



Quality Healthcare in the Caribbean/ St Eustatius

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St.Eustatius.

According to WHO In 2000

The Bahamas


- The country spends a healthy 7% of its GDP on health, there are nearly 3 doctors per 1,000 inhabitants (putting the country in line with places like the UK and Finland) and the health care system is ranked as 94th in the world by the World Health Organization (WHO) in the World health report published in 2000

Cuba

- The performance of Cuba's provision places the country at no. 39 on the World Health Organization's league table. There are nearly 7 doctors per 1,000 population — one of the highest ratios in the world - which is a reflection of the high percentage of the country's GDP spent on health care (11.1%).


Jamaica

- According to World Health Organization data, the country is 53rd in the world for the effectiveness of its health care system but only has 1 doctor per 2,000 population, which is quite low on a world scale (comparable with countries like Nigeria and Fiji). Looking to the future, this developing country has its sights set on improving life for its citizens, spending 5.4% of its GDP on health care

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- If developing countries seek to adequately provide health care to their populations then there is a need for medical schools to prepare their students for the problems of the 21st century.
 - Three of the main issues faced internationally, but which are occurring on an even bigger scale in the Caribbean, are *the ageing of the population, the increase in non-communicable diseases such as diabetes mellitus and cardiovascular disease and the HIV/AIDS epidemic.* [7–9]
 - The latter three conditions are due largely to lifestyle choices. Family doctors are ideally situated to provide information to help these patients with their lifestyles and to monitor improvements in their health.

Definition

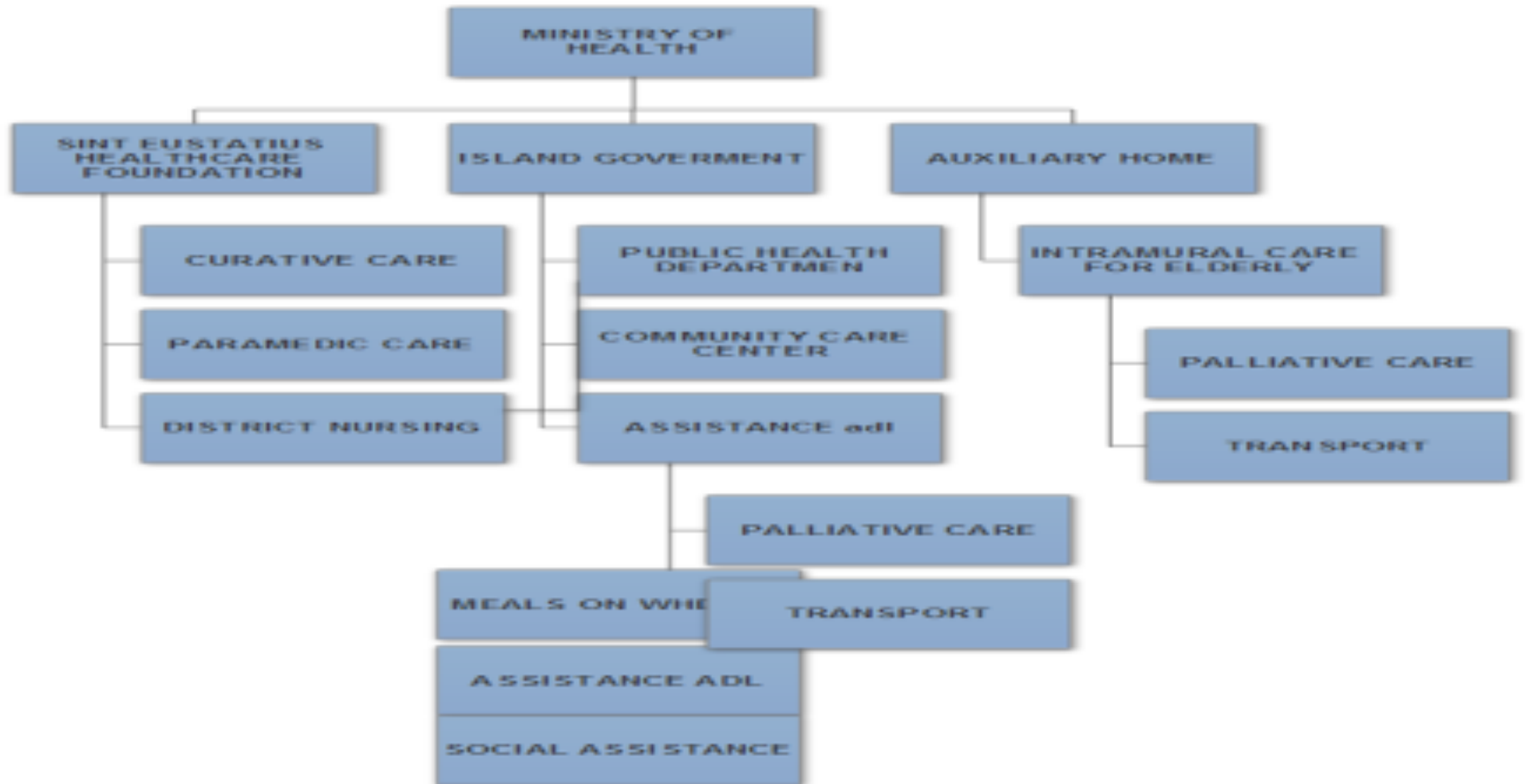
- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) published its Quality Strategy in 2016, listing six goals in the delivery of quality healthcare:
 1. Make care safer by reducing harm caused in the delivery of care.
 2. Strengthen person and family engagement as partners in their care.
 3. Promote effective communication and coordination of care.
 4. Promote effective prevention and treatment of chronic disease.
 5. Work with communities to promote best practices of healthy living.
 6. Make care affordable
- Quality in healthcare means providing the care the patient needs when the patient needs it, in an affordable, safe, effective manner. Quality healthcare also means engaging and involving the patient, so the patient takes ownership in preventive care and in the treatment of diagnosed conditions.
- Quality in the healthcare context is a collaborative effort that involves the patient, the independent physician, the patient's family, and the community as a whole.



What is the Caribbean doing to
improve the quality of Health care?

St Eustatius Organizational Chart

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Health plan of EUX

- We don't have a health plan in the healthcare of St. Eustatius.
- Our budget for curative care is regulated via a tax system.

Top two conditions that affect the health of Statia's population

- Obesity
- NCD's

Health plan of EUX

- We have policies that prioritize aspects like
 - STD's and sexual health
 - Youth Healthcare
 - Domestic violence
 - Elderly care
 - Environmental health.
 - Prevention of diabetes
 - Obesity prevention.

Health plan EUX


- Who is responsible for our health care
 - The Dutch and the local government.
- Who is responsible for the health policy?
 - Local government

Perspective for EUX

- What are the perspectives for improvement of healthcare?
 - Do we have the knowledge to handle it?
 - We are working on acquiring the knowledge and expertise to deal with our medical problems
 - Do we have the tools to handle it?
 - We are working to achieve the necessary tools like
 - Training, seminars, conferences for our employees in the health care to become more professional.
 - Acquiring the necessary medical equipments
 - Educating the community regarding a healthy lifestyle

Conclusion and recommendations

- What strategy will St Eustatius apply?
 - Organizing the community center to help educate the clients/ inhabitants?
 - Preparing life coaches to guide the community
 - Preparing health coaches to guide the community regarding their eating habits
 - Promoting healthy eating by funding organizations like made in Statia
 - How would St Eustatius handle with his professionals (nurses, doctors and other field workers)?
 - Adapting to Integrated care

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- Shared vision and patient centered policy based on the needs of our population (individual island).
 - Capacity building in data collection and analysis (sharing expertise).
 - Identifying the risk for our islands and having plans of approach (exp climate change and heath).
 - Continue exploring ways of working together with sister islands and islands in the region