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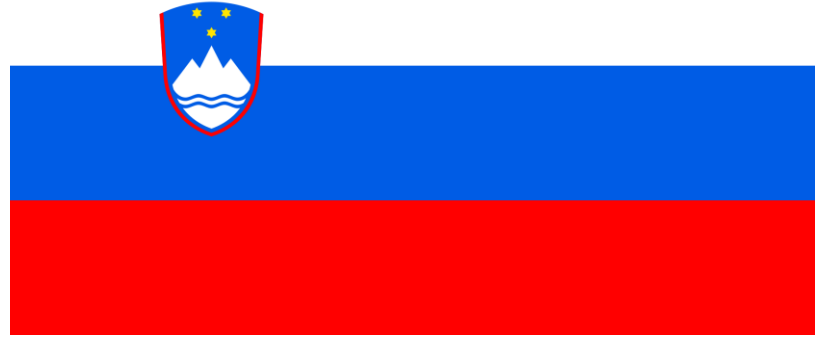
How preventive services are paid in Europe?

The case of Slovenia

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Main features of the health system

Health system

- **Social health insurance** system since 1992
- One of the **strongest primary health care** systems in Europe (Kringos et al, 2015)
- PHC is funded through service contracts with the Health Insurance Institute of Slovenia (ZZZS) (**HIF**)

	Slovenia
Demography	
Population size (thousands)	2 066
Share of population over 65 (%)	18.9
Fertility rate	1.6
Socioeconomic factors	
GDP per capita (EUR PPP)	25 500
Relative poverty rate (%)	13.3
Unemployment rate (%)	6.6
Health status and risk factors	
Life expectancy at birth	81.2
Smoking	19%
Obesity	16%
Repeated drunkenness	31%

Source: OECD 2019



Planning and regulation

Multiple governance.

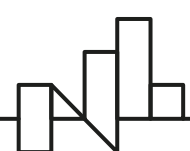
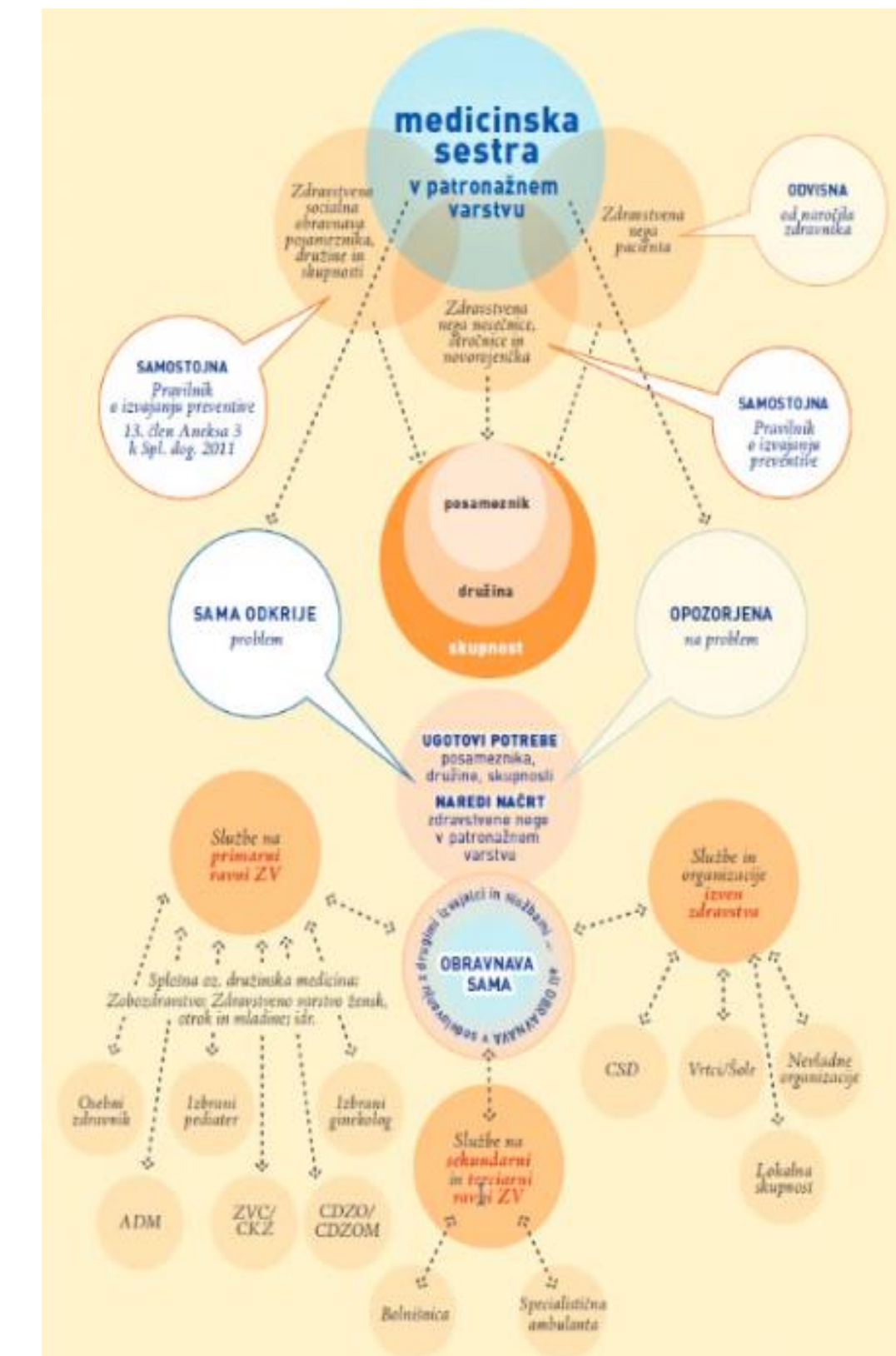
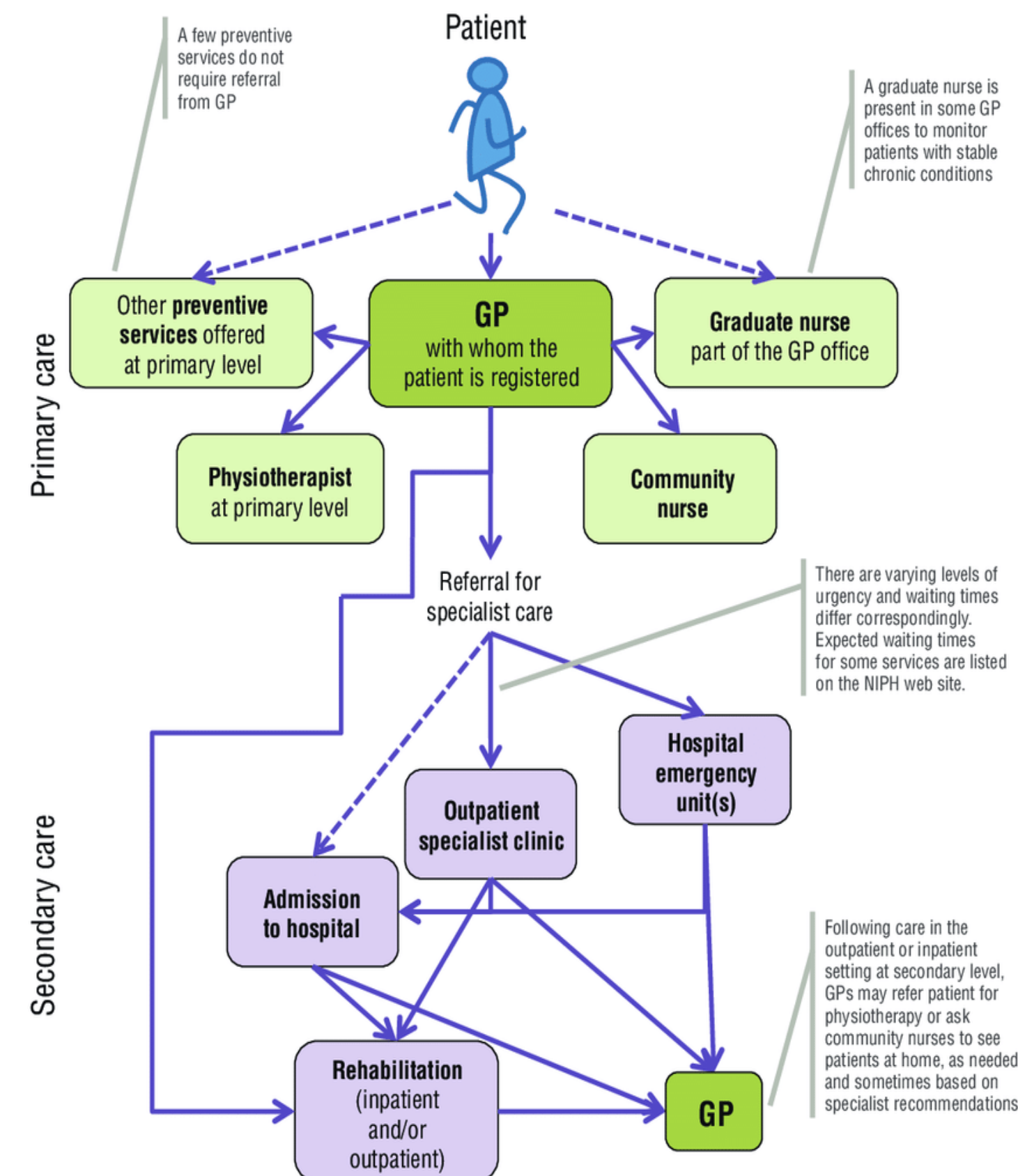
- Ministry of Health owns and manages all public hospitals and national institutes
- Local governments own and run community health centres (CHC).
- Governance tiers helps to adapt services to local needs.
- But it is a source of fragmentation and can hamper coordination across levels of care.



Preventive service providers in primary care

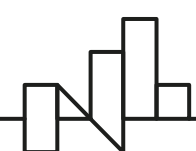
Organisation of services

- 61 CHCs provide services to 459 locations.
- They are **owned** by local governments.
- **Health promotion centres** were established in some CHCs to support and enable positive lifestyle changes, with Norwegian funding.
- 2013-2019 important upgrade of preventive treatments in community nursing, with Norwegian funding and Operational Programme of the European Cohesion Policy.



Preventive service providers in primary care

Preventive service	Delivered by	Purchaser/Employer	Statutory responsible
Community-based primary health care centres: family medicine practices	GPs and medical nurses	HIF	Local government
Reproductive preventive care and children preventive care	Gynaecologist, paediatricians, nurses, midwives	HIF	
Community nursing department	Polyvalent (patronage) nurses	HIF	
Health promotion centres (CKZ): healthy life habits, management of NCDs, children and youth's health, dental education.	Psychologists, nurses, physiotherapists, nutritionists, kinesiologists...	HIF	
Cancer screening programmes (breast and cervical). Dora and Zora programmes.	Led by oncological institute and implemented through PHC and community nurses.	HIF	



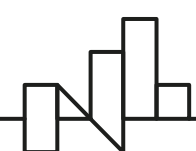
How are preventive services paid?

- All CHCs have a contract with the ZZZS (HIF) that is funded with payroll taxes.
- Contribution rates – payroll taxes are employment-based and levied on gross income – vary by category and group of insured individuals.
- Service contracts include performance incentives to improve PHC services.
- There is still a lot of room for improvement in this area.



How are preventive services paid?

Preventive service	Type of payment method	Purchaser/Employer
Community-based primary health care centres: family medicine practices	Public employees: salary Concessionaires: capitation and FFS payments Performance incentives	Contract with ZZZS (HIF)
Reproductive preventive care and children preventive care		
Health promotion centres (CKZ): healthy life habits, management of NCDs, children and youth's health, dental education.		
Cancer screening programmes	Ear-marked budget	



Lessons learned

- The objective of improving and expanding preventative services must be stated in the national health strategy.
- Specific funding for health promotion centres has broaden the scope of preventive services at community level.
- Combining different payment models introduce incentives to primary care providers towards preventive services.



Thank you

