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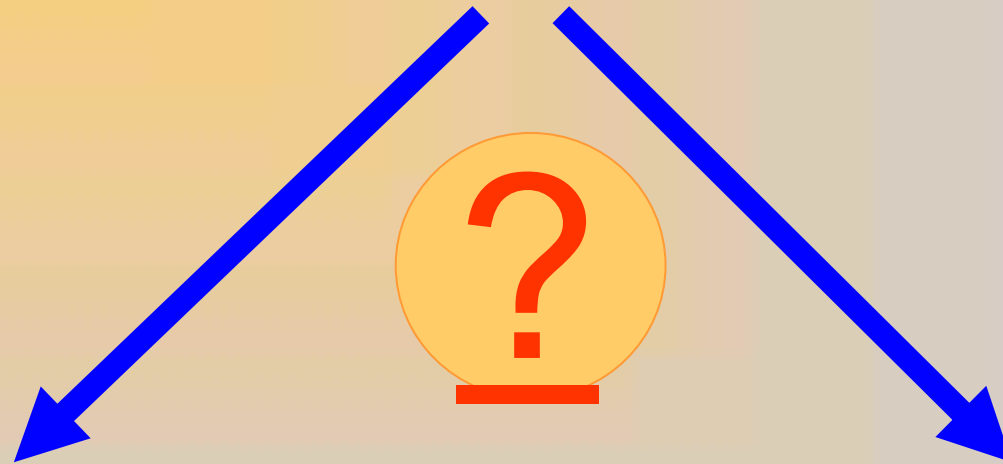
MODELS AND RESULTS IN HOME CARE

The Case Management Approach to Home Care

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HOME CARE



Organization

CGA

Instrument

Take Home Messages (I)

Some features of the best practices may explain these results.

The role of Case Manager – ability to design care plans and co-ordinate all available services, so assuring integrated care.

Single entry point – in our model the community geriatric evaluation unit represented the gatekeeper to health services. This provided a unique community-based setting to refer patients, regardless of specific needs.

Take Home Messages (II)

Case Manager into a multidisciplinary team – the close collaboration between case managers, community geriatric evaluation unit and general practitioners was critical to the success of the intervention; this may determine the effectiveness of any community-based programs.

New assessment “system” (MDS-HC) – yields better results in terms of physical functioning and costs savings as compared with traditional geriatric assessment.

Take Home Messages (III)

- *The evidence shows that the development of cost-effective, integrated systems of care for frail elderly are possible.*
- *Despite positive results, none of the experimental models to date have been successfully generalized on a large scale !!!*