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Organised General Practice extends and enhances general practice. It comprises groups of general practices – general practitioners, practice nurses, managers and others - working together in networks of co-operation and support, providing both individual and population oriented care for enrolled communities of patients. It embraces new responsibilities, including, for example, activities in public health, screening, illness prevention, disease management and resource management. It accepts greater accountability for health outcomes and the best use of health resources. It is supported at all levels by excellence in management services, to ensure optimum effectiveness and efficiency”.

Harry Pert.

In New Zealand, through the emergence of IPAs, we have developed an almost unique model of primary care based on clinical leadership and supported by high quality and responsive management. This has provided New Zealand policy makers and funders with professionally accountable and responsive clinician (doctors and nurses and others) workforce that invests energy and skill in change management, quality improvement, resource management and clinical excellence.