

PARAMEDIC REGULATION: PARAMEDIC PRACTICE vs SERVICE DELIVERY

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Regulation: Service or Practice

Paramedic Services: 9-1-1 Response
+ Conveyance

PEI example: The Ambulance Services
Act



Paramedic Practice: Defined clinical
scope adaptable to multiple settings

PEI example: Emergency Medical
Technicians Act and Regulations
(repealed March 31, 2024)

Paramedic Regulations under the
Regulated Health Professionals Act (as
of April 1, 2024)

Why regulate clinical practice?

- Does it benefit service delivery and employers?
- Does it benefit practitioners and employment?
- Does it benefit the health system?
- Does it benefit the public?

Everything about the regulation of clinical practice MUST focus on what is in the best interest of citizen's rights to be protected from the potential harm of malpractice



Key Tenants of Regulatory Practice

Training

“Accredited program”
(* clause for programs not accredited)

Experience

“Currency of knowledge”
=Practice + Continuing Education
=Certification, etc

Examination

“Successful completion of an entry-to-practice examination”



Why regulate service delivery?

- Does it benefit service delivery and employers?
- Does it benefit practitioners and employment?
- Does it benefit the health system?
- Does it benefit the public?

Everything about the regulation of service delivery MUST focus on what is in the best interest of public safety and protection from the potential harms of misusing such services.



Key Tenants of Service Delivery

Performance Standards & Accreditation

“Agreement for provision”

“Use of Ambulances”

Clinical Practice & Documentation

“Medical Director/Advisor”

“Assurance”

Regulatory Standards

“Staffing”

“Equipment”



Implications

REGULATION OF PRACTICE

Accountability

Competency

Standards of Practice

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REGULATION OF SERVICE DELIVERY

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Paramedic Services: From conveyance to “on-demand” access to care



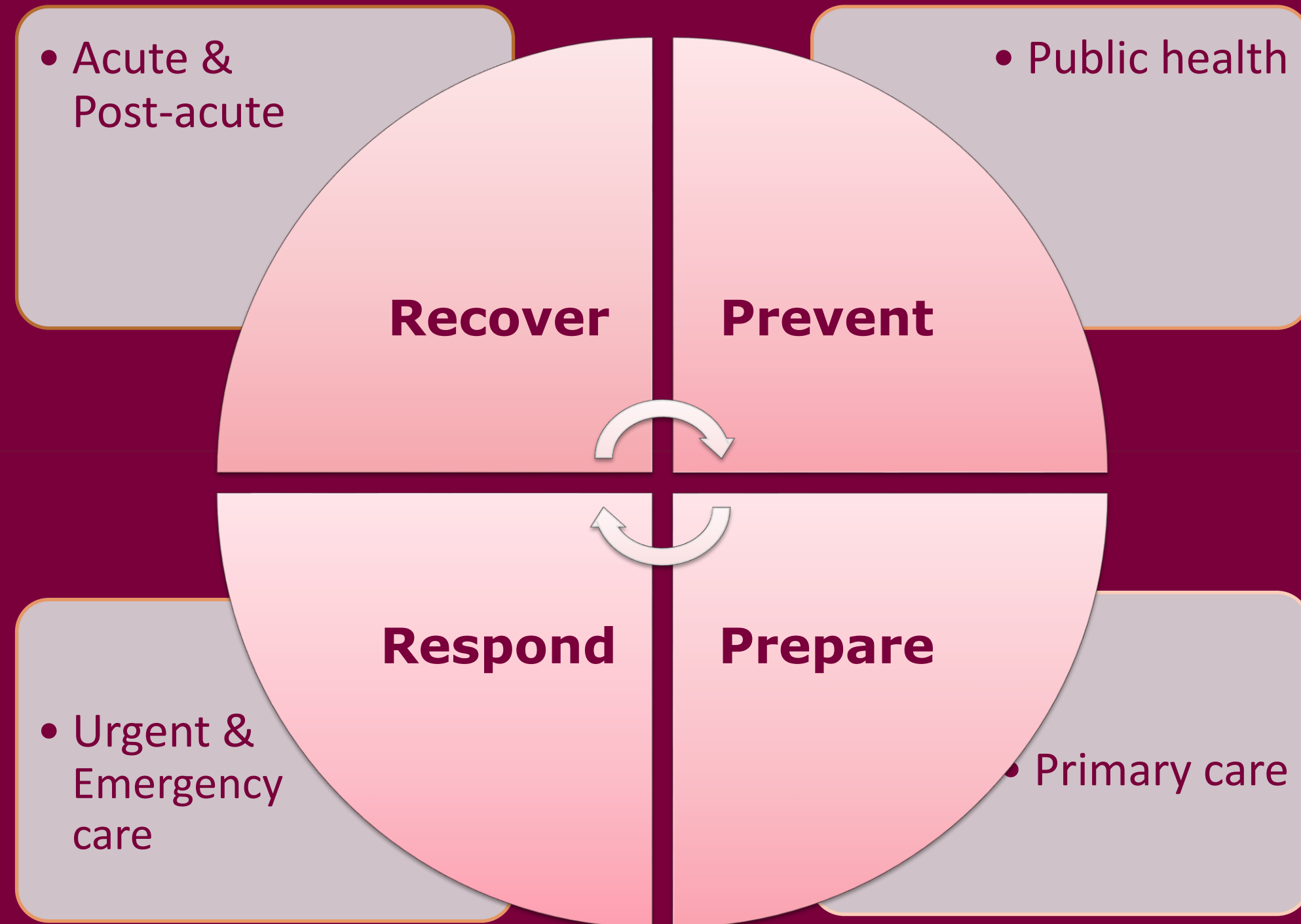
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Rethink Paramedicine

The continuum of care meets emergency management principles



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