulting	
Authority	Professional	Community org	
Control	Community	Community	
Quality Measures	Outcome	Community	
Career Path	None	Lateral	
Organizing	Practice	None	
Value Base	Health gain	Healthy	
Job Security	Self employed	Little	



# Rethinking Health Care Work

- More relationship building
  - Inside and outside nursing
  - Need for multi-disciplinary teams grows
- A more stable environment
  - 3 year funding
  - Job security for nurses
  - No major restructuring
- Focus on patient outcomes
  - Increased citizen involvement



# Coordinating Mechanisms

- Direct Supervision
- Mutual Adjustment
- Standardization of Process
- Standardization of Output
- Standardization of Skills
- Standardization of Norms



# Rethinking Health Care Work

	Rethinking Roles and Relationships
Work Activity	Patient Care as member of team
Profession Types	Specialty group practice
Authority	Shared Governance
Control	Patient
Quality Measures	Clinical Audit
Career Path	Clinical Ladder
Organizing Structure	Team
Value Base	Outcome
Job Security	Team



# Summary of Possible Respect

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