

An Appropriate and Cost-effective Health Care System for an Ageing Society

Abstract

Drawing on empirical evidence, Dr. Chappell presents a model for a health care system that includes medical care but focuses primarily on comprehensive community and home care. The major component of this system involves home support workers (often considered social services). The model incorporates recognition of caregivers both as partners in providing care and as requiring support for the care they provide. In order for the system to be cost-effective though, it must be part of an integrated care system that allows for cost-substitutions when quality of care can be maintained. The model is equally applicable to developed and developing countries.