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The future of primary care

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Primary care is changing, and many of the changes are common across different countries despite differences in our healthcare systems. The changes include expansion of primary care teams to include a wider range of clinical disciplines (e.g. nursing, pharmacy), the development of networks or federations of practices to enable general practice to operate at scale, and increasing use of information technology to enable health professionals to communicate with each other and with our patients. In this talk I will discuss the factors which are driving these changes and suggest a model of how the primary care practice will look in future.