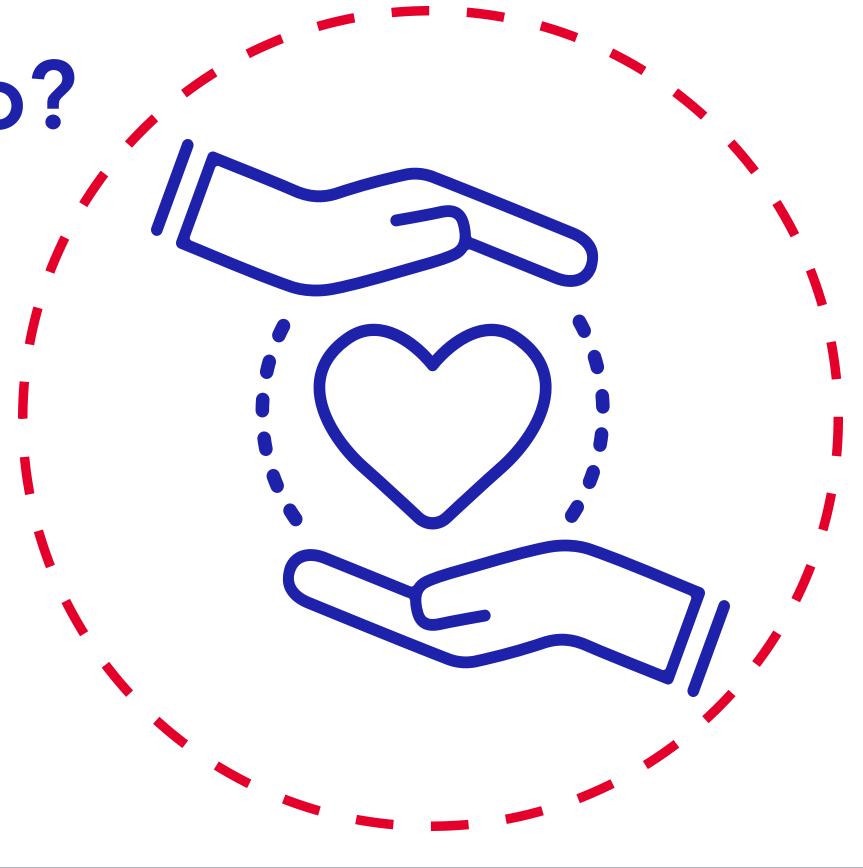


# Exploring the role of case managers in treating patients with complex care needs

What makes a case manager effective?

What did the researchers do?

Based on information about case management interventions found in the literature, we developed a theory that explains how case management in primary care works to improve the health of patients who frequently use healthcare services





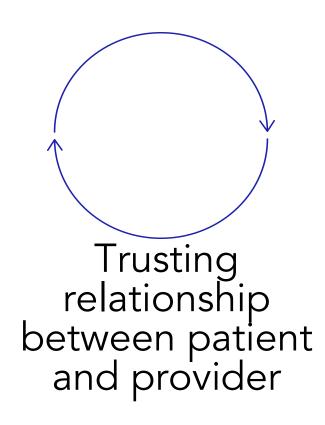
Case management is a collaborative approach to care where a case manager works with other health care providers, the patient and community partners to plan, implement, and coordinate services for a patient.

## What did they find?

Key ingredients of case management







Care planning

Coordination and health navigation

Self-management support

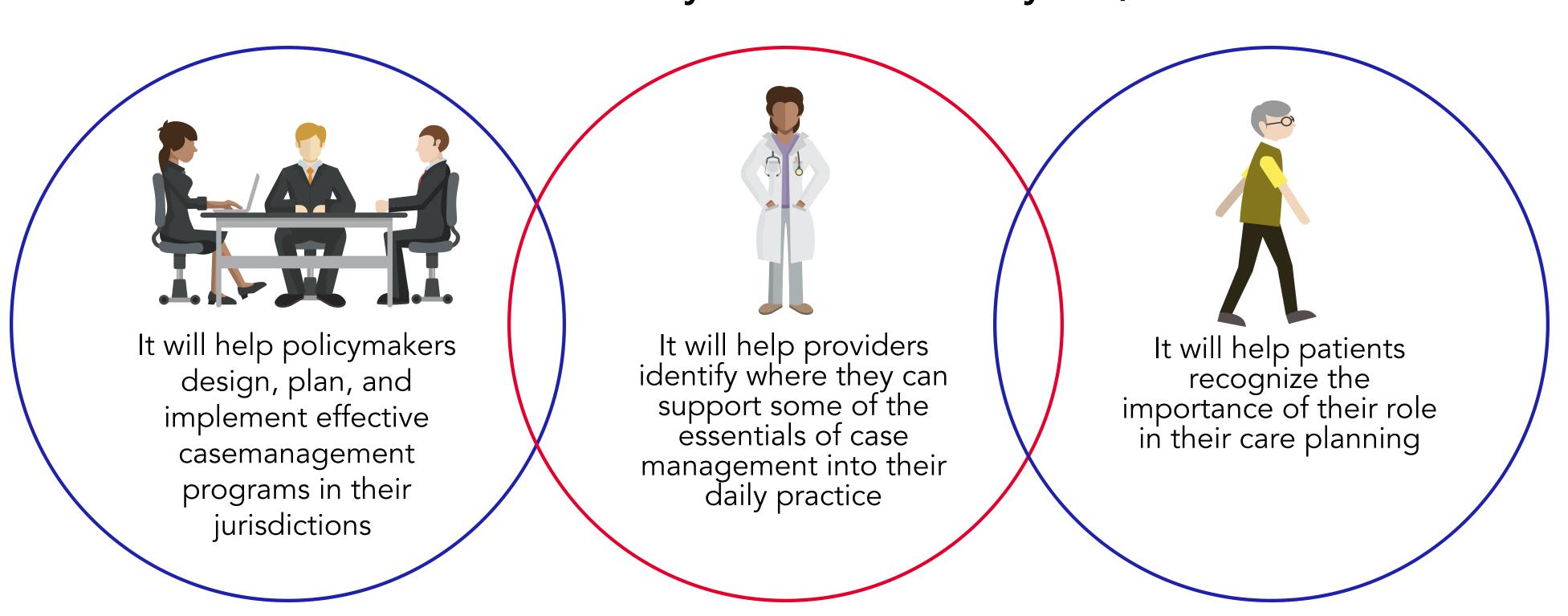
Support to providers

Case management works and improves self-management skills, patient adherence, patient satisfaction, health status, quality of life, quality of care and reduces healthcare use and cost

## Why is it important?

A theory explaining how case management in primary care works to improve outcomes for frequent users with complex needs identifies the most essential components for a successful case management program.

#### This theory will benefit everyone;



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