FUTURE OF HEALTHCARE ON FRASER COAST

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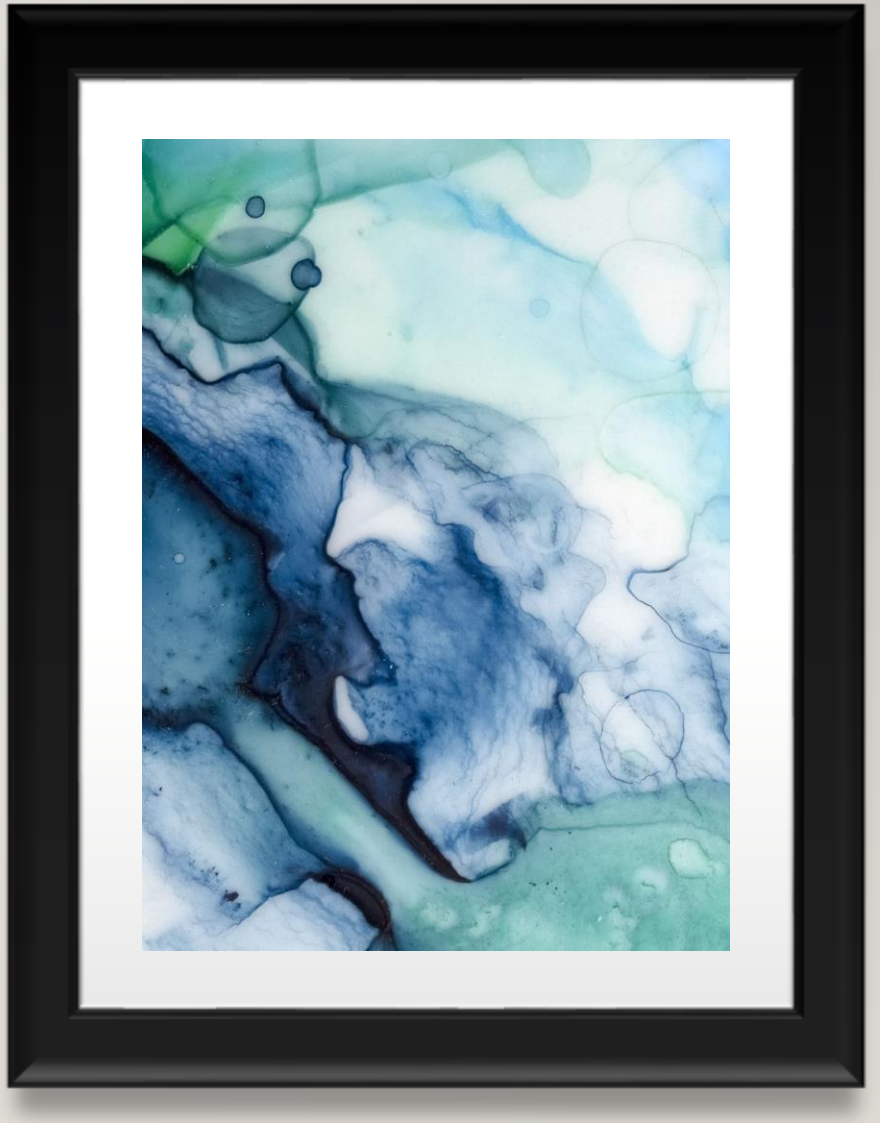

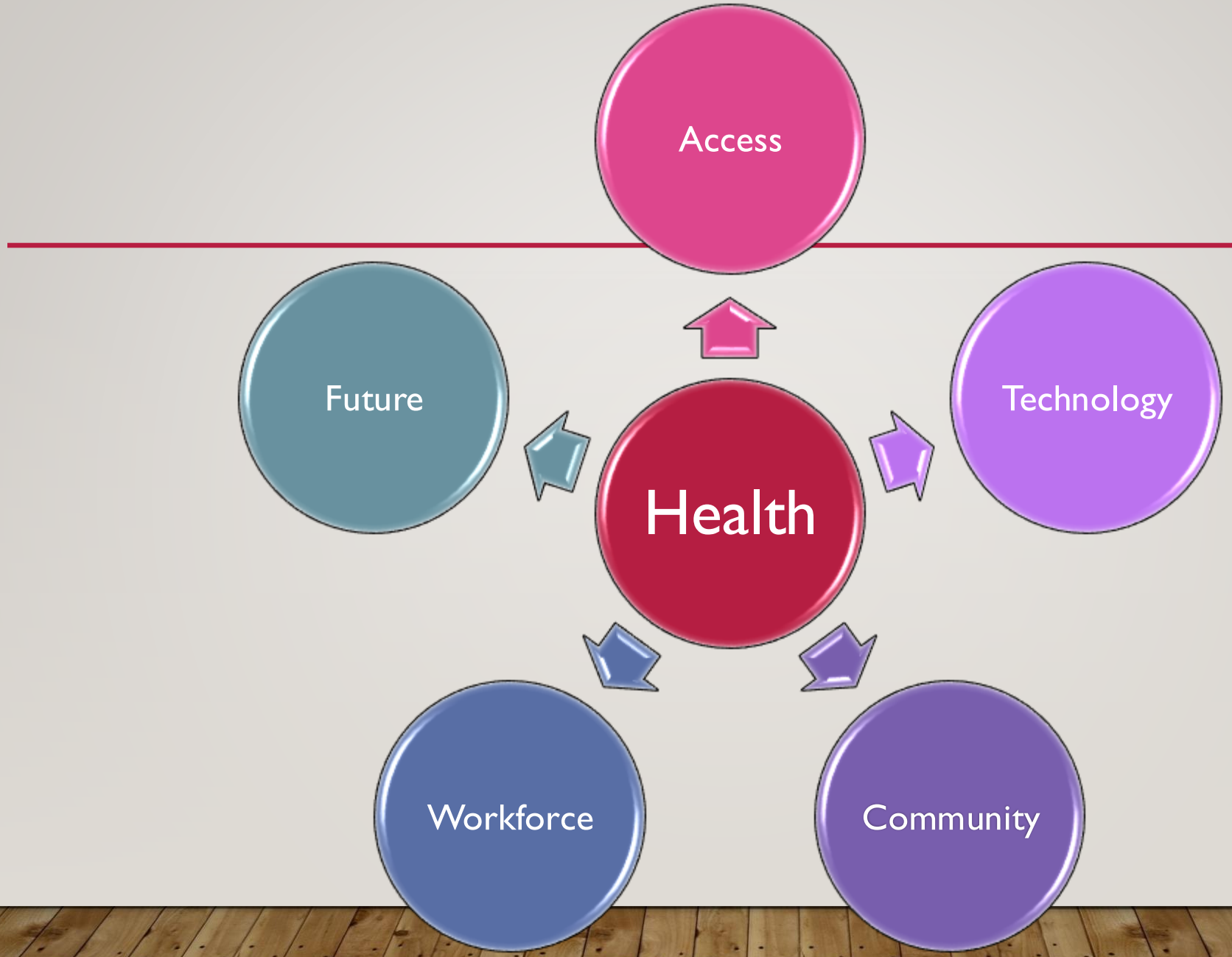
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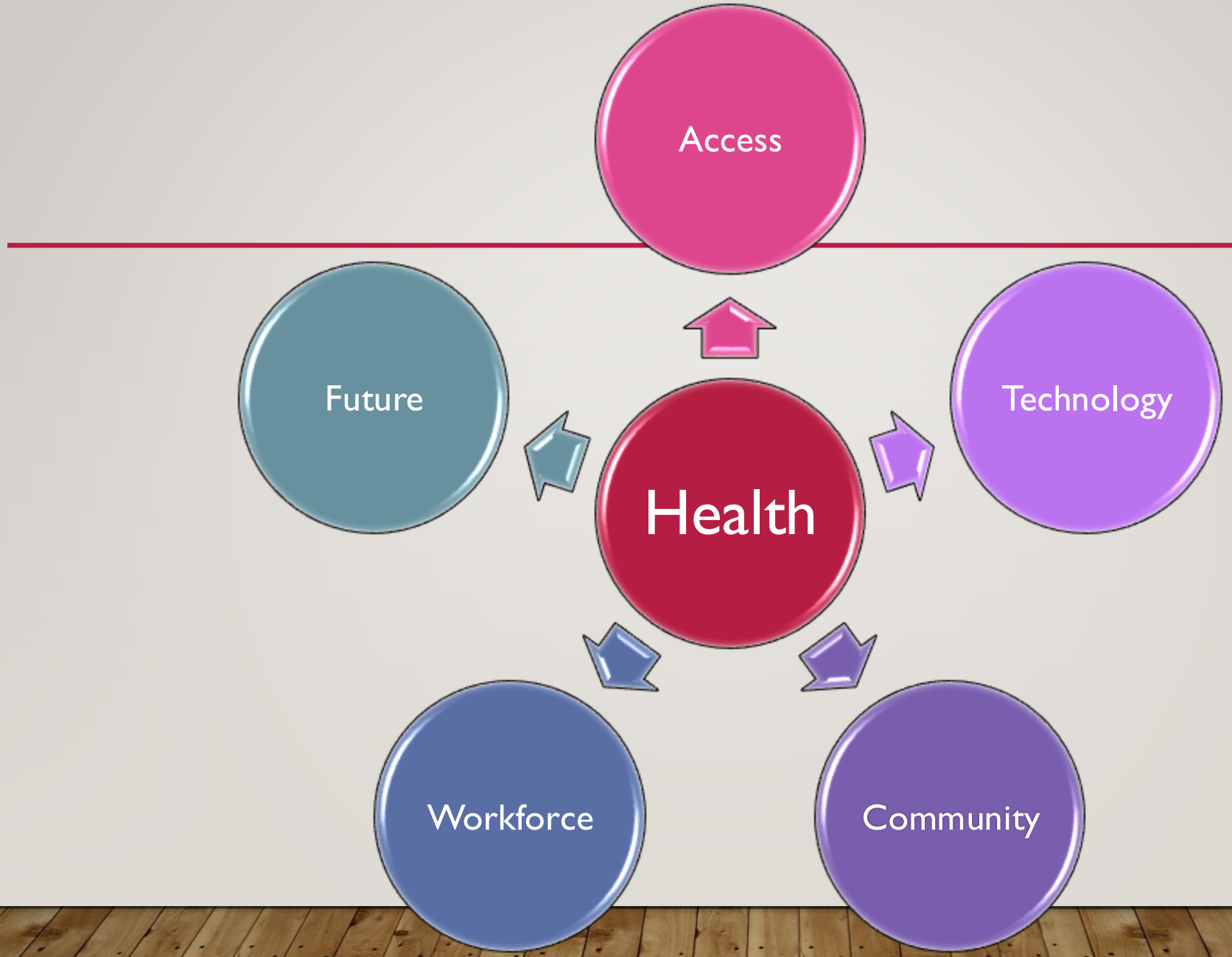
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HEALTHCARE ACCESSIBILITY

GENERAL FACTORS

- Growth in population
- Geographical distribution
- Time to access
- Money
- Workforce

HEALTH FACTORS

- Private hospital viability
- Reduced private health insurance
- Continued underinvestment
- Increased demand

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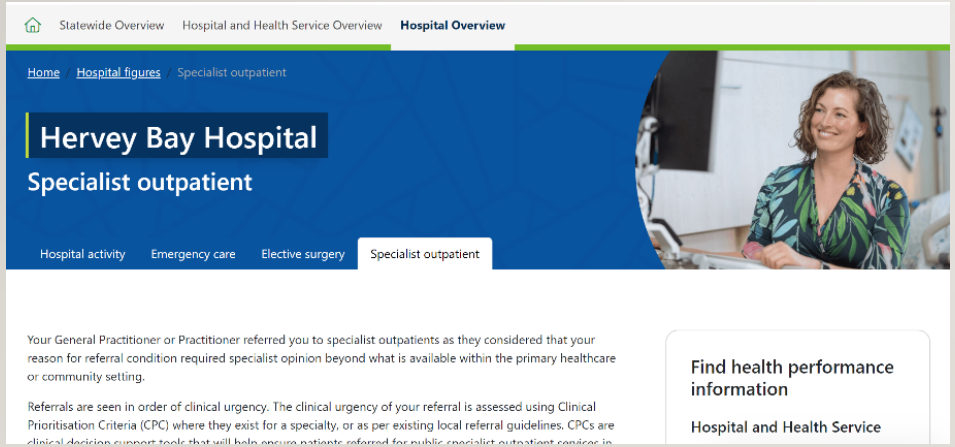

90th Centile Wait-Times

Jan-Mar 2024

Pass for Cat 1 and 2

Concerns for Cat 3

- Gen Surg 607 days
- Gynae 575 days
- Ortho 991 days

TECHNOLOGICAL INTEGRATION

- Fear of data breach / slower uptake
  - Examples – Uniting Care, Medibank, Medisecure
- Covid-19 has been a catalyst
  - Telehealth
  - Phone scripts
- Electronic record

My Health Record

COMMUNITY HEALTH INITIATIVES

- Grass root strategies are key
- Prevention is key and this is paramount
- If you do not require the health system – **great**
- Community is the one that determines what are the key priorities
- Amazing groups and organisations

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- Multifaceted problem
- Recruit and retain
- Housing
- Incentives and opportunities
- Work conditions

FUTURE TRENDS

- Data Sharing and Integration
- Improved efficiency with existing infrastructure
- Increased Public and Private agreements
- Networked models of care
- Fly in fly out
- Artificial intelligence / Augmented intelligence

SUMMARY

Healthcare accessibility – there are challenges

Rising cost – improve efficiencies

Technology will assist – still need workforce

Investment and long-term planning is key

QUESTIONS