



Paramedicine Research

Paramedics and inter- professional practice: Balancing autonomy and collegiality.

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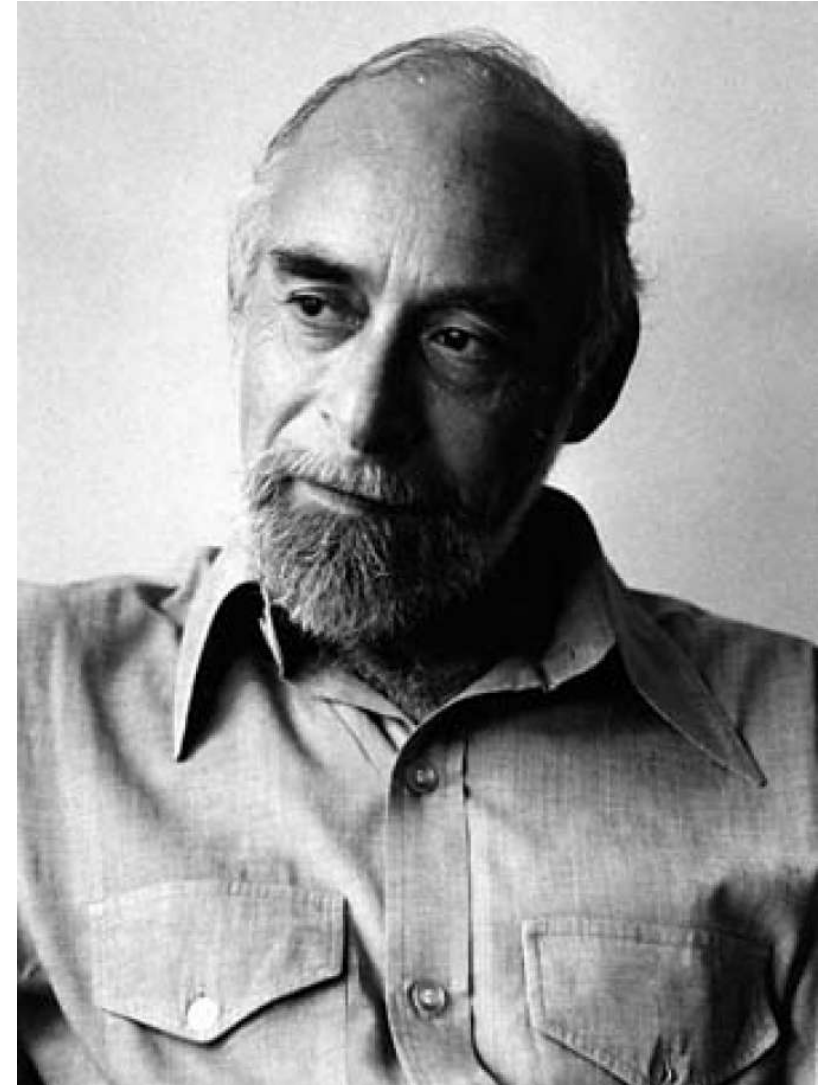
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The Development of Paramedicine

- While the provision of ambulance services is almost a century and a half old, the profession and discipline of paramedicine is less than 45 years old.
- Physiotherapy: Dedicated training in early 1900's. Established by 1940's
- Podiatry: Dedicated training in early 1900's. Established by 1930's.
- Occupational Therapy: Dedicated training in 1910's. Established by 1940's.

Autonomy

- Eliot Freidson considered Autonomy the key element of professionalisation
- Autonomy is about professional CONTROL of the work and knowledge of a profession



Autonomy

- Autonomy is not siloing or not needing anyone else
- Autonomy is about being given control as a sign of the maturity and capacity of a profession.

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Heroes and Lies: Storytelling Tactics among Paramedics

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Abstract

Among paramedics, part of the working day consists of telling stories about emergency responses—rehashing the events that are the *raison d'être* of their profession. In the downtime between calls, the medics attempt to fit the day's events into their broader conception of their work. Among the medics in my fieldwork area, I have found a deeply cynical and self-deprecatory storytelling tradition—one that countermands the media representations of their field so neatly presented in globally popular television programmes such as *Rescue 911*. Rather than play into media presentations of them as silent heroes “just doin’ our job,” paramedics tend to present themselves in their stories as anti-heroes, always ready with a sardonic quip in even the most horrific situations. This storytelling is part of the medics’ tactical resistance to the various groups with whom they come into contact on a daily basis, including managers, field supervisors, hospital personnel, firefighters, police officers, bystanders, their

Autonomy

“The concluding paragraphs of the *Profession of Medicine* invoke an image of a group of professionals isolated from the community that they exist to serve, blinded by self-delusion and deceit, and whose actions create a new, oppressive ‘tyranny’ while always claiming to serve the public good.”

- Bosk 2006

Responsibility

- Part of being a profession is engaging within a community



Responsibility

"ils doivent envisager qu'une grande responsabilité est la suite inséparable d'un grand pouvoir"

- French National Convention 1793

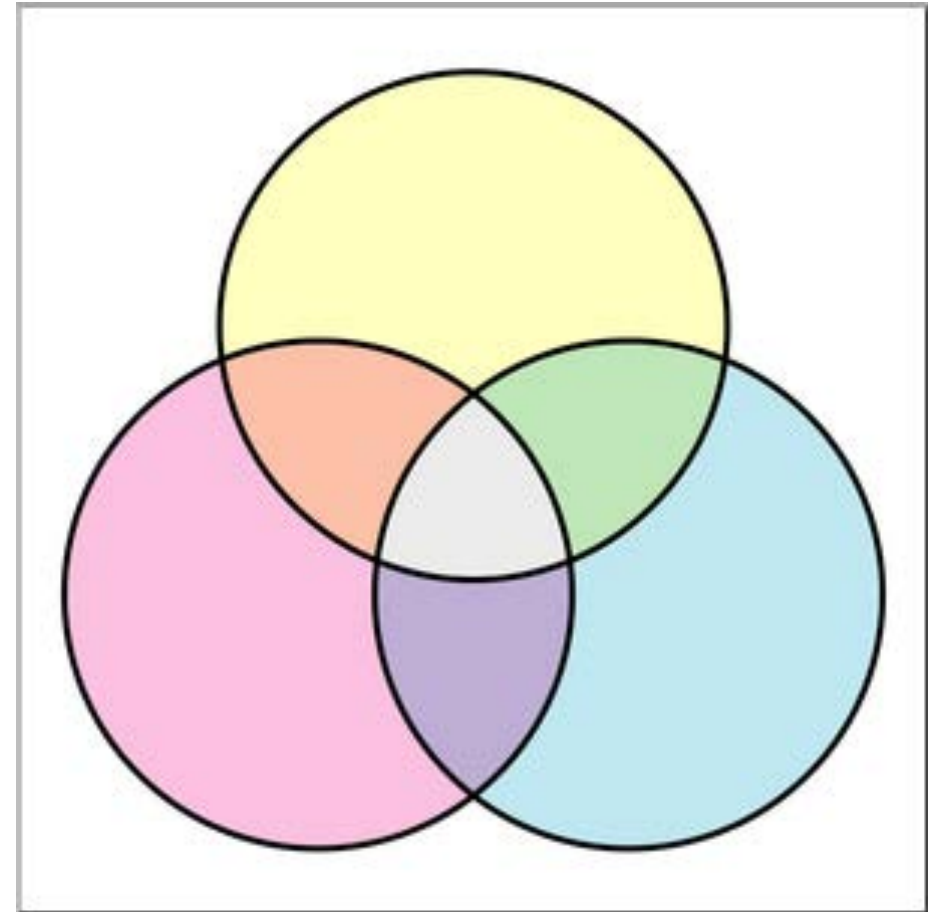
Community of Practice

- Discipline
- Geographic
- Functional/Organisational
- Situational



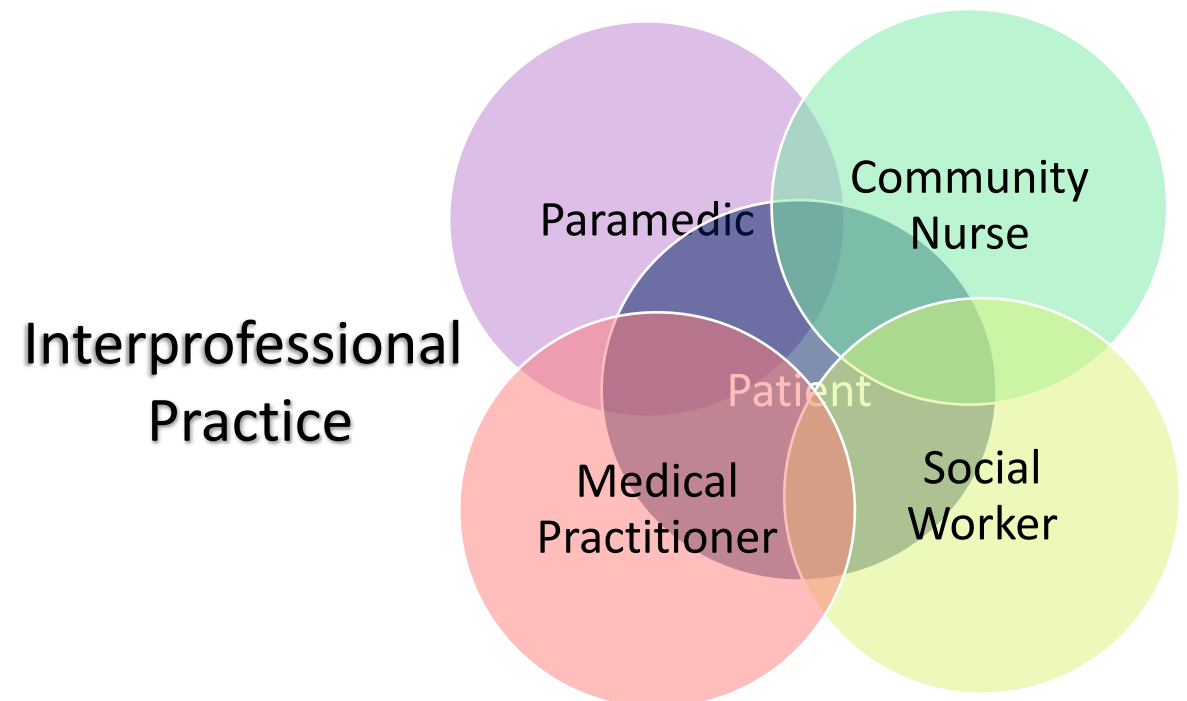
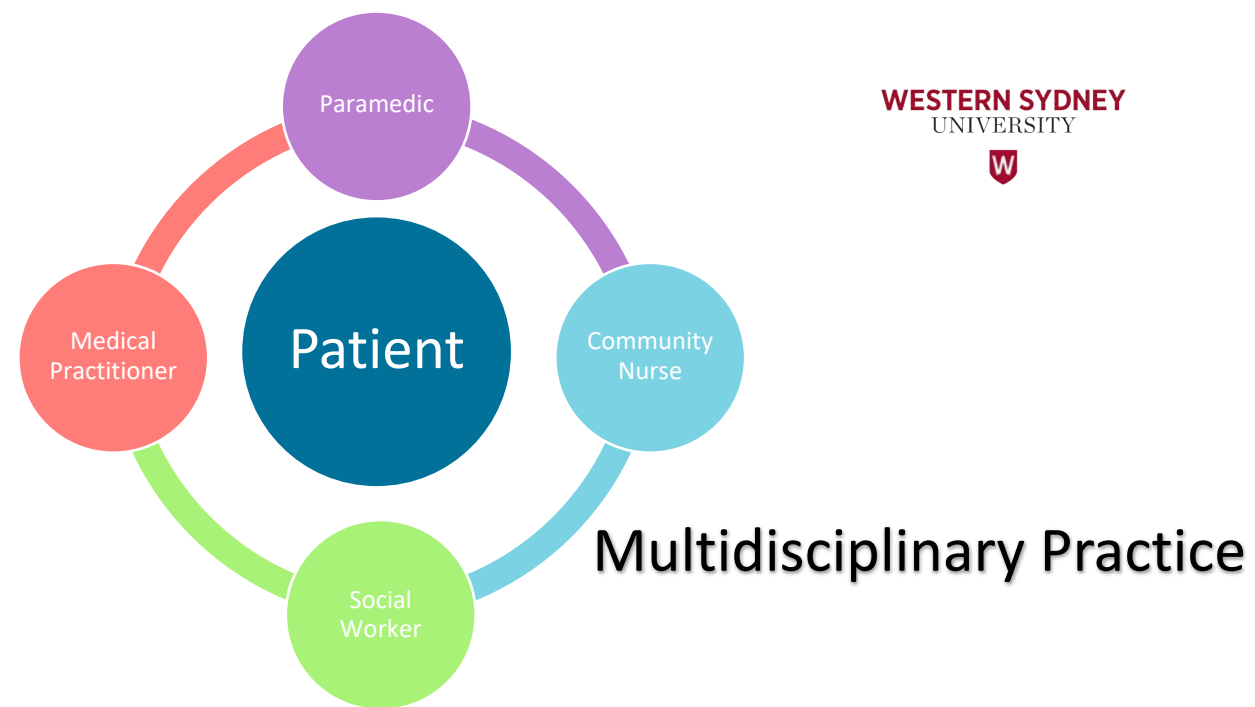
Boundary Permeability

- The sharing or softening of roles or professional boundaries between professions



Interprofessional Practice

- Inter-professional Practice (IPP) is a collaborative practice which occurs when healthcare providers work with people from within their own profession, with people outside their profession and with patients and their families in an integrated way.



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