

Cooperation of Specialties

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Cooperation: The Foundation of Improvement

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Cooperation exists

- ✓ **Patients**
- ✓ **Families**
- ✓ **Family physicians**
- ✓ **Other clinical workers**
- ✓ **Nursing staff**
- ✓ **Administration**
- ✓ **Students**
- ✓ **Health educators**
- ✓ **Pharmacists**

Why not cooperate with other specialties??

Drivers for cooperation

- ✓ Improving patient process
 - ✓ Quality improvement
 - ✓ Modern approach to improvement
 - ✓ Ethical
 - ✓ Profit
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- ✓ Better interaction means better cooperation

Hybrid OR



Making quality the organizing principle in Vascular Medicine in Europe

- Clarify what quality is
- Measure quality
- Publish quality performance
- Recognize and reward quality
- Raise standards
- Safeguard quality



Sir Bruce Keogh, SGC Kongress Bern 2012; Medical Director of the NHS in UK since 2007 and National Medical Director of the NHS Commissioning Board (NHS England) since 2013.

There are common tensions everywhere

- Focus on outcomes:
 - Relation between volume and outcomes
 - Personal vs patient interest
- Emergency and urgent care
- When to centralize?
- Local politics vs national interest?
 - Central vs local services
 - University vs non-University services
 - Transportation
- Promoting innovation

Overlap in patient treatment and care existst

- ✓ Cardiac surgery
- ✓ Vascular surgery
- ✓ Oncology
- ✓ Gynecology
- ✓ Endocrinology
- ✓ ENT
- ✓ Maxillo-fascial surgery
- ✓ Lung surgery
- ✓ Abdominal surgery.....and so on.....

Networks

Centers for

- vascular trauma
- rAAA
- TAAA

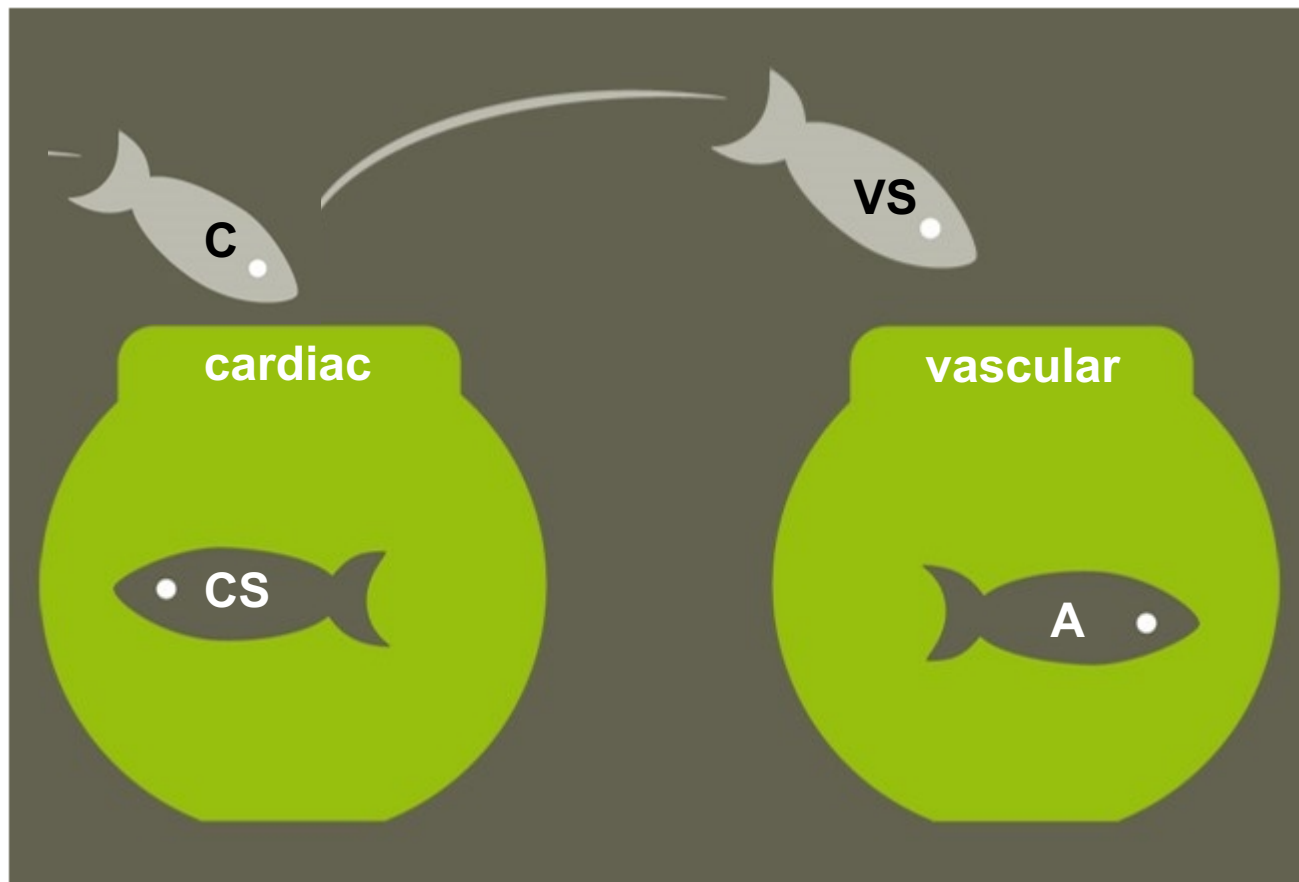
Needs

- Clinical refer

Cooperation of specialties needed

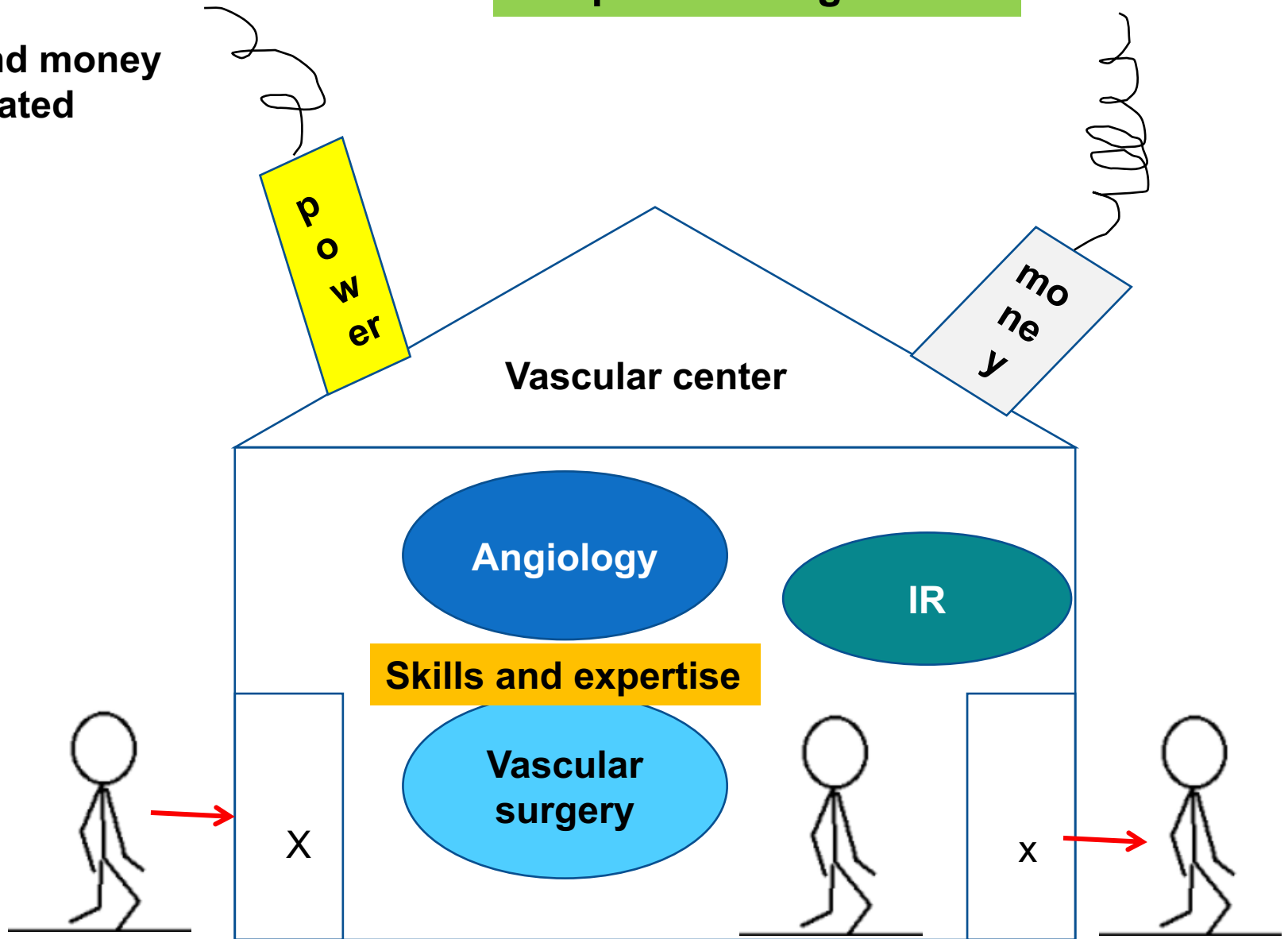
- Vascular services
- Emergency and urgent care
- Transparency over results
- Innovation
- Stroke units

Bern: Vascular center: vascular surgery and angiology
Cardiac center: cardiac surgery and cardiology



Cooperation is good

Power and money are regulated



Aims in vascular patient care all over Europe

- ✓ High quality standards
 - ✓ best surgical practice
 - ✓ EBM (guidelines)
- ✓ Quality assurance programs
- ✓ High Patient safety

Conclusions

Future of vascular surgery in Europe

- ✓ Vascular (disease) Centers
- ✓ Specialized centers across (national) borders
- ✓ Collaboration / Network formation
- ✓ Corporate training and education programs
- ✓ Quality safeguard
- ✓ **Cooperation of specialties is fruitful and needed**

Conclussions

Cooperation does not mean that physicians must give up leadership roles

On the contrary, shifting the meaning of leadership should strengthen it.

The physician who wishes to help improve the systems of care must understand that he or she is a central participant in a larger whole that, when correctly led, serves the same ends that the medical profession does.

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