

Erasing the Boundaries:

New patterns in nursing care



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From the frying pan to the fire

- U.S. is the most expensive health care system in the world
- And here we are in Switzerland ,the second most expensive health care system in the world.



What makes health, anyway?

- A very large role for the social determinants of health
- And a small role for individual health services



Nurses

- Not midlevels
- Not non-physicians
- Oh, and all the others – dentists, therapists, aides, helpers



Professional boundaries are human-made

- History—the church, the military
- Class
- Gender
- ‘Race’ and other divisions



Add

- Global capitalism



It's very hard to get

- Rationality (whose?)
- Priorities (whose?)
- Equity

- And even, a plan



Nurses' work has always
been

EXPANDED



Nurse Practitioners were also boundary-crossers

- Emergency room NP
- Psychiatric NP
- Community NP



Other good examples

- Foot care by the community health worker
- Dental care by the technician
- Nurse prescribing (see our colleagues' posters)



Iconic carer



What will it take to make her iconic,
or least investment-worthy?



Keep crossing boundaries

- To use the right people for the right work
- To improve the quality of care
- To reduce global health disparities

