

Peer Review

Review of: "Health Transformation Through Prevention Requires Progress Metrics for Value Creation"

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The article is well-argued in favour of prevention and lines up all the conceptual and real-life barriers working against its implementation.

It can be noted that it is not only those health systems relying on fee-for-service that have implementation problems for prevention but also tax-based Beveridge systems. The same can be said for the need to focus less on acute and more on chronic NCD care and the engagement of key stakeholders.

Both systems share many of the other barriers mentioned and well described in the text, including the need for disruption - Innovators' Dilemma. The paper is necessarily very comprehensive, so it may be useful to separate the barriers from the "way forward" suggestions for readability purposes.

In order to advance on prevention, the way forward seems to be a mix of bottom-up transformation via the engagement of professionals and patients and top-down policy

push and pull. This may not be "the big disruption" required for transformation, but at least

it would signal incremental improvements. This comes out clearly in the text and would give time to develop the metrics suggested.

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