



Collaborative Community Practice- Beyond Primary care

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# Objectives

1. Learn how teams react the unique needs of a developmentally delayed young man by responding to his changing needs.
2. How teams need to be flexible and contain members from organizations outside one's FHT

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3. Learn from our lesson on how to overcome challenges when working with team members from within the FHT, the community and with patient's family

# Speakers Disclosure





# Community Partners

- Karen RN– DSAC
- Sarah – SLP @ GRH
- Ron Pace – surgeon
- Mum





# Presenting Diagnoses

- Dandy –Walker Malformation
- Multiple congenital abnormalities ( 1 kidney)
- Cryptorchidism and delayed puberty
- Recurrent otitis and mastoiditis, tubes and keloids



# Presenting Diagnoses - more

- Severe rotoscoliosis – 90 degree scoliosis
- Chronic sinusitis and osteomyelitis
- Pancystopenia
- Blinded since birth. Deafness

# Presenting Diagnoses - more

- Flexion contractures of his feet
- Congenital cardiac disease.
  - Had male sibling who passed from similar disease at 5 ½ months of age.
- Hypospadias
- Chronic warts
- History of GERD, and aspiration pneumonia, recurrent pneumonia.

# Initial Challenges

- Being discharged from multiple specialists at HSC
- Chronic abdominal pains from constipation leading to hospital admissions
- Trouble managing medications with poor oral intake
- Then, losing weight – down 8 lbs in 2 months – down to :

# Crisis

Dysphagia  
assessment



SLP-  
Videofluoroscopy



NPO

# *Videofluoroscopy*



# Pneumonia – November

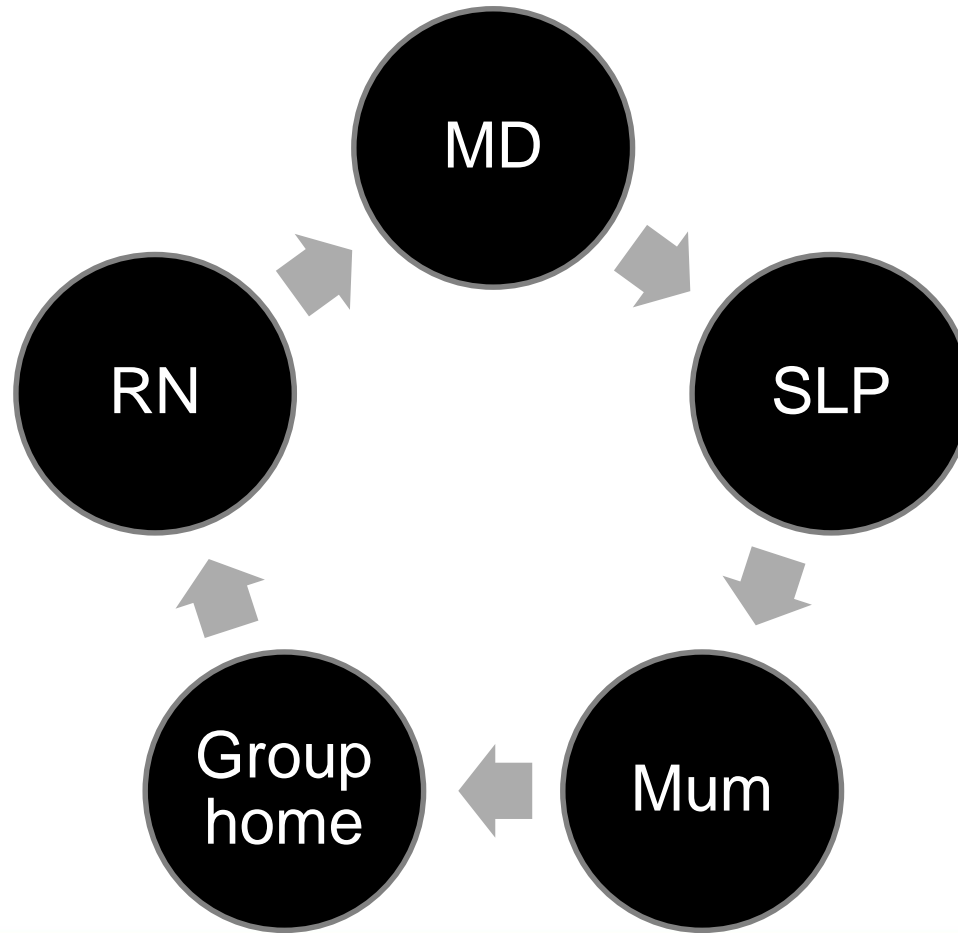
Time Table out the window!

GRH hospital – x 2 weeks

Peripheral TPN and G tube inserted



# Immediate Collaboration



# DeafBlind Group Home Fears

New skill for staff – enteral feeds complexity  
Learning new protocols and Procedures for  
the group home and agency

# Strengths

- Communication among the team
- Getting the team on board with the new and complex care plan
- Working with the community team

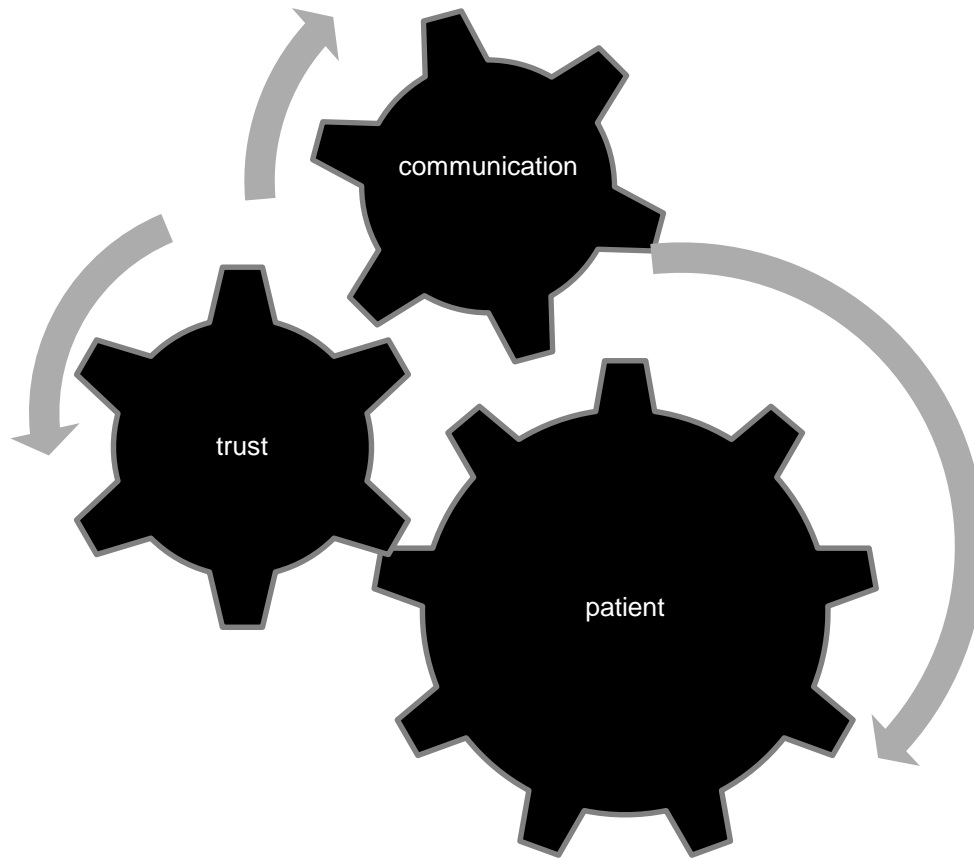
# Nutrition

## Goals

Correction of advanced protein malnutrition

Prevention of aspiration pneumonia

# The underpinning



# Communication

*the good, bad and the ugly*

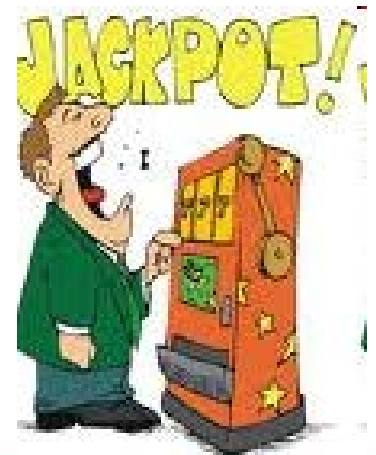
Community SLP - no note send to MD, so not in chart – had to request and then scan in

CCAC – RD- no assessment available

DSAC RN – Karen Klee

SLP – GRH – Sarah Pifher

Tina – Group Home

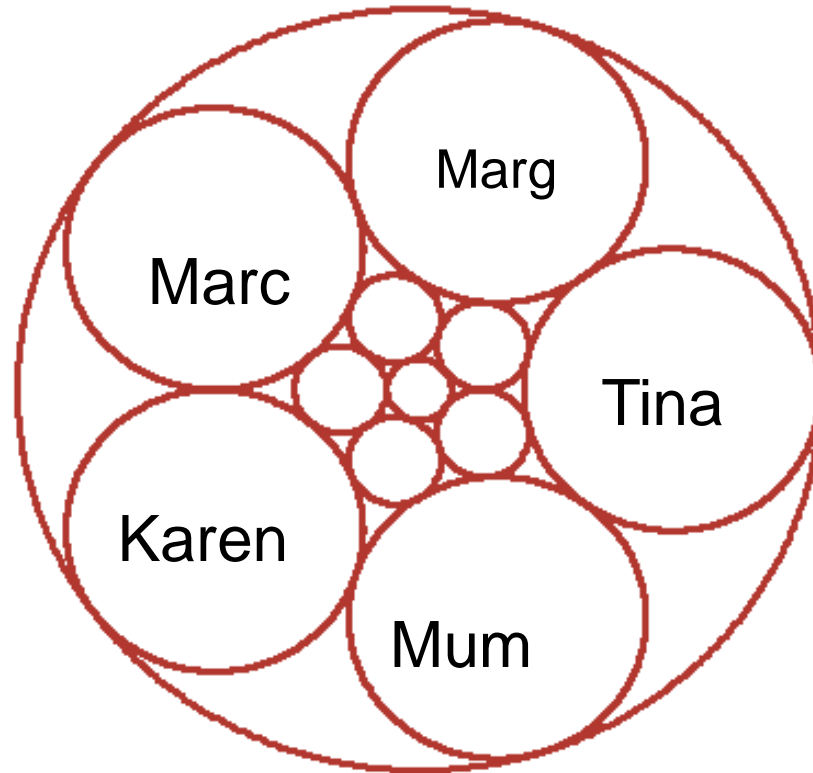




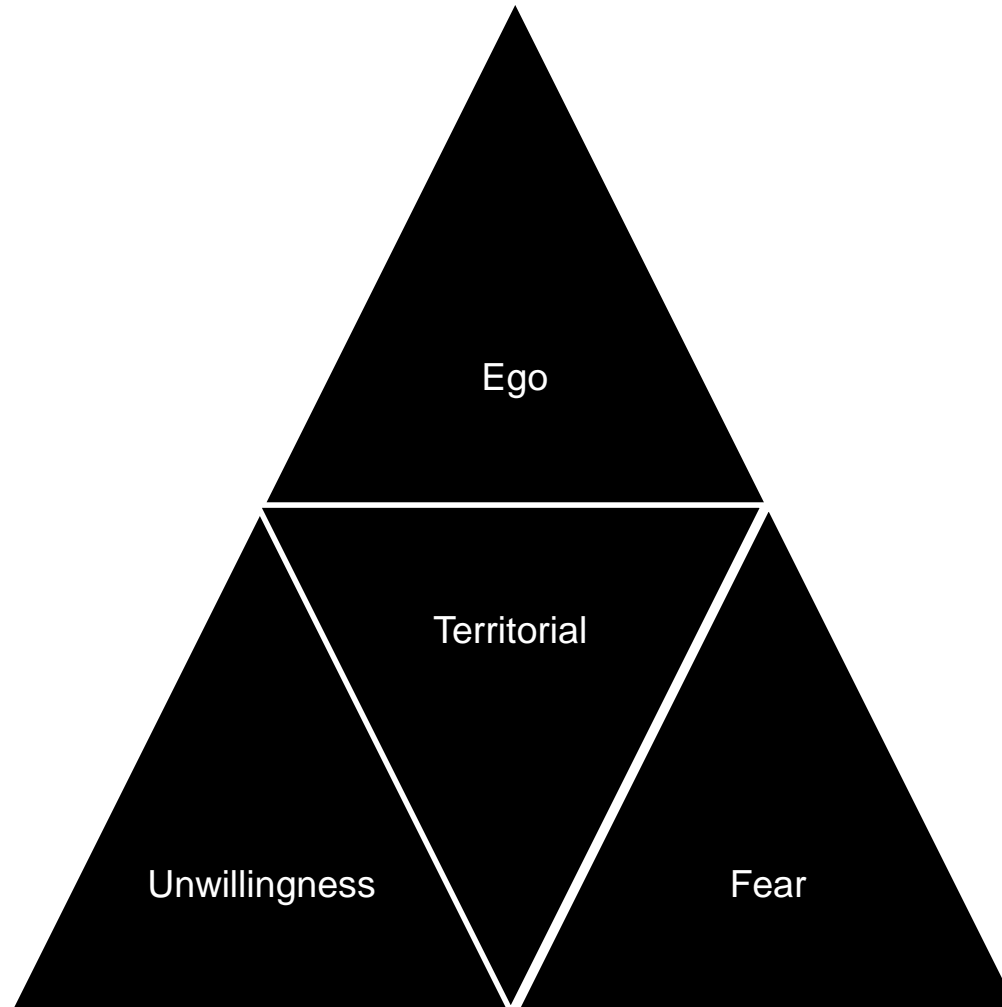
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# Circles of Trust – Key in Collaboration



# Barriers to IPC

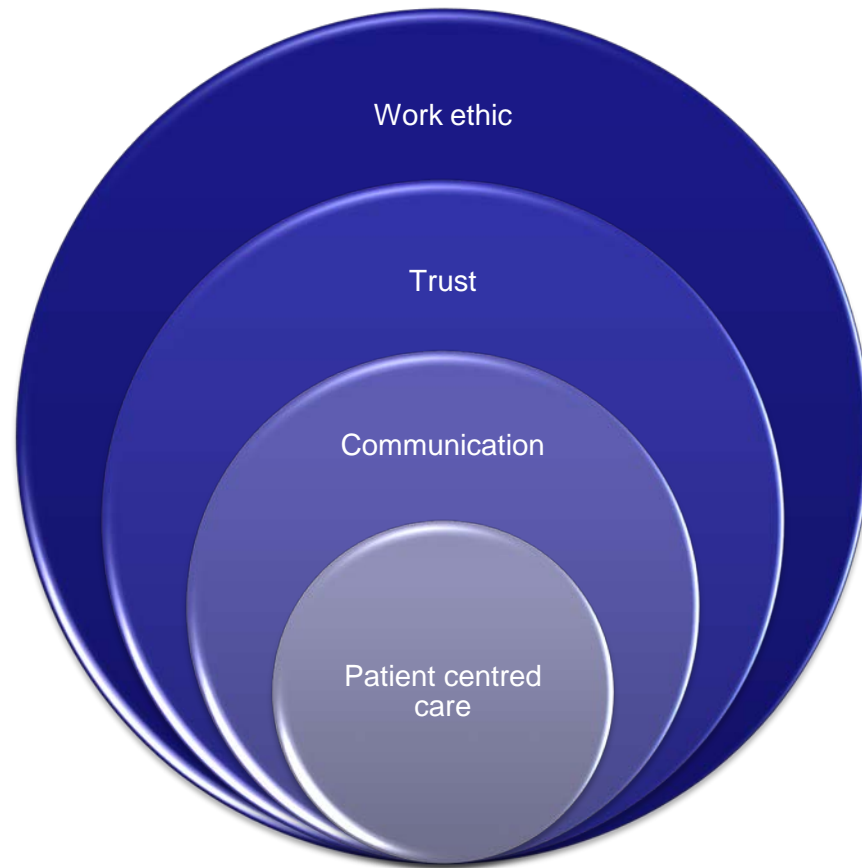


# Strengths

- Communication
- Getting all the team members to agree – focus was on patient centred care

# Lessons learned

- Patient centred care takes a village & patience
- Think outside the box – as Ian was unique and his needs changed quickly
- Hard to care for a patient who's communication skills were impaired – listen to group home staff as they had the experience

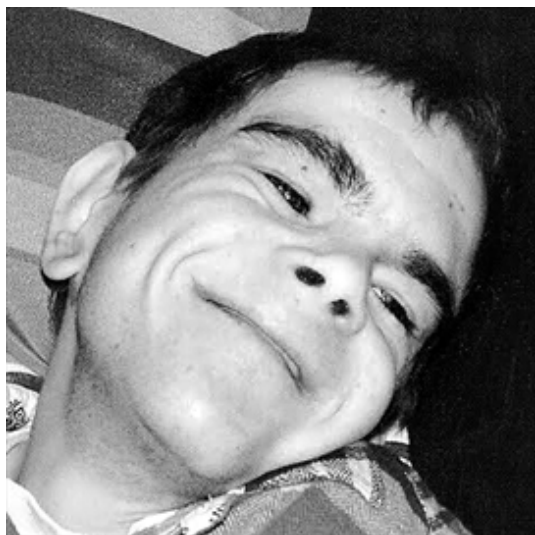




# Outcomes

1. Correction of malnutrition – wt gain, albumin normalization
2. No more hospitalizations for Pneumonia
3. New partnerships and new patients

**Most importantly – improved quality of life, more play time, more outings**



**HOOTON, Ian David** Passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 28, 2014 at the age of 27. Beloved son of Doug and Barbara Hooton. Loving brother of Lauren and the late Brian. Fondly remembered by many cousins and extended family. Thanks to the Grand River Hospital ICU team for their care and compassion. Thanks to all the staff at his Ridgeview home for helping Ian be happy and productive in his life.



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