

The INSPIRED COPD Outreach Program™ : Insights and Outcomes



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COPD in Canada

1st

Cause of hospital admissions among chronic illness

4th

Leading cause of death



In Ontario,

12%

of population,

24%

hospital admissions

(Gershon et al 2013)



1 in 4
>35yrs



\$750,000,000

annually in
healthcare costs

Many patients with advanced COPD:

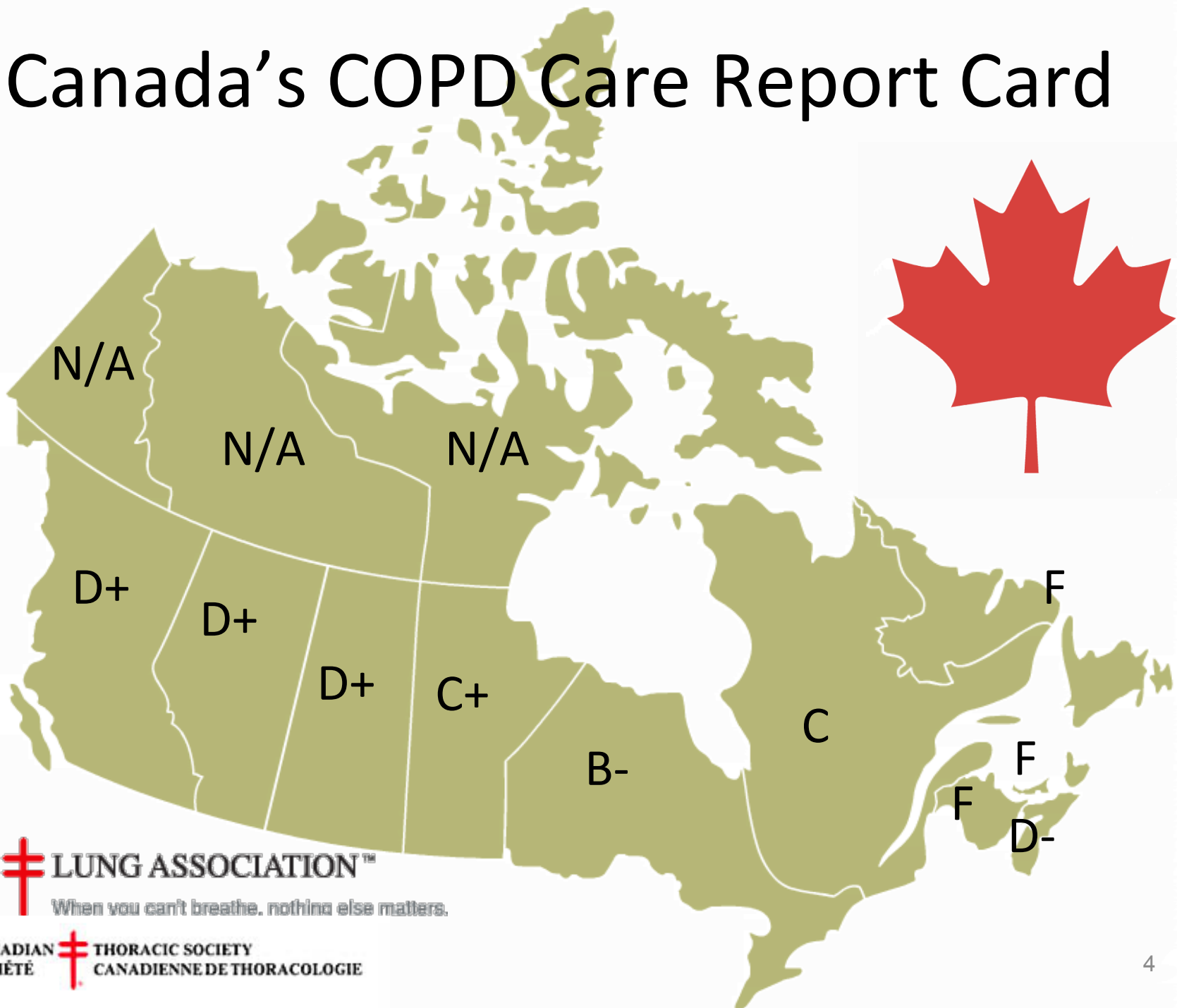


- Suffer from refractory dyspnea (up to 50%)
- Relief from dyspnea a top priority; plan of care at discharge¹
- Have symptom burden similar to or worse than patients with advanced lung cancer²

1. Rocker GM, Dodek PE, Heyland DK. *Can Respir J* 2008;15:249-54

2. Gore et al., *Thorax* 2000

Canada's COPD Care Report Card



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When you can't breathe, nothing else matters.

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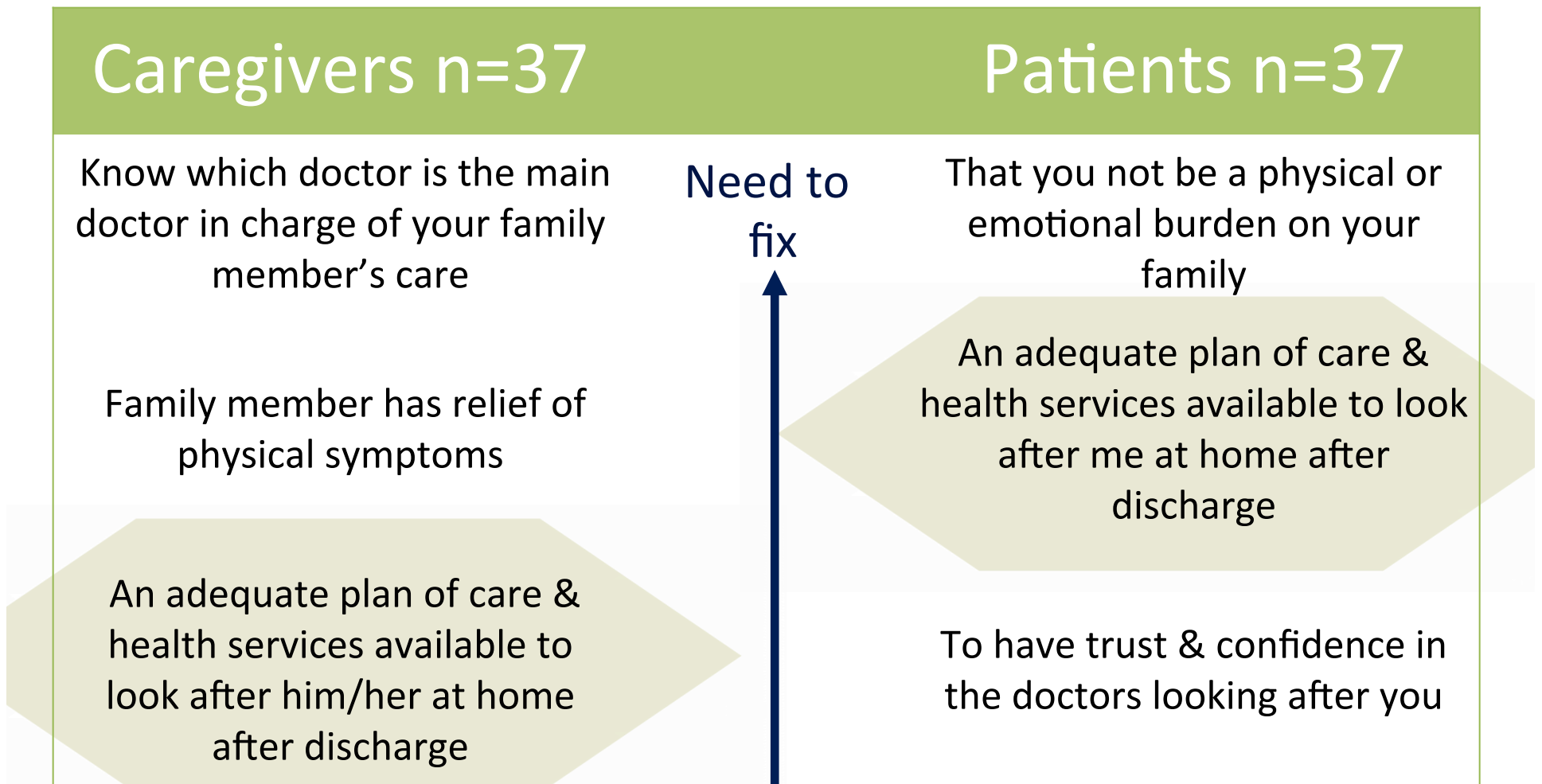
Listening to Patients

Advanced COPD: Most important elements of end of life care

Patients n=118	%
Not being kept alive on a ventilator when there's no meaningful hope of recovery	55%
Relief of physical symptoms	47%
An adequate plan of care & health services after after discharge	40%

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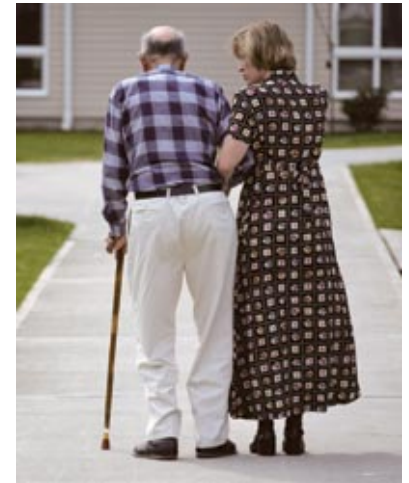
Advanced COPD Care: Top 3 opportunities for Improvement



COPD: The family caregivers

Loss is a central theme

Social isolation, boredom, tension in the relationship, fatigue, resentment, restriction of personal freedom, anger, helplessness, guilt, depression, difficulty sleeping, anticipatory grieving, loss of self-identity, and panic.



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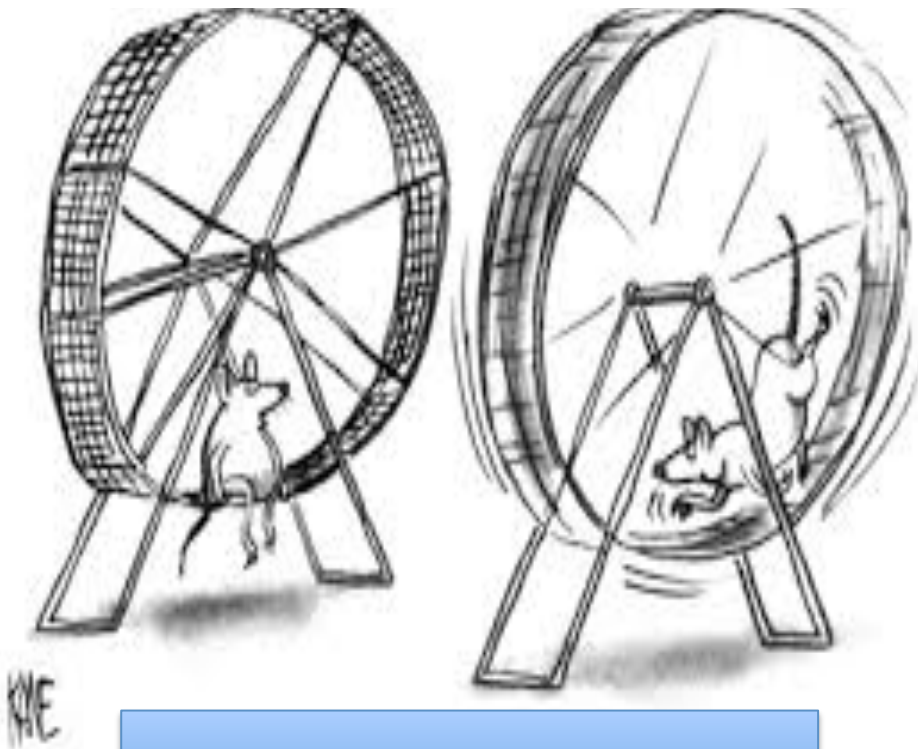
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Bailey PH. The Dyspnea-Anxiety-Dyspnea Cycle Qual Health Res 2004;14:760

Epiphany Moment



I had an epiphany

“I’m not sure how much more distress I can listen to, or papers we write before I know we are going to do something meaningful about all of this”

Joanne Young in research coordinator role pre INSPIRED

The road to acute care...

Discharged
back to a
broken system;
Off the radar

Arrive to the ER in crisis
Long length of stay


Poor knowledge
of disease; Little
to no support

Don't want to
burden others

Symptoms worsen (denial,
panic); No plan in place

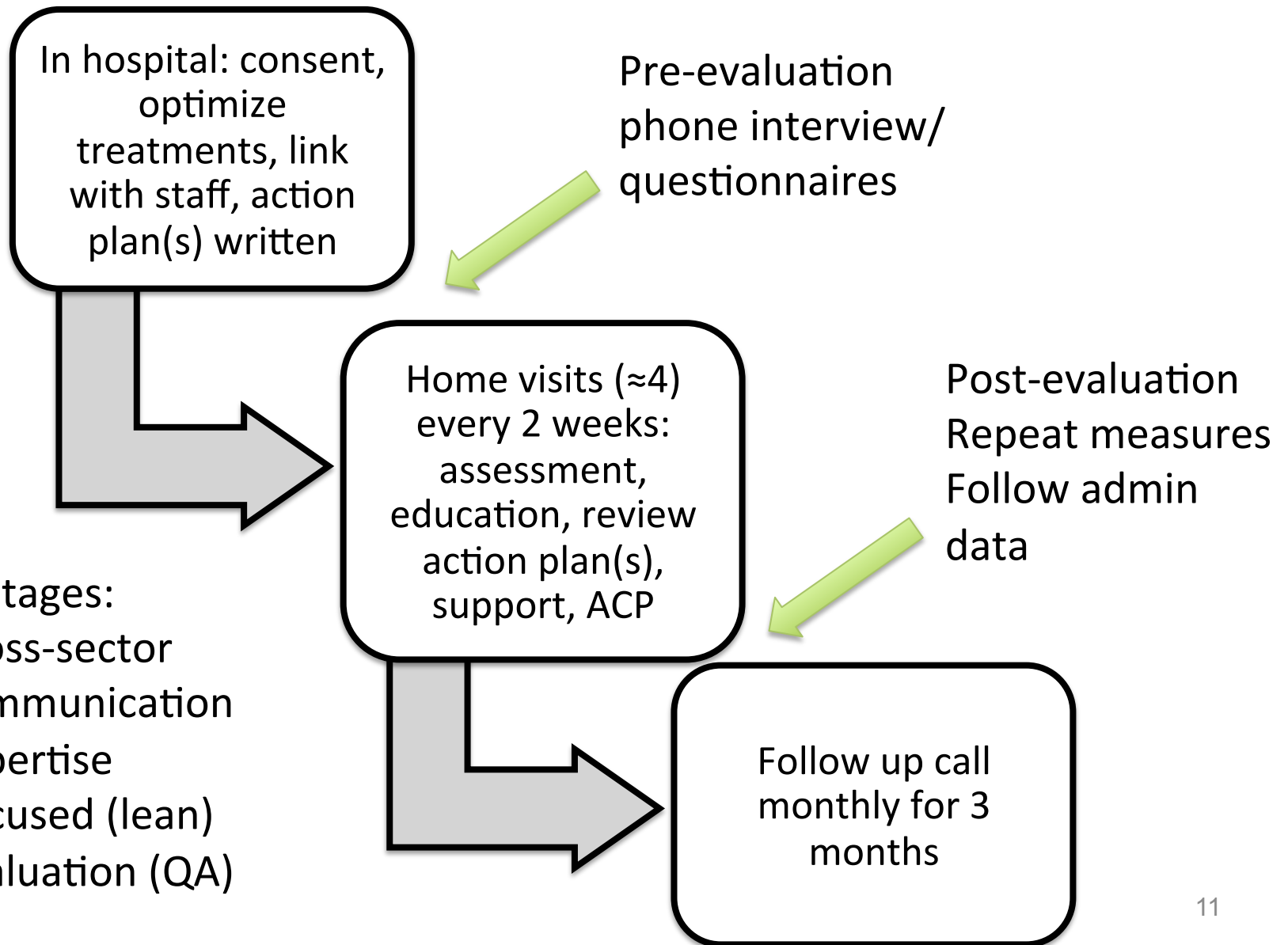
Evidence-based interventions

- Hospital/home-based support
early discharge support
- Education based on need
(patient and family focus)
- Written action plans (per CTS)
for COPD exacerbations - self
care
- Written action plans for
“Dyspnea Crises” – video
- Advance Care Planning/
Written personal directive/
DNR orders



Support
Continuity
Expertise

The Program (the mechanics of it all)



Advantages:

- Cross-sector communication
- Expertise
- Focused (lean)
- Evaluation (QA)

Experience: ACP in **INSPIRED**

- Critical element of program
- Builds on trust established by the team; communication about “goals” is part of the INSPIRED care process from outset
- Welcomed, sense of relief, breaking the silence
- Tackles lack of quality, or lack of any ACP

Outcomes

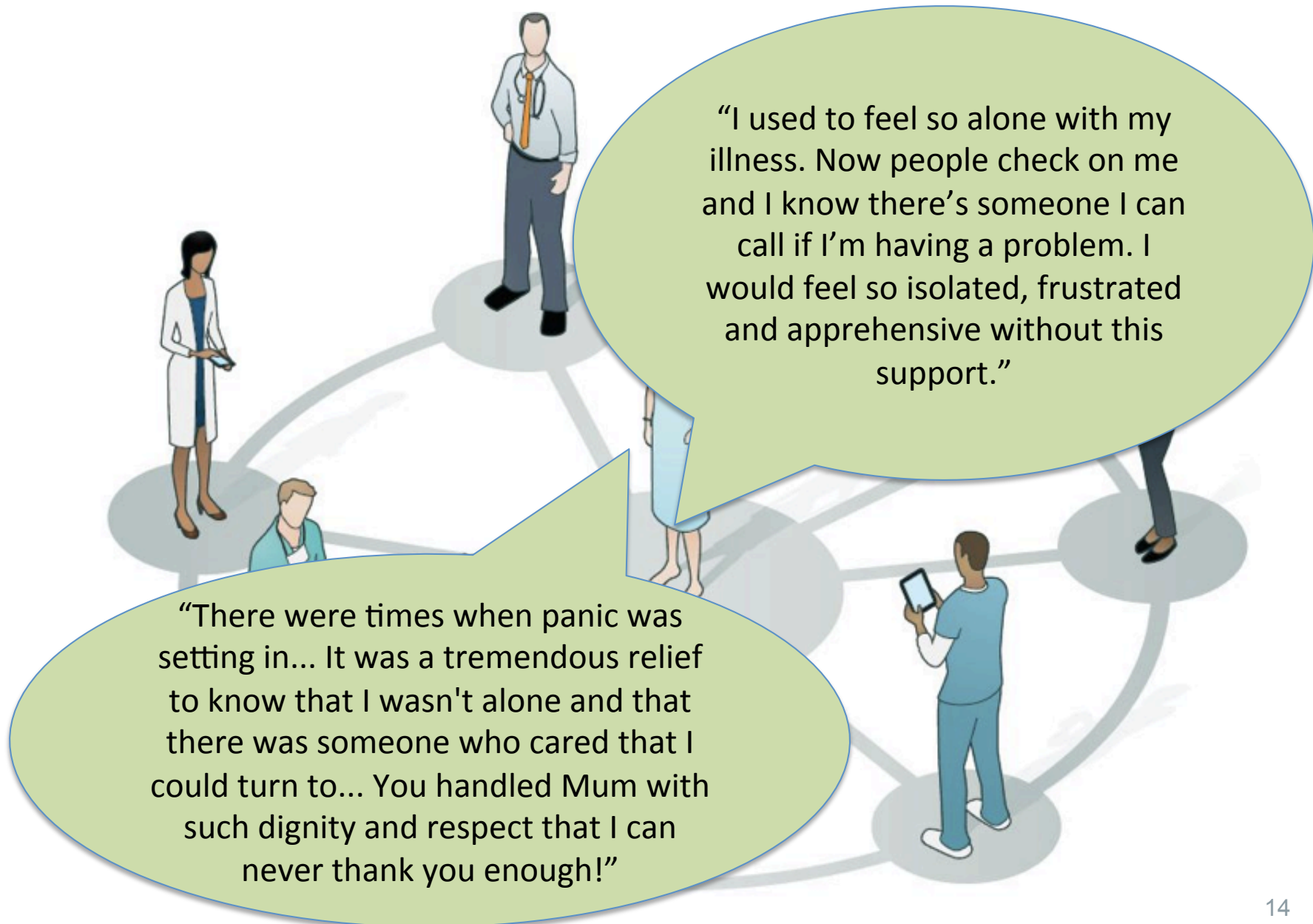
Qualitative interviews suggest participants felt:

- more confident in managing symptoms
- less anxious/stressed
- willing to discuss goals of care, including those related to end-of-life



Quantitative: Health related Quality of Life (CRQ),
Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale, Herth Hope Index
Care Transition Measure

The second “I” in INSPIRED is *INDIVIDUALIZED*



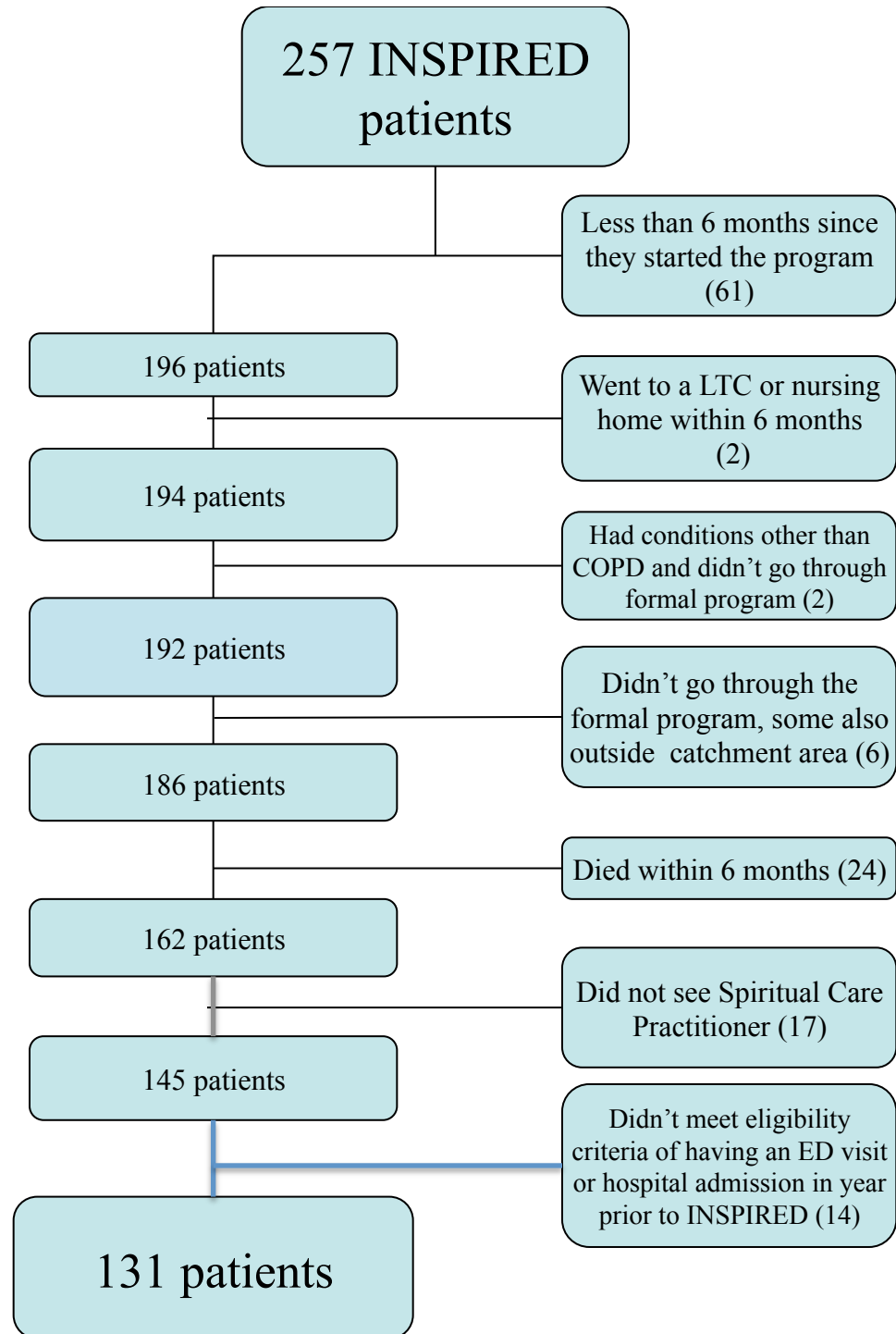
“I used to feel so alone with my illness. Now people check on me and I know there’s someone I can call if I’m having a problem. I would feel so isolated, frustrated and apprehensive without this support.”

“There were times when panic was setting in... It was a tremendous relief to know that I wasn't alone and that there was someone who cared that I could turn to... You handled Mum with such dignity and respect that I can never thank you enough!”

INSPIRED interviews (n=18)


Top 5 Reasons INSPIRED helped (in order of frequency):

- Action plan/prescriptions and prednisone on hand or on order
- Accessible education/information/resources - patient booklet, hand-held fan, inspirimeter,
- Better outcomes relevant to the patient/family, i.e.,
breathlessness, stamina, recognition and management of AECOPD, use of COPD medications (puffer technique, timing, oxygen use, etc)
- Someone to call/support/not feeling so alone
- Feeling cared for/caring, reliable, knowledgeable staff



ER, admission data, length of stay


6 month pre/post data

	Pre-INSPIRED n=131	Post-INSPIRED n=131		
	6 /12	6/12	 6 /12 (n, % reduction)	Cost savings
ER visits	282	113	-169 (60%)	-\$84,500 @\$500/visit
Admissions	154	57	-97 (63%)	
Bed Days	1573	596	-997 (62%)	\$997,000 @\$1000/day

Cost savings at 6 months ≈ 3x annual program costs

Care Transition Measure (CTM)

15 questions, Scored 1-4, scaled to a percentage, max score 100%

Label	Median	Min.	Max.	N
Pre INSPIRED CTM	71.00	25.00	96.00	27
Post INSPIRED CTM	83.00	69.00	100.00	27
	12.00	-3.00	75.00	27

No change in CRQ, HADS, Herth Hope index

$p < 0.0001$

TABLE 2. Six- and 12-months results pre/post-INSPIRED for ED visits, hospital admissions and length of stay (LOS) (n=93)*

	Pre-INSPIRED			I N S P I R E D	Post-INSPIRED				
	12 months total	6-12 months	0-6 months		0-6 months	6-12 months	0-12 months total	% change 6 months	% change 12 months
ED visits	266	71	195		54	73	127	-72%	-52%
Admissions	136	21	115		24	37	61	-79%	-55%
LOS (days)	1333	202	1131		235	284	519	-79%	-61%

*To provide a homogeneous group for this analysis we excluded patients who did not see the spiritual care practitioner, did not have an ED visit or admission in the year prior to INSPIRED, those who died, or went to a nursing home or long-term care facility within 6-months of starting INSPIRED, and those who live outside the catchment.

Rocker and Verma. INSPIRED COPD Outreach Program: Doing The Right Things Right. Clin Invest Med 2014 (in press)

Decedents' Length of Stay, PDs etc

	INSPIRED	non-INSPIRED
Decedents	n=20 ¹	n=96
LOS median (interquartile range)	#2.5 (0-6)	7.0 (4-15)
ICU/IMCU use n (%)	4 (20%)	20 (21%)
ICU/IMCU LOS (mean)	3	8.9
Available PDs n (%)	11 (55%)*	10 (10%)
Palliative care involved n (%)	13 (65%)	38 (40%)

1. INSPIRED patients who died at home = 6/20 (30%)

p= 0.001 (Mann Whitney U test)

*p<0.0001 (Fishers exact test)

Relationships



R *elationships*: fostered between patient, family, providers

E *mphasis* on wellbeing

L *ocations* are convenient

A *ccess* is optimized

T *ogether*: patient/family active partners

I *ntentional* redesign of system

O *utcome/process* measures evaluated continuously

N *ot complicated*, simple

S *ervices*: financially sustainable

H *ub* of system is the family

I *nterests* of patient drives what we do and how

P *opulation*-based system and services



INSPIRED: Funding and milestones

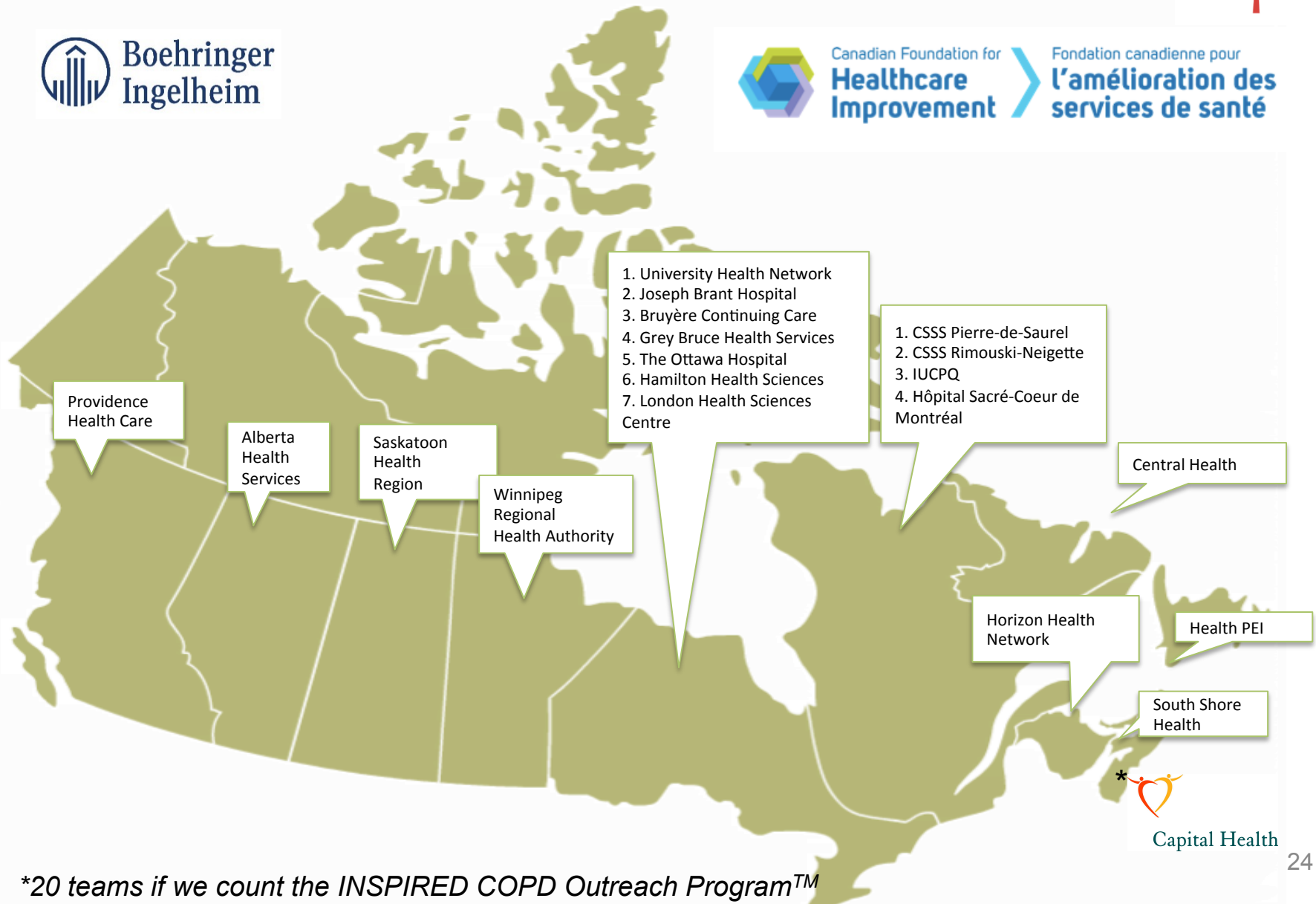
2007-2010 Pre INSPIRED	2010 INSPIRED Pilot	2012	2013	2014
Research Funding	Hybrid Funding for pilot phase	CDHA core program	CDHA core program CFHI appointment for GR as CIA	QEII Foundation TRIC grant (evaluation of move to the ED) Leading Practice (Accreditation Canada)
CIHR MRFNB NELS at DAL Various community based studies to understand burden of COPD in Rural NB and NS	ACCP Award (to GR) \$10,000 QEII Foundation \$10,000 Rocker \$10,000 CDHA Innovation \$25,000 GSK, \$60,000	GSK On going support (expansion to DGH)	CDHA approves 0.5 FTE RRTs x 2 (expansion to the ED) On-going support GSK	March 2014 RTs x2 appointed for ED expansion CFHI –B CL Pan-Canadian INSPIRED 19 teams

2014: 19 teams across 10 provinces



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**20 teams if we count the INSPIRED COPD Outreach Program™*

Video Link to Dyspnea Crisis manuscript and video

[http://
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