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Collaborative context of practice in primary care, complex situations and nursing role

Or how collaborative practices can help to to extend the role nurses play



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People living with chronic wounds

Multiple care needs

Mainly cared for in **community settings**

Multiple providers involved (generalist and specialist)

Nurses provide wound care (**frequent contact** in the patient's living environment)

Risk of discontinuity and uncoordinated care

Alvarez-Irusta, L., Van Durme, T., Lambert, A.-S., & Macq, J. (2022). People with chronic wounds cared for at home in Belgium : Prevalence and exploration of care integration needs using health care trajectory analysis. *International Journal of Nursing Studies*, 104349. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijnurstu.2022.104349>



Why people with chronic wounds?

As case study

=>primary care **collaborative practices**

=>foster **person-centred care**

=>among people living in **complex situations**

*"For me it really has an impact because I am mixed between **sadness** and **anger** when I go there [patient's home] because first of all, this feeling of **powerlessness**, while telling me that there would be a way to be **powerful in fact**"_E13*

Contextual factors influence practice and rôle (of nurses)



Contextual factors for health care practices in community setting

Macro & Meso level

Legal frame
Modes of payment of care
Organisationnal practices in primary care
Status of the health care providers



How the care activity is funded

What primary care providers share together

Micro level

Individual nurse

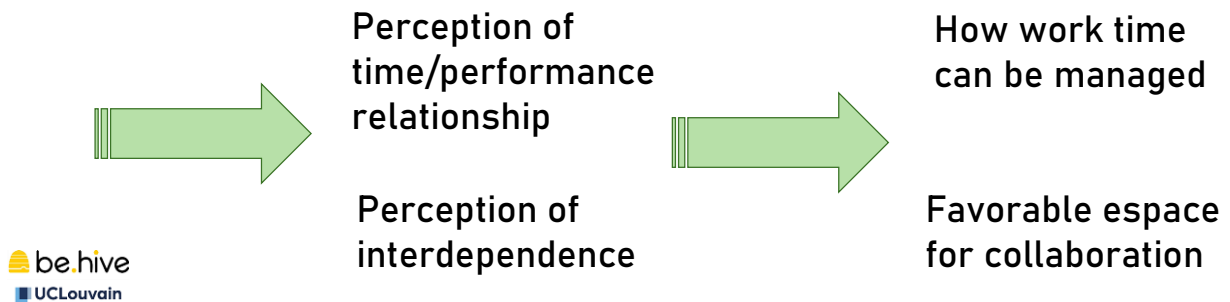


What profile does the nurse have



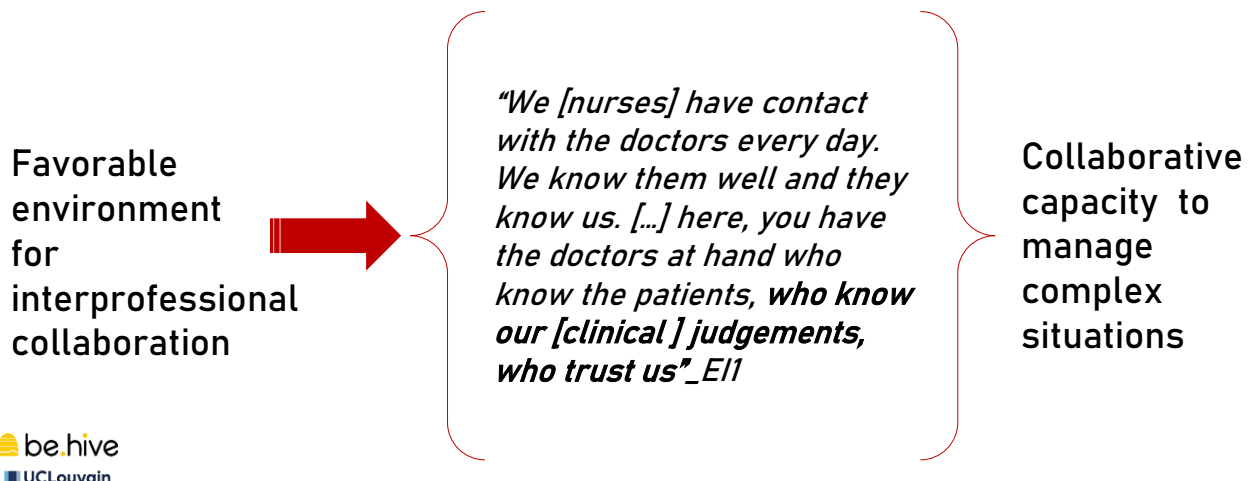
Health care practice in community and home care in Belgium , at funding and sharing ressources

How care activity is funded & what primary care providers share matters (already known)



Health care practice in community and home care in Belgium, perception of interdependence

Creating a positive social climate



Health care practice in community and home care in Belgium, at nurse level

What profile does the nurse have

"And well, it was all part of my youthful naivety that went up in smoke that day"_E12

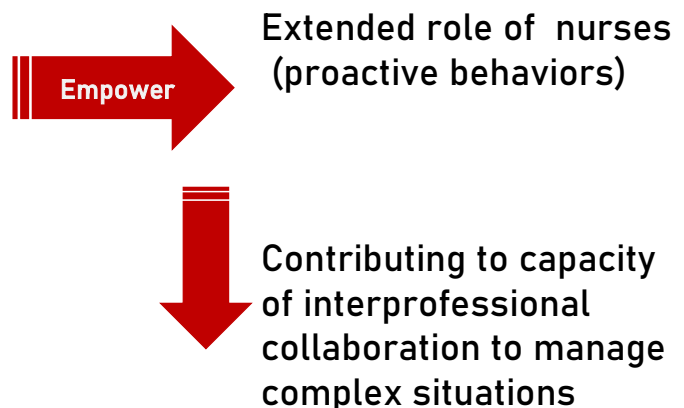
"My colleague is quicker to say "well, no, it's not our responsibility", whereas I would tend to say "well, maybe it is" [...] I have a vision of care that is much broader than [technical] care in itself"_E15



Health care practice in community and home care in Belgium, scope of the nurse role

Nurses experiencing a positive interprofessional collaborative context that supports autonomy, competence and relatedness

"[...] there is also a need for a bit of recognition from the team: ok, you spend a lot of time and it's not easy, we support you"_E15



Key messages

In complex situations, **empowered** nurses can **extend their role to contribute** to greater capacity of interprofessional collaboration taking into account patient's preferences

Sharing resources, responsibilities and processes with other primary care providers can create **favorable spaces for interprofessional collaboration**. A positive social climate is also **needed** to ensure full **collaborative capacity in a safe way**