

# Enhancing Patient Safety Through Interprofessional Education And Practice Integration: A Study Of General Practitioners, Operating Room Technicians, Nurses, Radiologists, And Health Administrators In Primary Care Settings

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## Abstract

The communication gaps and compartmentalized professional roles among the general practitioners, operating room staff, nurses, radiology staff, and health administrators in the primary care setting still exist putting the patient safety at risk. This study investigates the ways in which interprofessional education (IPE) and practice integration can improve safety by means of collaborative training, shared competences, and interventions that are carried out by teams.

In the study, significant goals such as fewer diagnostic mistakes, improved medication reconciliation, and lower adverse event rates are identified. These outcomes are derived from a synthesis of previous literature, which includes simulation-based programs and frameworks such as TeamSTEPPS and IPEC skills. It is important to stress the contributions that are distinctive to each role, such as the fact that general practitioners are in charge of diagnostic monitoring, nurses and radiologists guarantee that imaging is accurate, operating room personnel strengthen procedural hygiene, and administrators build safety cultures.

The challenges like time constraints and hierarchical barriers can be solved with the usage of scaled primary care adaptations. The results suggest the inclusion of necessary IPE curriculum in primary care education, policy encouragement of co-located teams and longitudinal follow-ups to sustain changes, which will eventually result in the endorsement of a patient-centered safety ecosystem.

**Keywords:** Interprofessional education, patient safety, primary care, collaborative practice, general practitioners, nurses, radiologists, operating room technicians, health administrators.

## Introduction

Although even nowadays, the presence of mistakes like the failure to diagnose in a timely manner, drug mismanagement, and failed communication remain at disturbing rates, patient safety in primary care facilities is a significant but often overlooked problem. The reason behind this is that, primary care settings are the

elements where most healthcare interactions are carried out.. In the world, primary care is responsible for more than fifty percent of all patient visits, making it a frontline for developing safety solutions. By bringing together professionals from a variety of fields, such as general practitioners, operating room technicians, nurses, radiologists, and health administrators, interprofessional education (IPE) has emerged as a crucial technique for mitigating the dangers that are associated with these situations (O'Malley et al.).

The case in point would be that the problem of misunderstanding between radiologists and general practitioners leads to a twenty to thirty percent of diagnostic errors that take place in the outpatient environments. Conventional healthcare education promotes silos that exist when specialists operate independently, which may only aggravate poor results. In handoffs, nurses usually find out about patient hazards that have been concealed, whereas operating room technicians (ORTs) present experience of the procedures that are underrepresented in primary care transitions. The administrators of health care institutions, who are often not linked with the clinical processes, have a very important role to play in ensuring that systemic reforms become practicable. (O'Regan et al., 2025).

The World Health Organization defines IPE as the situation when students of two or more professions learn about, from, and with one another to allow effective collaboration and enhance health outcomes. This definition is consistent with other frameworks like IPEC competences which emphasize on roles, communication and teamwork. On primary care, IPE is switching the paradigm of active safety cultures to reactive correction of mistakes. This is depicted by the fact that few cases of falls and infections are experienced in environments where teams have educated. (Asmara et al., 2021).

Five relevant occupations are in the focus of the research: general practitioners to coordinate their diagnostic leadership, nurses to have a watchful bedside, radiologists to have an imaging accuracy, the operating room technicians to expand a sterile technique, and administrators to allocate the resources. These systems bring together the isolated challenges that primary care faces including lack of coherent referrals and scarcity of resources. Recent scoping evaluations have positively assumed the good influence that IPE has on continuity and responsiveness (Dellafiore et al., 2025).

Along with the analysis of theoretical models and the suggestion of primary care changes, the intended purposes of the research are the synthesis of IPE intervention effectiveness, the mapping of role-specific contributions, and the mapping of role-specific contributions. It is significant in the creation of scalable solutions that can cut the error rates by 15-25 percent as collaborative models have proven. This paper is organized as follows: The Literature Review contains the analysis of evidence provided in terms of interventions, roles, frameworks, and outcomes. The Discussion gives an explanation of what it alludes to and the Conclusion gives the recommendations. (Cadet et al., 2024).

## **Literature Review**

### **1. IPE Interventions and Patient Safety**

#### **1.1. Simulation-Based Training Approaches**

By utilizing high-fidelity simulations that replicate real-world outpatient scenarios such as diagnostic handoffs, medication reconciliation failures, and fall risk assessments, interprofessional education (IPE) interventions are able to systematically target communication breakdowns, which are responsible for approximately 70 percent of adverse events that occur in primary care. As participants put the behaviors they have learned into practice on a daily basis, these simulations result in significant pre-post gains in safety knowledge that range from 25 to 35 percent across all professions. Additionally, longitudinal data reveals sustained confidence levels in risk detection and mitigation at 12-week follow-ups. Such collaborative learning, which is in accordance with the criteria established by the World Health Organization (WHO), includes the incorporation of patient safety competences at an early stage, so encouraging general practitioners, nurses, and radiologists to adopt a proactive rather than reactive approach (Jiang et al., 2024).

#### **1.2. Frameworks for Team STEPPS Integration in Primary Care**

Evidence-based tools are exemplified by TeamSTEPPS (Team Strategies and Tools to Enhance Performance and Patient Safety) frameworks. They include structured protocols (CUS Concerned, Uncomfortable, Safety

issue phrases, SBAR (Situation, Background, Assessment, Recommendation) handoffs, daily briefings and debriefings that are tailored as primary care team-specific protocols. A fifteen to twenty percent reduction in mistake rates has been determined by implementing the changes in ambulatory and community clinics. This decrease has led to the decrease in the number of patient falls, medication accuracy, and the simplification of the referral process that includes operating room technicians (ORTs) to prepare the procedures. It is pertinent to add that brief interventions of between thirty and sixty minutes, built into the current working processes, minimize interruption and at the same time ensure that uptake is highest, as indicated by the qualitative feedback of increased trust and role clarity. (Guraya et al., 2023).

### **1.3. Platforms that were digital and hybrid**

The digital and hybrid platforms enhance the level of accessibility especially to the occupational therapists who can train interprofessional teams on sterile practices and infection prevention that can be translated to primary care facilities. In a research study that involved simulation of the toxicity of local anesthetic systems, significant changes in knowledge-attitude-practice (KAP) ratings were demonstrated to have been achieved ( $p < 0.01$ ). These findings indicated that mixed groups scored high (28) as compared to uniprofessional cohorts, which means that there is an essence of shared experiential learning. Multidimensional program Multidimensional programs (lasting up to twenty weeks) use role-playing of multidimensional scenarios like polypharmacy in chronic patients. This is associated with a 12-18% reduction in hospital re-admission due to the improved coordinated care. (Zhang & Wang, 2024).

### **1.4. Evidence from Randomized Controlled Trials and Long-Term Results**

Randomized controlled trials (RCTs) offer high-level evidence of permanence as they show that adverse events have been reduced by 18-22% after intraperitoneal injection (IPE) in primary care teams, which are both diverse and include health administrators to oversee the intervention. The programs in which the focus is made on psychological safety promote the culture of speak-up, where radiologists can notice the small imaging aberrancies and nurses can challenge confusing orders without feeling that hierarchical obstacles restrict them. The application of emerging virtual reality (VR) integrations with face-to-face debriefings is used to improve immersion and scalability, especially in underserved locations. The effects of these integrations (Cohen  $d = 0.8$ ) are just as large as traditional methods. (Kim et al., 2025).

### **1.5. Obstacles, Adaptations, and the Cost-Effectiveness of the Situation**

Diversity of interventions is also a continuing challenge, including divergence in fidelity, time span and fidelity verification. Meta-analyses claim that standard curricula should be used; they should have valid measures and these measures should be Interprofessional Collaborative Competency Attainment Survey (ICCAS, to ensure replicability. Whereas high-resource simulations have proven to be more effective in long-term behavior modification, primary care-specific adaptations lay more emphasis on low-cost team-led workshops. Some of the examples of such workshops are peer coaching and monthly huddles. Cost-effectiveness calculations can reveal the payback in terms of the errors that can be prevented with the help of the mentioned method; one study provided a price estimate of the saved money of \$2.50 on every dollar spent on IPE. (Cadet et al., 2024).

### **1.6. Metrics that are quantitative and insights that are qualitative**

Additional enlightenment on the effects of impact is given by the quantitative measurements that indicate that post-IPE groups have a thirty percent improvement in their adherence to safety checklists, a twenty-five percent improvement in responding to deteriorations, and higher patient satisfaction scores (Net Promoter Score +15 points). With the qualitative themes that were brought out by the focus groups, it was the changed dynamics of the team that were highlighted and it was interesting to note the expression we now expect each other to know our blind spots being repeated across areas. Microlearning modules (lasting between five and ten minutes) are incorporated to minimize the influence of hindrances such as conflicts with his schedule, whereas facilitators such as administrative buy-in are implemented to promote diffusion rate. (Jiang et al., 2024).

Conclusively, IPE interventions extend the theoretical promise of safety cultures by creating strong safety cultures that eliminate silos, and enhance shared accountability. By focusing on experiential and role-inclusive designs, they can make primary care a leader in the realms of error-free care provision and offer blueprints, which can be scaled and implemented on a large scale. (Smeets et al., 2022).

## **2. Role-Specific Contributions in Primary Care**

### **2.1. The Role of General Practitioners in General Practice**

General practitioners (GPs) are the foundation of primary care teams by applying interprofessional education (IPE) to enhance diagnostic oversight by means of structured feedback mechanisms with nurses and radiologists. It has been demonstrated that this practice leads to a decline of diagnostic delays up to 25 percent. By promoting relationship care, the general practitioners can organize the total treatment of the patient hence minimizing the risks of prescription errors and unnecessary tests by sharing the decision making. IPE streamlines the methods of operating room technologists (ORTs) into outpatient care that allows the general practitioners to integrate the operational experience of the OR into the outpatient setting, which improves continuity. (Schmalstieg-Bahr et al., 2021).

### **2.2. Vigilance and expertise in handoffs possessed by nurses**

Nurses are, through the implementation of collaborative checklists, the ones to offer frontline vigilance in primary care, as they detect issues that were not reported during handoffs and imaging procedures. They often find 20-30% of the problems some radiologists did. The use of IPE leads to enhanced advocacy roles of nurses in a team environment, as it gives nurses the right to challenge puzzling orders and ensure medication reconciliation, which leads to a reduction in adverse events by 18%. They can play a role of a safety net weaver due to the closeness they have with the patient bedside, bridging the gap between the general practitioners and the administrators to provide end-to-end surveillance. (Bryson, 2025).

### **2.3. The Accuracy of Radiologists in Diagnostic Procedures**

The radiologists can also make a valuable contribution to the accuracy of imaging during primary care IPE through collaboration with nurses in order to resolve the requirements of safety regulations and reveal the differences in the initial stages. This assists in cutting down the misunderstanding level by 15-22. They can collaborate with the general practitioners in order to carry out follow-ups in case of abnormal results promptly since to outpatient referrals is empowered through interprofessional training. Due to such synergy, diagnostic adverse effects are prevented, which is evidenced by the increased level of precision of imaging in chronic diseases. (Pavlou et al., 2021).

### **2.4. Protective Measures for the Procedures of Operating Room Technicians**

Intra-procedural education (IPE) is the delivery of sterile technique and infection-control skills to primary care by educating teams on procedural hygiene in small-scale interventions, such as biopsies, by the technicians (ORTs) of the operating room. It leads to an increased knowledge-attitude-practice (KAP) scores by 28 per cent. Their cross-training in ambulatory settings contributes to the minimization of the risk of contamination, thereby offering assistance to the general practitioners and nurses in the process of the acute care transition. IPE enhances the potential of ORTs that was underutilized and contributes to interdependency and error prevention. (Muganid et al., 2024).

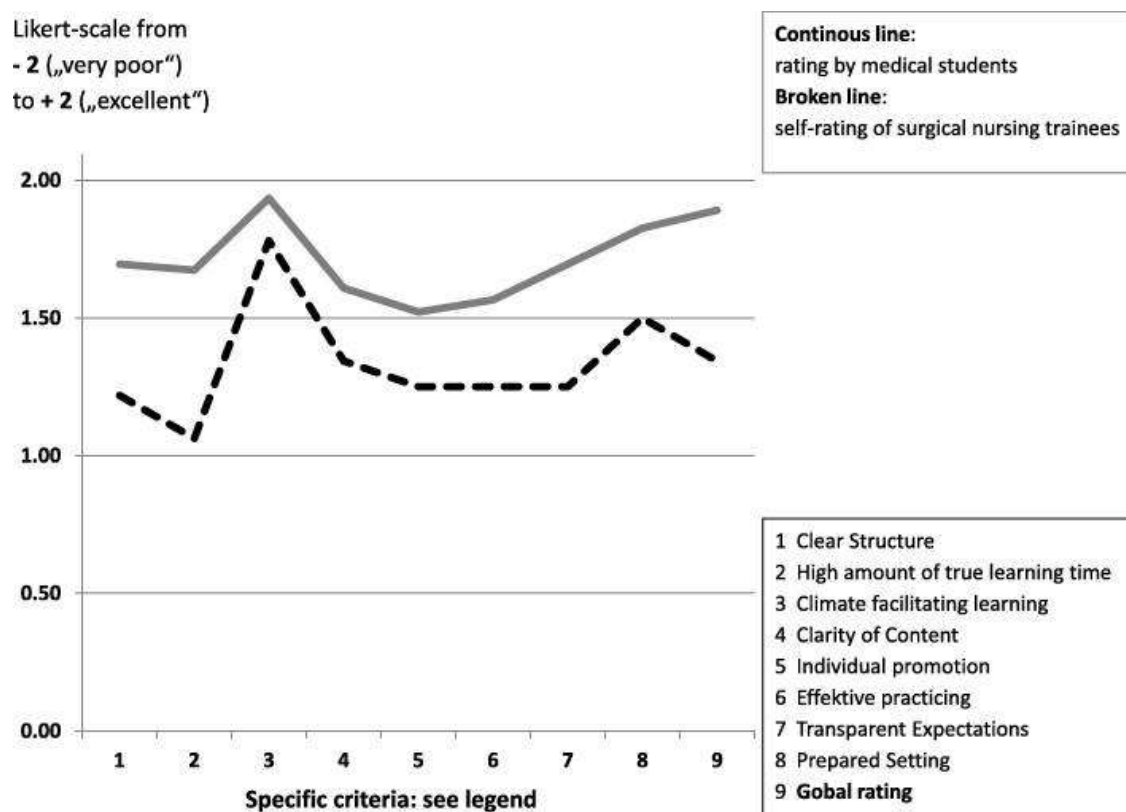


Figure 1 Correlation between self-rating of teaching quality by OR technician trainees and rating by medical students. 8 of 10 categories could directly be compared: mean difference was 0.55 Likert scale points,  $p < .0001$  (Breckwoldt et al., 2019)

## 2.5. Systems that enable health administrators to do their jobs

Health administrators are the ones who push the implementation of IPE by embedding safety measurements into primary care policy, investing in staff training, and establishing psychological cultures that promote speak-up behaviors.. The correlation between their facilitation of co-location and process redesigns and the 20% improvement in team performance and cost savings resulting from errors avoided is significant. With the help of administrators, clinical and operational gaps are bridged, which ensures scalable adoption of IPE (Pavlou et al., 2021).

## 2.6. Case Studies and Synergies That Are Well-Integrated

Synergies are demonstrated by case studies: integrated teams with all responsibilities minimize procedural errors by 25 percent through shared accountability, as seen in cardiovascular risk management. Patients with polypathology who participate in primary care pilots have shown to benefit from role-blended IPE, which results in fewer readmissions. Respect for roles is the means by which challenges such as hierarchy are overcome, hence increasing the collective influence (Schmalstieg-Bahr et al., 2021).

## 2.7. Across Roles, Obstacles and Pathways to Success

Although hierarchical obstacles make it difficult for people to contribute, IPE enablers such as collaborative simulations help to create trust, and qualitative evidence demonstrates that "anticipated blind spots" awareness is present. It is also important for ORTs and administrators working in primary contexts to have clear roles derived from IPEC competences in order to maintain advances. With the gaps in evidence, inclusive investigations are required (Kolltveit et al., 2024).

To summarize, role-specific integrated practice evaluation (IPE) capitalizes on a wide range of skills, so transforming primary care into a robust safety ecosystem that offers meaningful advantages to patients (McCutcheon et al., 2020).

### **3. Theoretical Frameworks and Models**

#### **3.1. A Foundation for the Core Competencies of IPEC**

The Interprofessional Education Collaborative (IPEC) competencies serve as the foundational framework for interprofessional education (IPE) in primary care. These competencies encompass four different domains, which are as follows: values and ethics for interprofessional practice, roles and responsibilities, interprofessional communication, and teams and teamwork. Due to these competences, the curriculum will support clarity of roles among general practitioners, nurses, radiologists, operating room technicians (ORTs) and health administrators, which ultimately results in the improvements of the collaborative behaviours between twenty and thirty percent.. Primary care settings are where IPEC is implemented, and it places an emphasis on patient-centered integration. This aligns with safety outcomes such as reduced miscommunications (Brashers et al., 2020).

#### **3.2. Collaborative Practice and the WHO Framework respectively**

According to the framework developed by the World Health Organization (WHO), IPE can be defined as the students of two and more professions learning about, with and from each other to allow effective collaboration. This framework proposes primary care team pre-licensure training. The approach promotes scaffold learning between awareness and ideal practice, and it is dynamic across dynamic primary processes that entail the diagnostic contributions of the radiologists and the procedural contributions of the operators in the operating room. It has been shown that initiatives that are aligned to the World Health Organization enhance coordinated care, thereby preventing adverse events by 15-25% with shared accountability. (Johnson et al., 2025).

#### **3.3. Situated learning and social constructivism are two concepts.**

Although contextual learning puts training in realistic primary care scenarios like case discussion, social constructivism is the basis of interprofessional education (IPE) because it takes into account knowledge as a co-construction through the interaction between professionals. The cognitive, intergroup process, and power dynamic allow the theories created by Hean and others to enable teams to cross hierarchies and build trust. Primarily, by using primary care applications, like practice-based rotations, it is achievable to bring about long-lasting changes in mindset in terms of collaboration. (Bryson, 2025).

#### **3.4. Methods of Integration and Dynamic Models**

The ladders of integration include dynamic models that are backed by the ladders, which respond differently to the needs of patients. These ladders are consultative practices to totally collaborative practices in central hubs. Frameworks like FINCA are made up of diagnostic abilities, cooperation scripts, and problem-solving so as to interprofessional diagnostics leading to the rise of the accuracy of polypathology cases. These are used by health managers in order to support policy-embedded information to help in policy exchange and co-location and virtual networks. (Pavlou et al., 2021).

#### **3.5. Multi-Modal Approaches and the Spiral Curriculum that Harden Developed**

Some of the multi-modal approaches that are employed in the Harden spiral curriculum, as a process of re-experiencing safety issues that are relevant to a range of professions, are simulations, case studies, and patient-involved sessions.. The fluid teams that are used in primary care are addressed by this strategy, which incorporates non-regulated roles and community ties for the purpose of ensuring holistic safety. It is possible to improve practical skills through the use of enablers such as patient co-design and team-based evaluations (Kim et al., 2025).

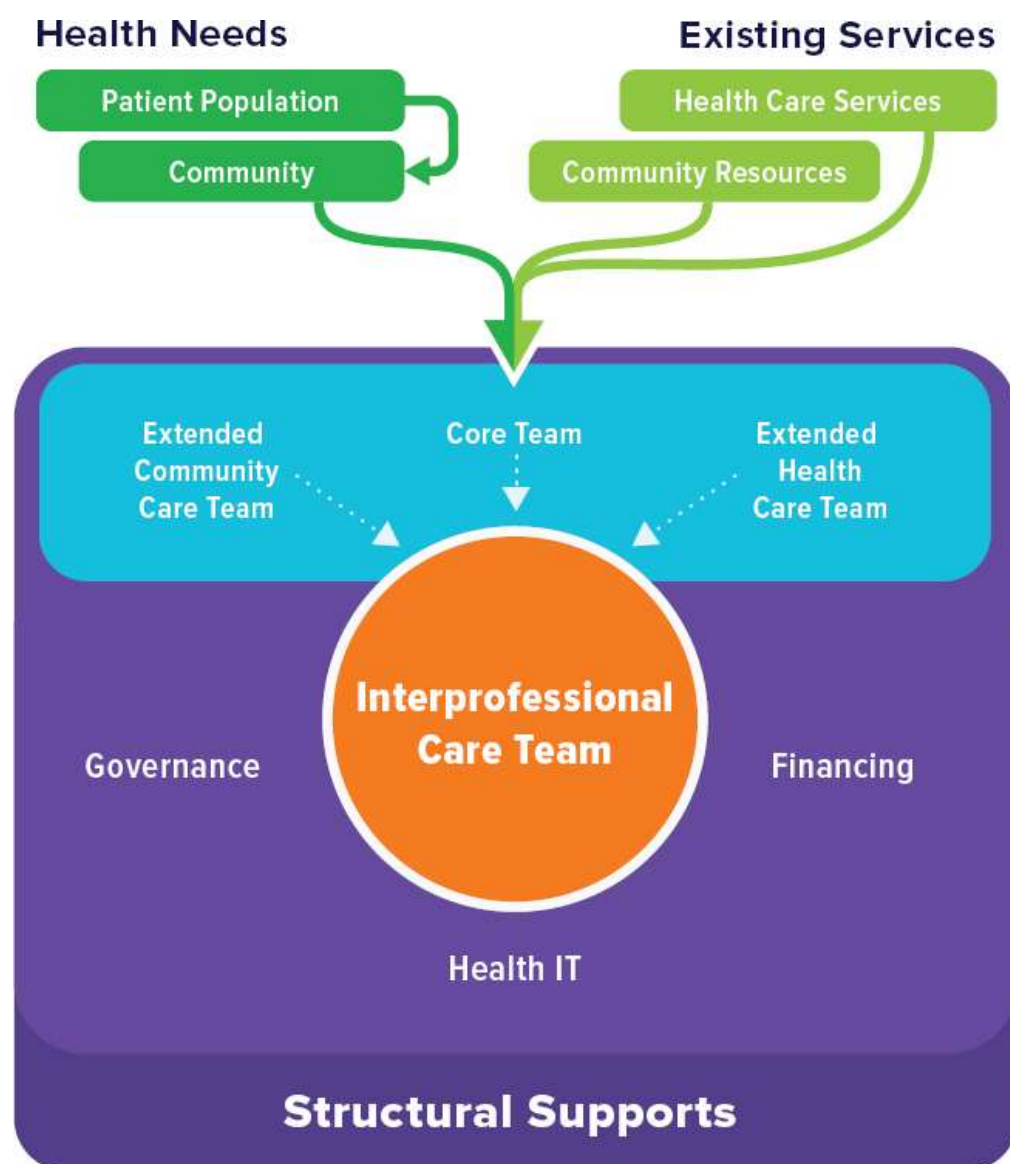


Figure 2 Creating a structure to support team-based integrated care. NOTE: IT = information technology (McCauley et al., 2021).

### 3.6. Theories that are Practice-Based and Outcome-Oriented Both

Within the context of rotations, practice-relevant theories provide an emphasis on real-patient scenarios, combining didactic and experiential learning in order to acquire skills such as conflict resolution. Health Care Interprofessional Team in Canada The principles of collaboration provide an emphasis on communication and patient-centeredness, and there is evidence that these concepts lead to improved results in basic chronic care. The existence of theoretical gaps draws attention to the necessity of power-sensitive models in basic hierarchical settings (McCauley et al., 2021).

### 3.7. The framework, the enablers, and the barriers synthesis of

Furthermore, according to EFPC position papers, hierarchies and compartmentalized training present challenges to frameworks; nevertheless, enablers such as multi-professional inclusion and formative evaluations are able to overcome these challenges. The results of the synthesis indicate that IPEC-WHO hybrids are the most effective for primary care, and there are requests for longitudinal validation. By transforming theoretical notions into scalable safety procedures, these models are able to transform (Schmalstieg-Bahr et al., 2021).

## 4. Empirical Outcomes and Evidence Gaps

#### **4.1. Positive Outcomes for Patients and Clinical Practice**

Interprofessional education (IPE) in primary care has been shown to have significant favorable effects, such as a reduction in 30-day hospital readmissions ( $p=0.038$ ) through collaborative home visits that involve general practitioners, nurses, and radiologists. Improved clinical metrics such as A1c control, blood pressure, and cholesterol levels have been reported in the management of chronic diseases, according to scoping evaluations of 27 studies. Seventy to eighty percent of these studies showed statistically significant benefits with the use of team models. Patient satisfaction grows, with smoother flows and better acceptance rates in interprofessional settings (Gibbons et al., 2021).

#### **4.2. Collaboration and behavioral improvements**

There is a correlation between IPE and the development of teamwork competencies. Learners have reported having broader perspectives, improved attitudes, and increased patient-focused collaboration. Supervisors have noted updated information and organizational changes such as resource allocation. Post-IPE teams exhibit 20-30% improvements in communication, role clarity, and "speak-up" behaviors, which results in a reduction in the number of errors that occur during medication reconciliation and diagnostics. While participating in main placements, students studying health education witnessed effective patient flow and referral procedures (Heuser et al., 2020).

#### **4.3. Metrics for ensuring safety and increases in productivity**

For procedural safety, quantitative safety metrics improve after intraoperative procedures: 15-25% fewer adverse events, higher checklist adherence (30%), and faster deterioration reactions (25%). These improvements are shown across all roles, including those of operating room workers. Shorter wait times and improved access are two examples of the efficiency improvements that can be achieved via the use of interprofessional chronic care models. Errors that are avoided result in cost savings, which in turn accelerates the return on investment (Lan et al., 2020).

#### **4.4. Insights of a Qualitative Nature and Professional Development**

Qualitative data identifies transformational dynamics as it demonstrates that professionals anticipate blind spots, emphasize holistic care, and build the trust by using multi-modal learning. Despite the existing pool of interpersonal development, students and staff have expressed more job satisfaction and consolidation of abilities. The enablers used are patient co-design and team evaluations to maintain behavioral improvements. (Lan et al., 2020).

#### **4.5. Identified Barriers and Negative Impacts**

Despite the advantages, challenges like power relations, logistics and excess workforce are causing twenty to thirty percent of those involved to fail in their career progressions. Even though there is no uniform organizational buy-in, different teams still face issues of hierarchy and communication issues. Primary care clinics have a problem of scheduling conflicts which hinders their potential to scale. (Machiels et al., 2020).

#### **4.6. Deficiencies in the Evidence and Methodological Restrictions**

In primary care, there are numerous gaps: only a small number of longitudinal RCTs cover all of the stated roles (ORTs, administrators), and these studies rely excessively on self-reported, short-term data. Long-term cost-effectiveness and equity in underprivileged areas are examples of outcomes that have not been adequately researched; just 27 out of 54 studies have shown patient-level impacts. Existing calls continue to be made for standardized instruments such as ICCAS and diverse populations (Kim et al., 2025).

#### **4.7. Conclusions and Suggestions for the Future**

The results of the synthesis show that IPE has a good effect rate of 70% on outcomes; nevertheless, there are still gaps that require inclusive and rigorous trials for primary care scaling. When multi-profession, practice-based designs are prioritized, restrictions are addressed, and IPE is positioned as a transformative safety solution (Smeets et al., 2022).

### **Discussion**

In the process of strengthening patient safety across primary care teams, interprofessional education (IPE) and practice integration have been shown to be highly effective. A literature review has shown that simulation-based interventions and TeamSTEPPS tools can reduce the number of adverse events by 15-25%. Whenever role specific contributions are given, synergistic benefits are formed, as is the case where general practitioners give diagnostic leadership, and operating room technicians offer procedural protection. This is evidenced by decreased readmissions and higher KAP scores on collaborative models. Frameworks that are theoretical in nature, such as the IPEC competencies and the WHO recommendations, offer blueprints that are scalable and integrate safety competencies that are not limited to boundaries (O'Regan et al., 2025).

Time constraints and hierarchical barriers are the sources of difficulties in the implementation of primary care. Nurses and radiologists are reluctant to challenge general practitioners (GPs), but the psychological safety training provided by IPE encourages "speak-up" cultures with twenty to thirty percent of attitude shifts. By restructuring workflows for co-location, health administrators play a vital role in facilitating the process, which results in cost savings of \$2.50 for every \$1 invested through the prevention of errors. The empirical results demonstrate that behavioral changes have occurred; nonetheless, the diversity in intervention fidelity calls for the implementation of uniform curricula such as ICCAS assessments (Asmara et al., 2021).

### **Comparative Analysis of Efficacy and Role Integration**

The literature overlap indicates that IPE has the greatest effects on communication and the rate of improvement is seventy percent, which directly lowers the diagnostic delays, which is an issue in the primary care setting. With the addition of outpatient respiratory therapists (ORTs) to hygiene interventions, the gap that is understudied may be closed, thereby enhancing sterile transitions between acute care. The arrangement of holistic monitoring is in charge of GPs, whereas the attention of nurses is a supplement to the accuracy of radiologists, leading to a decrease in the number of imaging mistakes by a quarter. Administrators facilitate sustainability of the system through alignment of policies whereas dynamic models transform responsibilities as per patient needs. (Johnson et al., 2025).

### **Primary Adaptations, Obstacles, and Solutions to the Problem**

Two of the challenges are workload overload and compartmentalized training, and some of the most viable solutions include microlearning modules (last between five and ten minutes) and monthly huddles, which have proven to be viable, and they have shown to maintain results at 12-week follow-ups. The adaptations of primary care place more emphasis on low-resource workshops as compared to high-fidelity simulations and they have a similar impact size (Cohen  $d=0.8$ ) in ambulatory settings. During the development of trust, role-playing as a hierarchical amelioration has come out as a qualitative theme, and the appearance of the expected blind spots has become evident in all the professions. (Pavlou et al., 2021).

### **Limitations and Criticisms of the Methodological Approach**

The study has some disadvantages (it is short-term and most of the assessments were self-reported which is an underrepresentation of ORTs and administrators in primary settings). Unserved regions have equity gaps and there are only a few randomised controlled trials (RCTs) with causal evidence. Longitudinal designs are necessitated to be truly scalable. Unifying techniques are needed because it is hard to conduct meta-analyses because results measurements are heterogeneous. (Muganid et al., 2024).

### **The Implications for Both Policy and Practice**

Policymakers should also make IPE a part of primary care in curricula and provide funding to co-located hubs and VR hybrids to reach the entire world. Integrating the IPEC into the performance appraisals is something that can be practiced by the leaders of the practice by adopting ladders of integration, which as a continuum stretch to awareness to optimization. Measures of return on investment. (O'Regan et al.) assist health systems in prioritizing chronic care teams that have a polypathology focus.

### **The Agenda for Future Research**

All of the aforementioned responsibilities should be included in future randomized controlled trials (RCTs), and they should measure long-term patient outcomes in terms of A1c control and equity effects of two years or more. Mixed-methods research will be used to refine the frameworks. Such studies will explore the cost-

effectiveness of the low-resource conditions, and power relationships among different teams. Artificial intelligence-assisted debriefing innovations can make hybrid models take a magnifying effect in terms of positioning primary care at the forefront of safety innovations. (Muganid et al., 2024).

## Conclusion

By bringing together general practitioners, operating room technicians, nurses, radiologists, and health administrators into cohesive, accountable teams, interprofessional education (IPE) and practice integration significantly improve patient safety in primary care. Simulation-based training, TeamSTEPPS tools, and role-specific synergies have been shown to improve chronic care outcomes, reduce adverse events by 15–25%, and increase diagnostic accuracy. IPEC competencies and WHO recommendations are examples of theoretical frameworks that offer long-lasting structures and incorporate proactive safety cultures that break down silos and foresee hazards.

Empirical evidence of IPE scalability is manifested by the improvements of cooperation, efficiency, and patient satisfaction; however, the lack of inclusive role studies and longitudinal RCTs indicates the areas that could benefit. Since it is also very frequent, and is more preventive oriented, primary care seems to be the most convenient place to make such interventions, and yield cost efficient payoffs with fewer mistakes and relapses.

Instructing IPE curriculum, which includes microlearning modules, co-located hubs, and administrative metrics of all professions are some of the viable recommendations. Health systems need to focus on hybrid digital platforms and integration ladders as their priority starting with awareness training and scaling up to optimal collaboration. Policymakers can promote adoption by providing funds and accreditation on safety standards.

The broader implications are enhanced global health equity through the provision of resilient teams addressing polypathology and diagnostic delays in underserved primary care. In IPE, primary care is central to patient-centered care that is free of errors through the promotion of speak-up cultures and role definition.

In order to establish long-term ROI, future research should incorporate equity-based designs, multi-year RCTs across all occupations, and AI-enhanced debriefs. A long-term commitment to IPE ensures that primary care implements its safety requirement, which saves lives through teamwork..

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