

# Innovative geriatric care: Integrating the Transitional Care Bridge Program in a new Co-Management Model for Frail Elderly

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# Outline presentation

- Zuyderland MC and older frail patients
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# Zuyderland MC and Older Frail Patients I

photo: Rince De Jong & Zuyderland MC Sittard-Geleen

- Hospitals face more and more older AND frail patients:  
patients  $\geq 65$  years are responsible for 40-50% of all patient days
- Zuyderland Medical Centre
- 2006: 22%  $\geq 70$  years
- 2015: 36%  $\geq 70$  years
- 40% of admitted patients  $\geq 70$   
can be regarded as frail: (N=2350 / year)



# Zuyderland MC and Older Frail Patients II

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- Frail older patients are vulnerable for adverse events such as:
- Functional decline or hospital associated disability
- At risk of (partly preventable) complications as delirium, falls, malnutrition
- Longer length of stay
- At risk of Institutionalization

Hospital stay in itself may be a risk factor for adverse events!



# Experiences of older people and their caring family / friends during acute hospital stay

Pettigrew, 2006; Bridges et al 2010; Dewar 2013; Sivertsen 2012; Lowson et al , 2012; Clisset et al, 2013; Meide van der, 2015

- Admission often **stressful**
- Difficulty to keep **grip and control** over what happens
- Especially if **cognitive or communicational problems**
- Need for **privacy, personal space and possessions**
- To keep **contacted with family and social network**
  - **Preservation identity / Participation decision making**
  - **Using experience/skills, competence of caring family**
  - **Caring family: experience of a change of position:**
    - **Being central before /no impact during hospital stay**

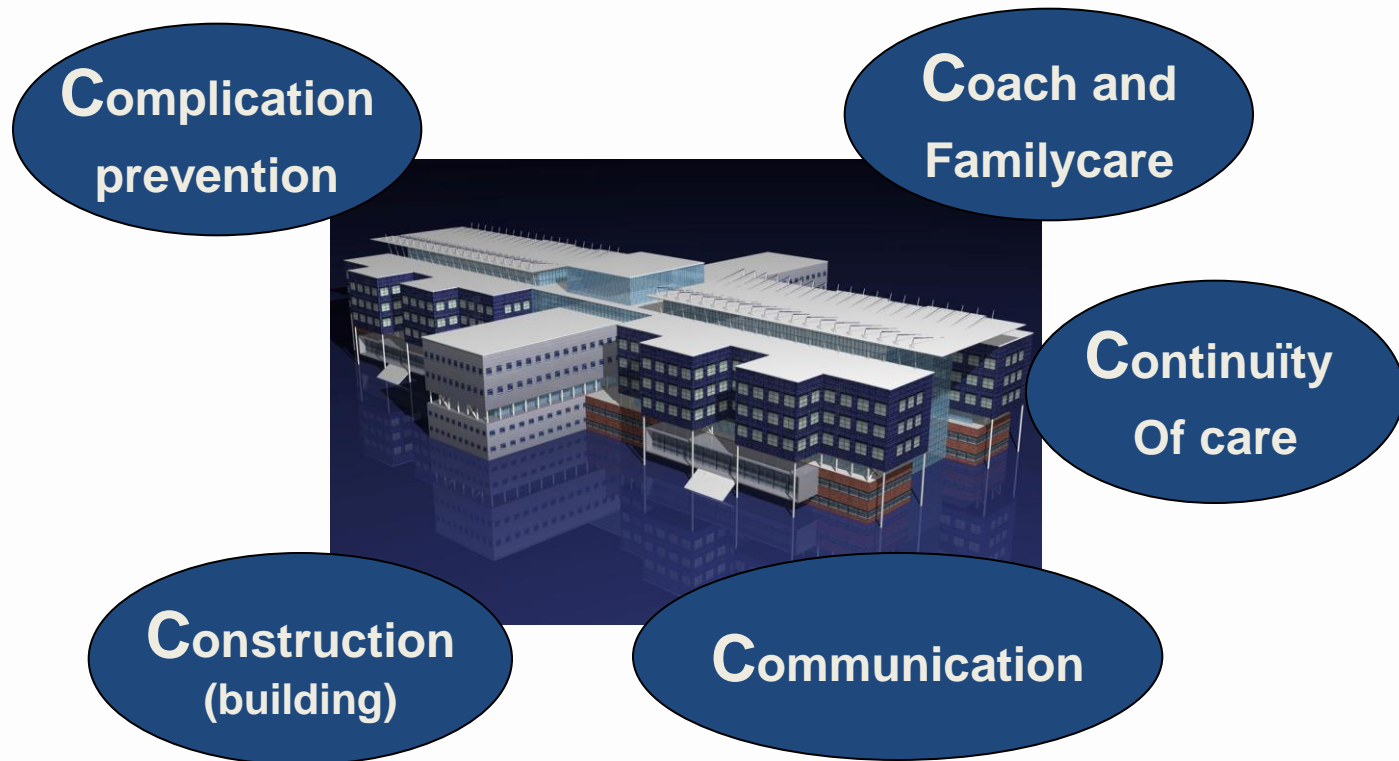
**A new approach:**

**preservation Identity and Function central concepts**

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# Ungoing development : integrating geriatric care model hospital and primary care

- Raak Program 'Continuity of care for Frail Elderly' 2008-2009 RAAK Award 2011
- NPO Program 'Zorg uit Voorzorg' 2009 – 2014
- National Project Quality Mark Senior Friendly Hospitals 2011-
- Integrated 5-C model of Care (Habets, 2009)



# From Consultation to Co Management

(Winograd et al 1993, Deschodt et al, 2013)

- **Inpatient Geriatric Consultation Team**
- aims to share the core geriatric principles and multidisciplinary expertise to all medical staff and care teams and for all hospitalized persons with a geriatric profile who are admitted in not geriatric units.
- Non adherence to recommendations and lack of control to implementation inhibits effectiveness
  
- **Geriatric Co-Management**
- ‘The most far reaching model of **shared care** between a general treating physician and a geriatrician. They **manage the patient together** from admission until discharge and are **both responsible** for the process and outcome of provided care’ (Kammerlander 2010)

# Comanagement program I



- **Objective;**  
To deliver effective, personalized geriatric care aimed at prevention of functional decline, prevention of medication mistakes and optimizing continuity of care to frail older patients admitted to Zuyderland MC
- **Target group:** older patients  $\geq 70$  years, frail profile + at risk complications (N=100)
- **Where:** Project on 3 wards : Internal Medicine, Lung Diseases, Surgery and primary care

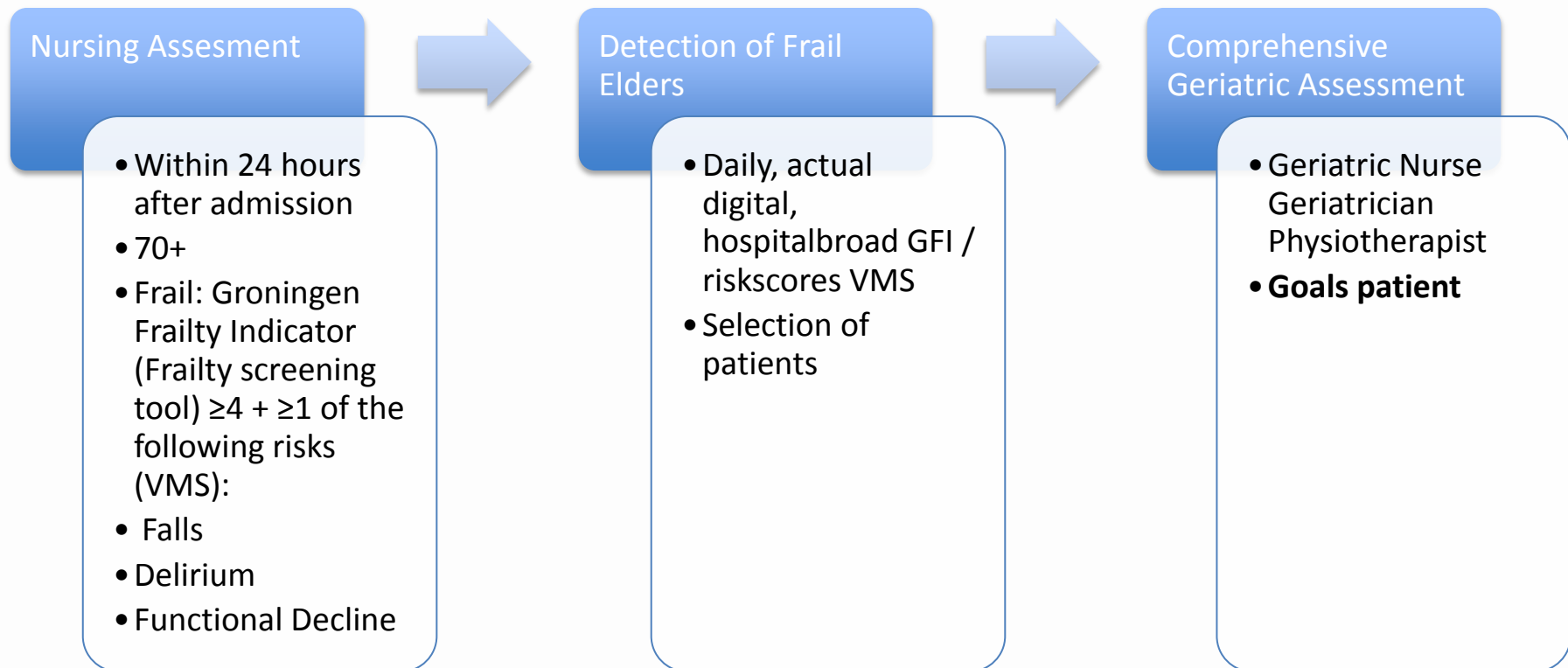


# Comanagement program II

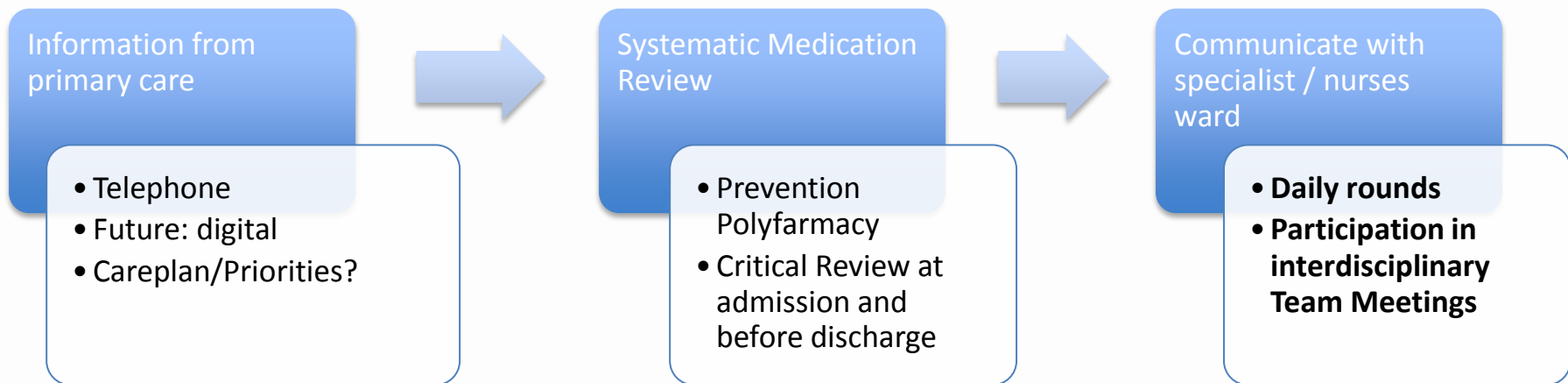


- **Participants:** older patients, family, and professionals:  
Primary Care: General practitioner, primary care nurse or casemanager dementia and physiotherapist (with geriatric competencies)  
Zuyderland MC: Medical/Surgical staff, geriatric resource nurse and ward nurses, geriatrician, geriatric nurse, physiotherapist (with geriatric competencies), occupational therapist
- **Components:** Use of primary careplan at admission, comprehensive geriatric assessment, daily ward rounds en staff communication, participation in interdisciplinary team meetings, geriatric resource nurse, homevisit  $\leq 48$  hours, continuity of care after discharge
- **Design:** Before and After study

# Ingredients of the program I







# Ingredients of the program II











## Samenvattingskaart Vallen




### Risico

- Bent u in de afgelopen 6 maanden één of meerdere keren gevallen? 
- Maakt u (of uw naaste) zich ongerust over het feit dat u wellicht zou kunnen vallen tijdens uw verblijf hier? 
- Klinisch oordeel: heeft de patiënt een verhoogd valrisico? 
- Minimaal éénmaal Ja: valrisico aanwezig
- Vragen in anamnese leiden tot overzicht risicofactoren (samenvattingstabblad)
- Arts neemt *anamnese SPLAT* af incl. z.n. aanvullend onderzoek 







### Preventie

- Meld valrisico aan arts 
- Kies passende verpleegkundige preventieve interventies (*verpleegplan valpreventie*) 
- Informeer patiënt en familie: verstrek *folder Valpreventie* 
- Laat familie goed schoeisel meebrengen 
- Icc fysiotherapeut o.v.v. 'valrisico'  
- Icc VALTEAM: valincident als opname-indicatie, als er > 3 risicofactoren aanwezig zijn, bij een delirant beeld of cognitieve problematiek  









### Diagnose

- Diagnostiek m.b.t. valrisico / onderliggende oorzaak (*LINCFAI*) 
- Diagnostiek m.b.t. valrisico en mobiliteit 
- Noteer valrisico in medische voorgeschiedenis 

### Behandeling en begeleiding

- Multifactoriële behandeling    
- Starten binnen 48 uur na opname en na 5 dagen evalueren
- Kies passende preventieve interventies (*verpleegplan valpreventie*) 
- Kies specifieke interventies (infrarood, alarmmat in stoel)
- Arts start passende interventies (*MOBIEL*) 

### Nazorg

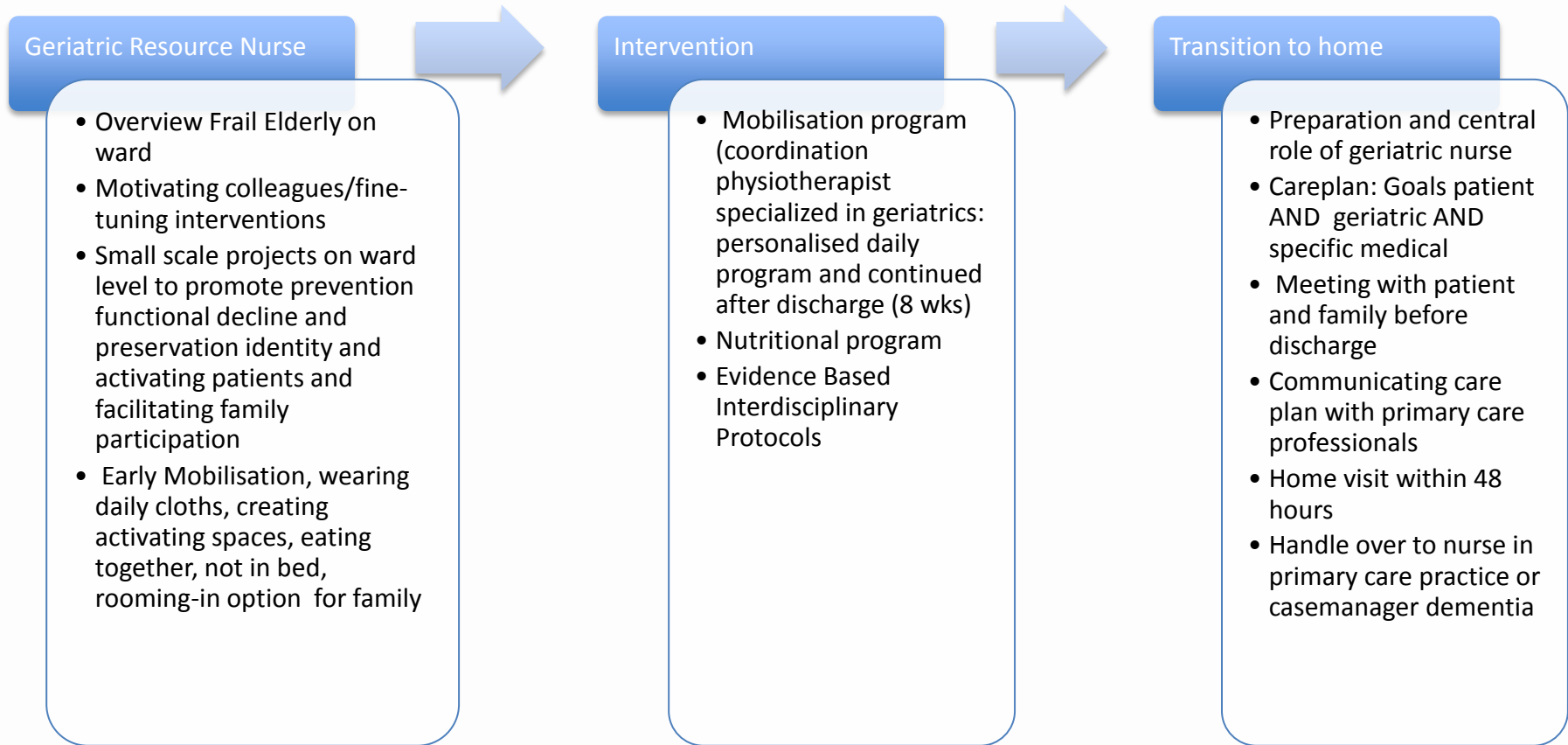
- Valrisico in ontslagbrief 
- Verstrekkingenformulier ambulante paramedicus 
- Evt. verwijzing Valpolikliniek 
- Overdracht: informatie val(risico) en behandeling naar praktijkondersteuner, thuiszorgaanbieder, verzorgings- of verpleeghuis 
- Overdracht met bewegings- en activiteitenadvies voor patiënt en familie  
- Indien van toepassing overdracht  

## Verpleegkundige preventieve interventies Vallen

Klinische factor	Preventieve Interventie
Duizeligheid / Hypotensie (DH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transfer onder begeleiding (DH)</li> <li>RR meten liggend, staand en na het eten (DH)</li> <li>1x per week evaluatie medicatie</li> <li>Adviseer patiënt langzaam op te staan</li> </ul>
Mictieproblemen (MC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regelmatig ondersteuning bieden bij toiletgang (MC)</li> <li>Maak gebruik van postoeel naast het bed (MC)</li> <li>Regelmatig bladderen (MC)</li> <li>Analyseer toiletbehoefte (MC)</li> </ul>
Mobiliteitsstoornis (MOB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zorg voor stevig schoeisel (MOB)</li> <li>Zet mob. hulpm. binnen handbereik (MOB)</li> <li>Geef ondersteuning bij mobiliseren (MOB)</li> <li>Schakel fysiotherapeut in (MOB)</li> </ul>
Visusstoornis (V)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stimuleer gebruik van bril (V)</li> <li>Zet benodigdheden binnen handbereik (V)</li> <li>Zorg voor goede verlichting (V)</li> <li>Positionering patiënt t.o.v. lichtbron (V)</li> <li>Ondersteun bij mobiliseren (V)</li> <li>Schakel evt. oogarts in (V)</li> </ul>
Gehoorstoornis (G)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stimuleer gebruik gehoorapparaat (G)</li> <li>Articulair duidelijk (G)</li> <li>Contact in gezichtsveld (G)</li> <li>Inspectie gehoorgang, cerumen verwijderen (G)</li> </ul>
Verwardheid (VW)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maak gebruik van infrarood (VW)</li> <li>Bed laag zetten en tegen de muur plaatsen (VW)</li> <li>Matras op de grond voor het bed leggen (VW)</li> <li>Schakel naasten in (VW)</li> <li>Centraal gelegen kamer (VW)</li> <li>Verwijder gevaren uit de omgeving (VW)</li> <li>Creëer een prikkelarme omgeving (VW)</li> <li>Loop regelmatig even binnen (VW)</li> <li>Geef onrustmedicatie op tijd (VW)</li> <li>Geef dagstructuur (VW)</li> <li>Fixatie als laatste redmiddel (VW)</li> </ul>
Medicatie (MED)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inventariseer risicomedicatie (MED)</li> <li>Attendeer arts op risicomedicatie (MED)</li> <li>Wees alert op bijwerkingen (sufheid, stijfheid, verwardheid, duizeligheid) (MED)</li> </ul>

Meer info? Zie: 'Kwetsbare ouderen in OMC' op intranet.

# Ingredients of the program III



# Follow up in primary care

- Primary care team:  
General practitioner,
- Nurse in primary care/ general practice OR
- Casemanager dementia
- Physiotherapist in primary care
- During 3 months after discharge: proactive visits (2,6,12 weeks) continuing individualized careplan

## Final remarks;

- October 2016 – January 2017: implementing intervention
- Spring 2017: results

### Important issues:

- Start co-management in hospital as early as possible
- Continuity of care: Integrate essential aspects of ongoing careplan general practice team in hospital care plan at admission
- Interprofessional team meetings: process /content can be improved

### Overall so far:

intensive collaboration, learning/respecting expertise of each other, leading to small but important improvements in care

*'In our hospitals, creating a cultural shift, shifting thinking involves changing people's points of views, shifting their paradigms. More than one strategie is needed all the time. Small gains add up to big solutions'*

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