



SINGAPORE ASSOCIATION OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS

ASIAN OT EXCHANGE MEETING

9 NOVEMBER 2023

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OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY IN SINGAPORE (31 DEC 2022)

Age	%	Gender	%	Nationality	%	Settings	%
20 - 29	32.9	Male	15.5	Singapore/ Resident	87.6	Acute Hospitals	35.5
30 – 39	42.7	Female	84.5	Non-citizen	12.4	Community Hospitals	10.8
40 – 49	18.4					Community Agencies	24.3
50 – 59	5.2					Private Practices	14.3
60 and above	0.8	Registration Type	%	OT Qualifications	%	Academic Institution	1.2
		Full	90.7	Singapore	63.6	Government/ Agencies	1.4
Full Time	79.9	Conditional	9.1	Australia	14.3	Returned to home country, on studies, retired	12.5
Part Time	7.6	Restricted	0.1	India	5.0		
Retired/Studies	12.5	Temporary	0.1	Others	17.1		
							Attrition

1466 Registered Occupational Therapists in Singapore (31 December 2022)
6.1% annual growth from 2019 to 2022 (PT 6.4%; ST 4.89%)

KEY UPDATES FROM SINGAPORE



International Visits



Ministry of Health Workplan



*National Occupational Therapy
Conference 2024*

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INTERNATIONAL VISITS



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RESUMPTION OF INTERNATIONAL VISITS



*Chiang Mai University from Thailand visited SIT
June 2023*



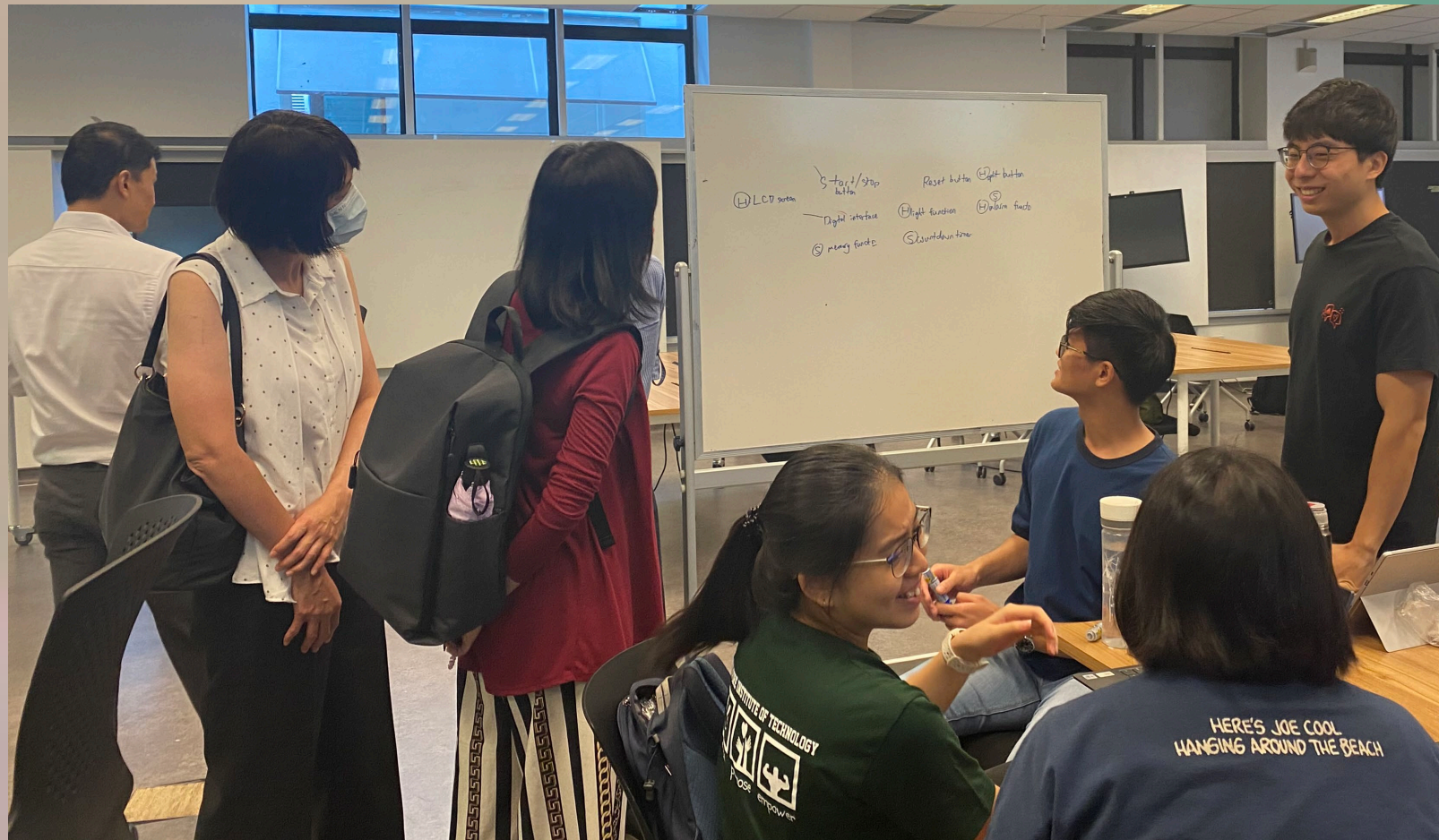
*SIT OT and PT students and professor visited Seirei
Christopher University (Hamamatsu, Japan)
July 2023*

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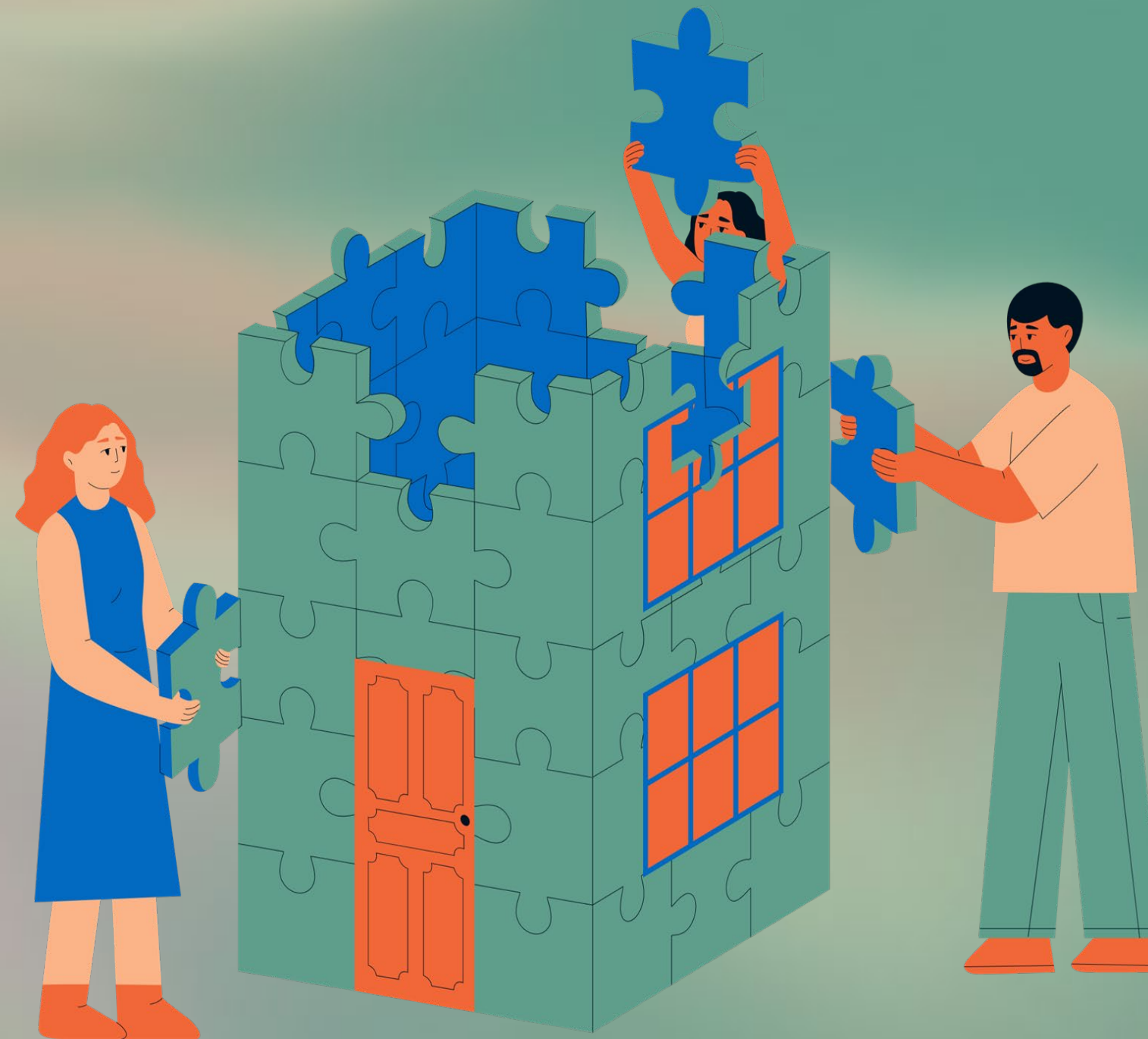


*Faculty and clinician from Taiwan visited SIT
May 2023*



*OT & PT Students and Faculty from SCU visiting SIT
Sept 2023*

MINISTRY OF HEALTH WORKPLAN



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Workplan Seminar 2023: Reinventing our 3 healthcare systems



Acute Care



Preventive Care



Aged Care

Our healthcare system is entering a blooming season

Premises-neutral financing

Enhancement to health services in schools

Efforts in preventive and child health

Community support for better lifestyles and health habits

Preventive care – roll out of Healthier SG

Advancements in medical technology

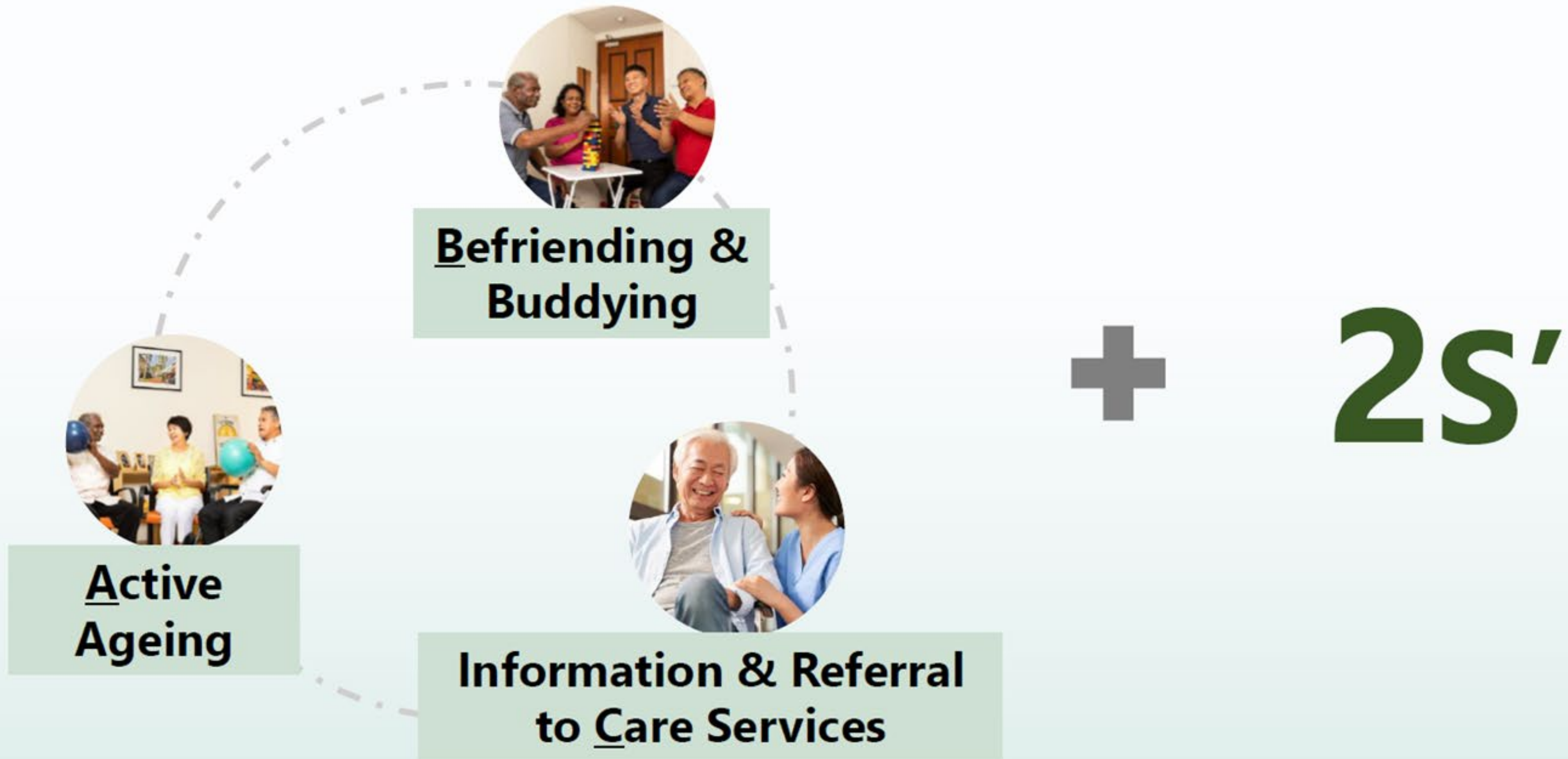
Strengthening palliative care

Aged care – new national programme to foster ageing in the community

Acute care – expand capacity & manpower



Second, evolve the operating model



AACs need to form social circles and offer health services

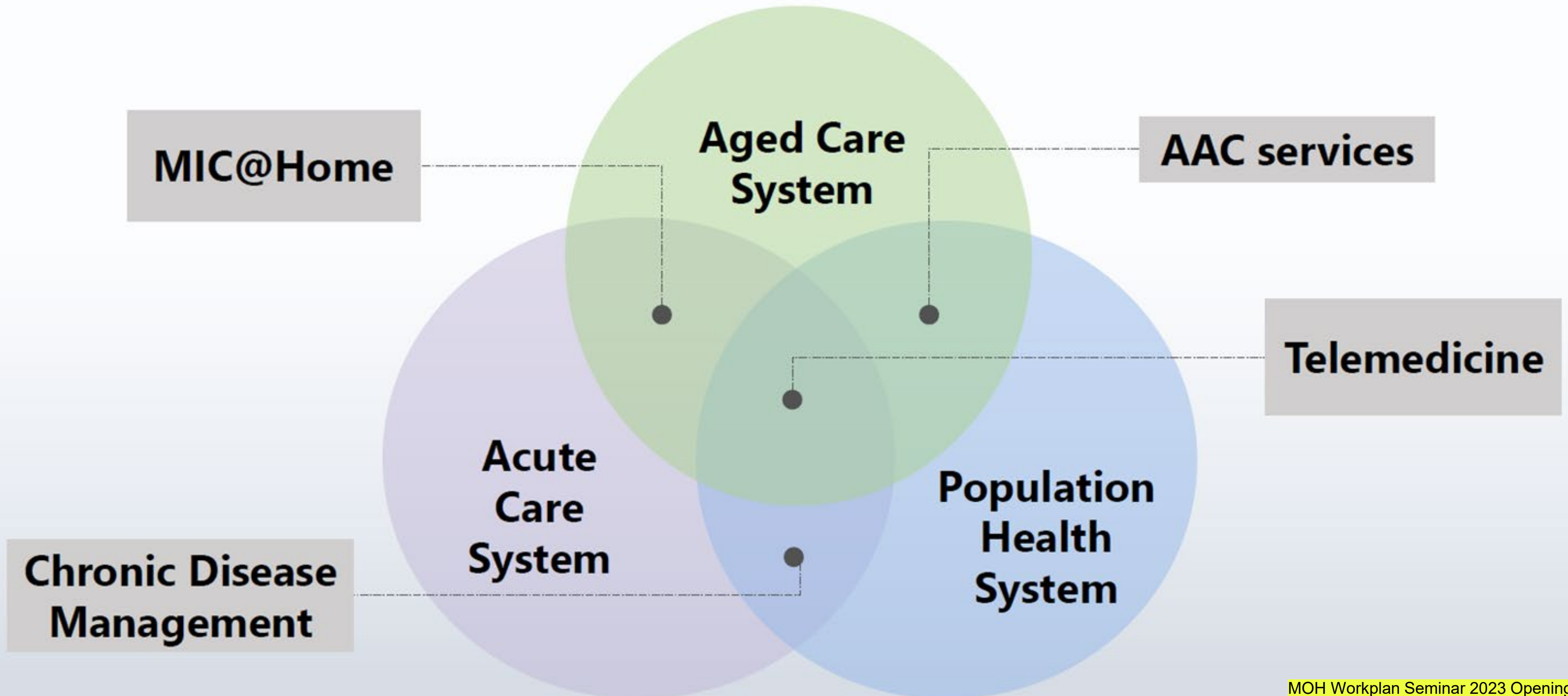


Building **S**ocial circles



Health and functional **S**creening

Focus on the intersections of health systems



SCHOLARSHIP OF PRACTICE

Kielhofner, G. (2005). Scholarship and practice: bridging the divide. *The American Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 59(2), 231–239.
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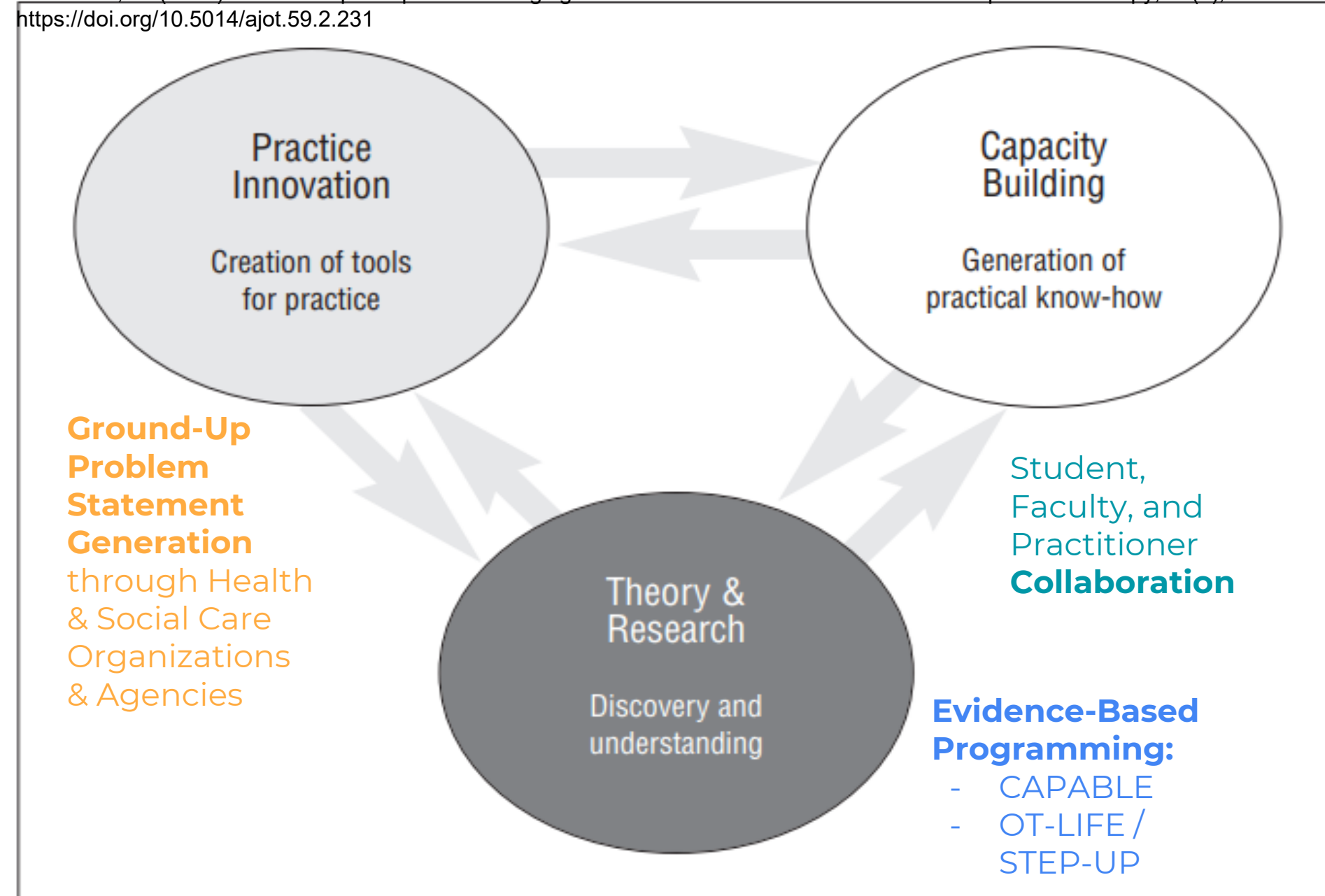


Figure 1. A knowledge-creating system.

Examples

Request for Guidelines by
Chief Allied Health Office
and *Agency for Integrated*
Care: Programme
Considerations for Persons
with Mild Cognitive
Impairment

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NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY CONFERENCE 2024



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SAVE THE DATE



Expanding Horizons

Occupational Therapy for an inclusive tomorrow



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12-13 July 2024

Singapore Institute of Technology (Dover)

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Local Delegates

Type	SAOT Members		Non-Members	
	Clinicians	Students	Clinicians	Students
Conference Only	\$300	\$60	\$450	\$100
Conference + Workshop	\$600	\$100	\$900	\$180
Workshop only	\$350	\$60	\$500	\$100

Overseas Delegates

Type	ASEAN & Asian OT Exchange Network		Others	
	Clinicians	Students	Clinicians	Students
Conference Only	\$300	\$60	\$450	\$100
Conference + Workshop	\$600	\$100	\$900	\$180
Workshop only	\$350	\$60	\$500	\$100



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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