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HCV round table in Poland: First experiences in the EMCDDA Hepatitis C Initiative

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Conflict of interest

- None to declare

Improve the understanding of barriers and facilitators

1. **for HCV testing** in Poland
2. **for the access and availability of health care** in the area of HCV



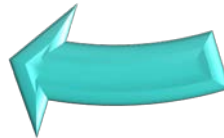
DEBATE

11h June 2019
Warsaw, POLAND



BACKGROUND

- focus on general population
- non-holistic approach to drug use
- lack of National HCV Strategy
- ‘actively addicted’ people
- excluded from HCV treatment program



1. Pre-meeting questionnaire (check-list) -> harm reduction services
2. Interdisciplinary debate according to the outline proposed by the EMCDDA
3. Evaluation tool for the debate

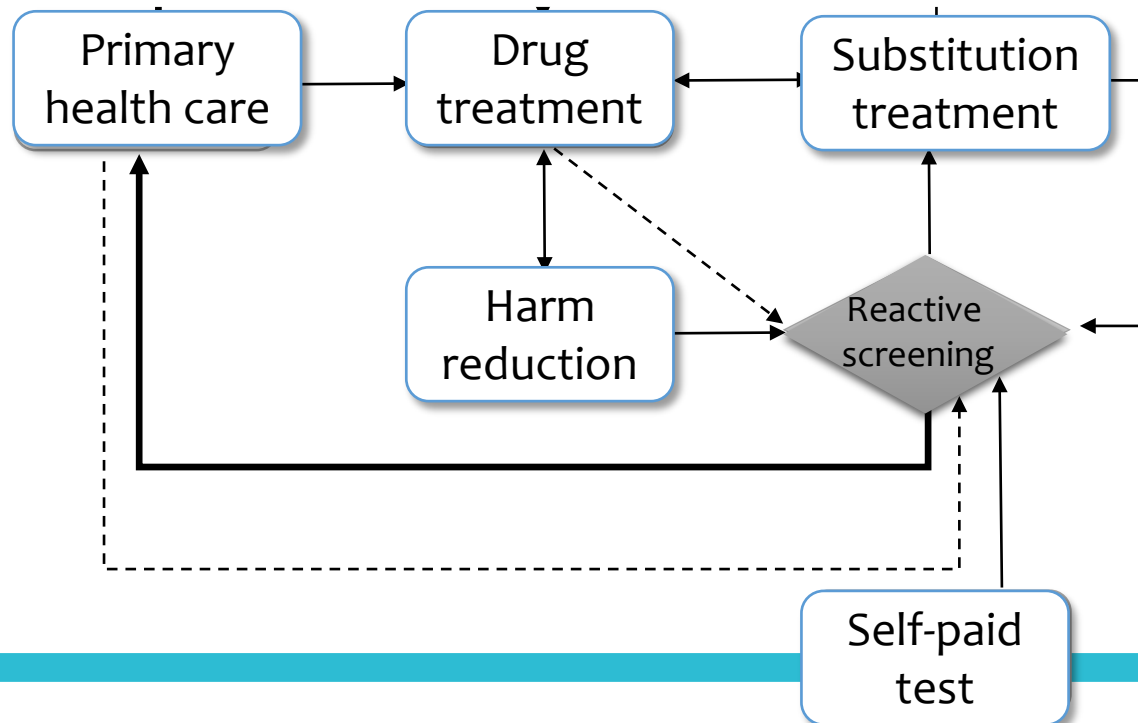
- **Authorities** (local - city, Ministry of Health, National Bureau for Drug Prevention)

- **Academic** (clinical societies, Polish HCV Expert Group, National Institute of Public Health)

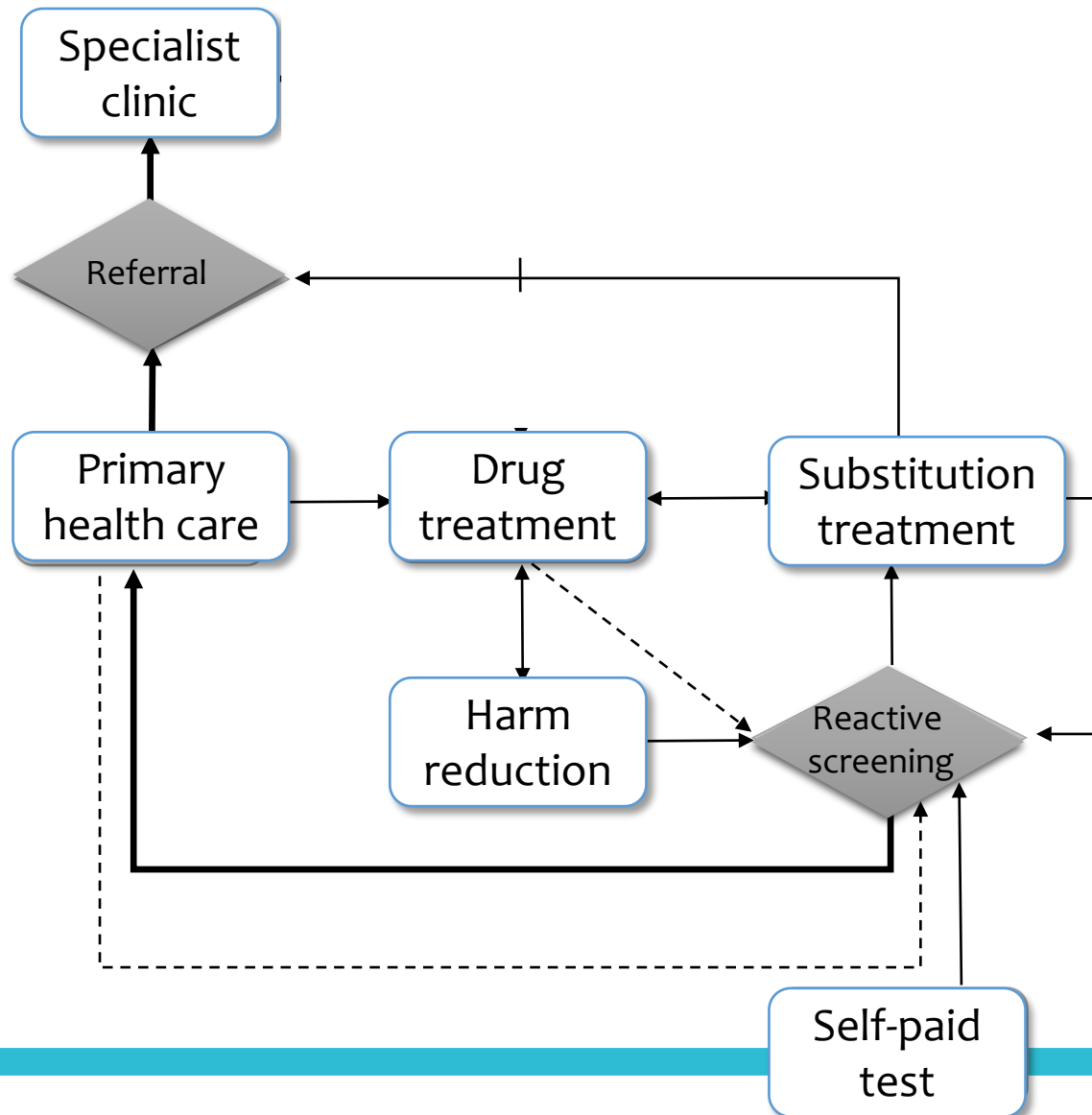
- **Non-governmental** (harm reduction, patient organizations)

- **EMCDDA**

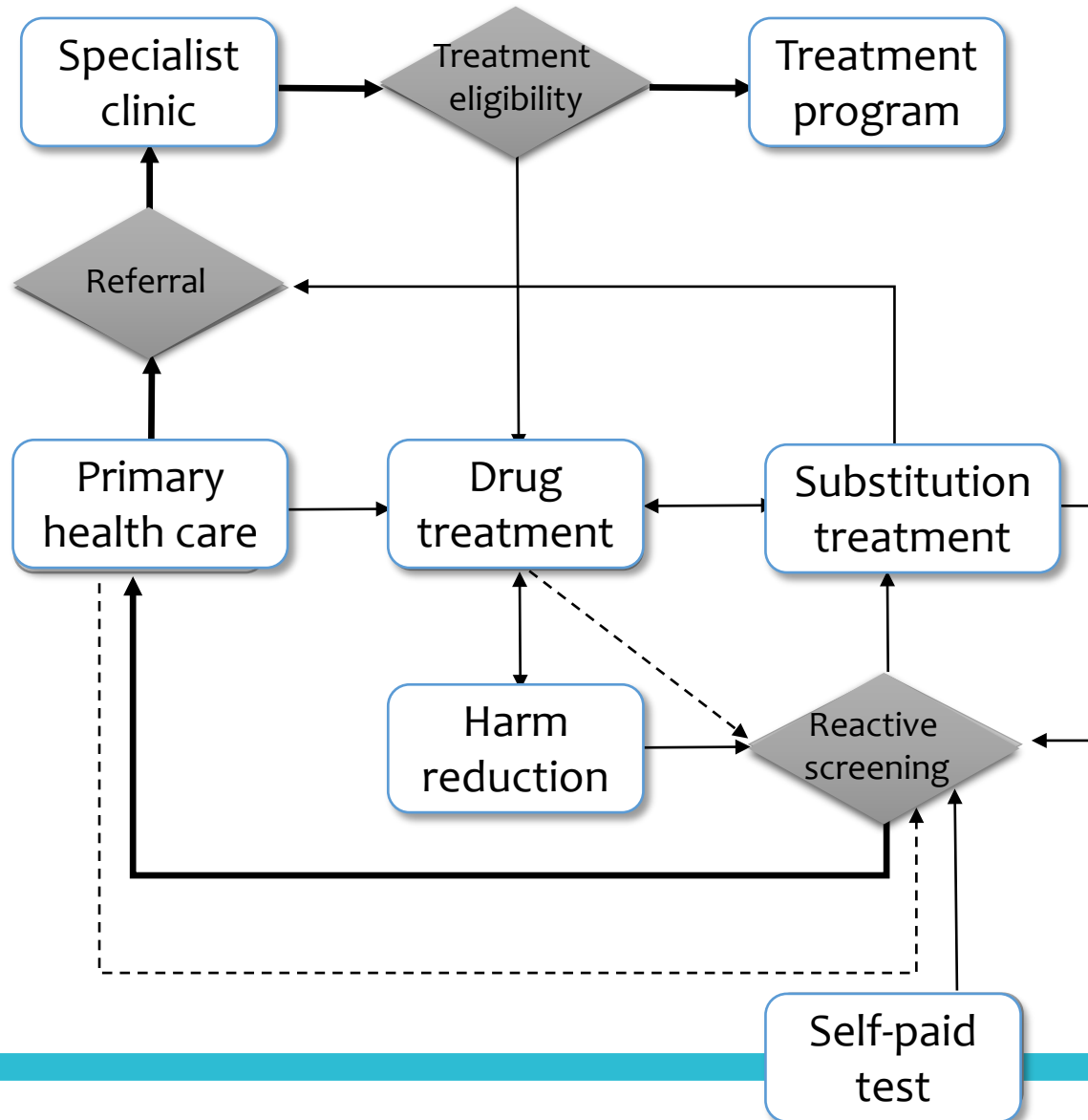
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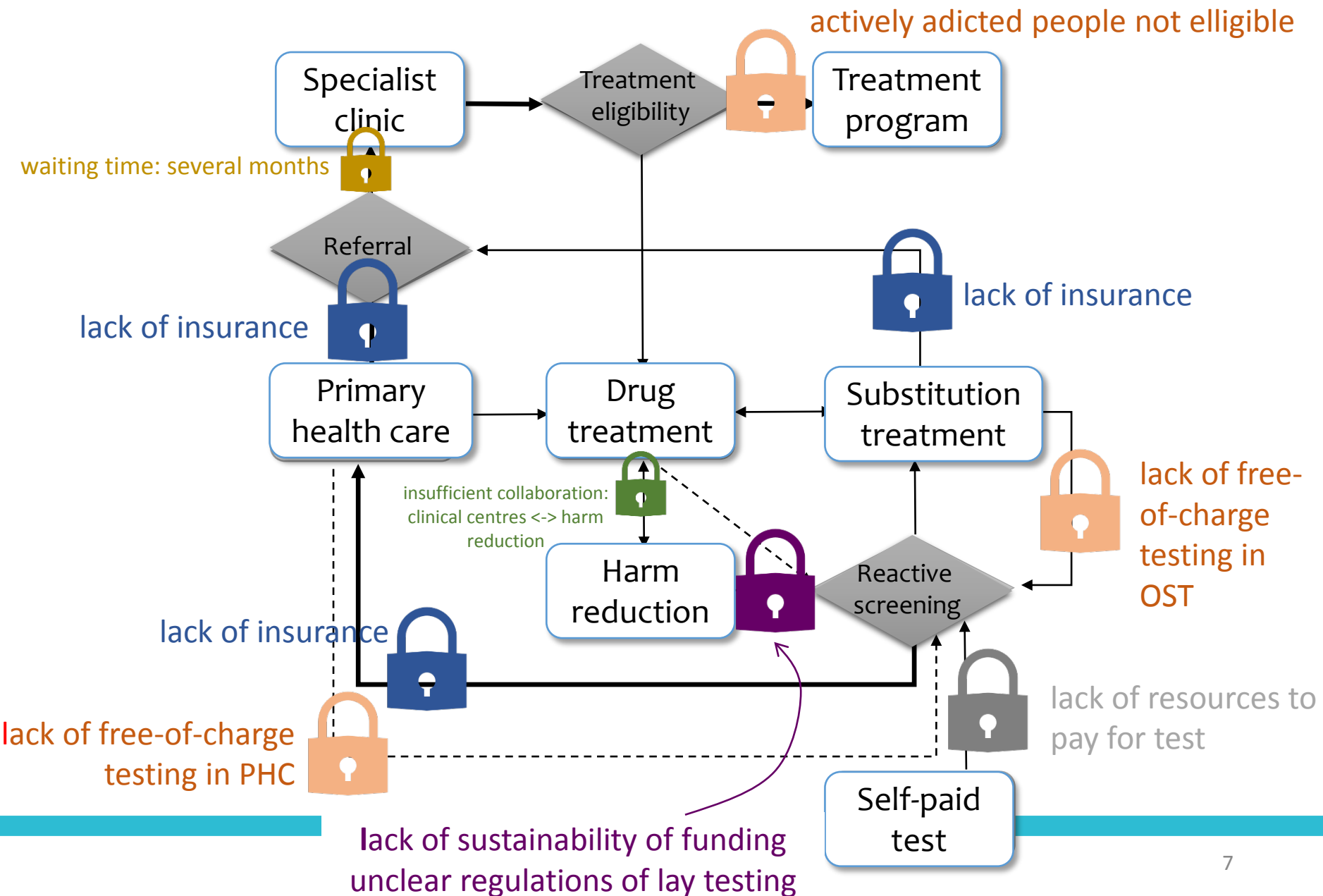
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DEBATE – OUTCOMES (IMMEDIATE ACTIONS)

- Removing restrictions from the treatment programme
- In collaboration with the National Health Fund (payer) revision of contracting procedures in order to ensure rapid evaluation for treatment
- Development of standards on testing and linkage to care as well as necessary support to ensure adherence to be implemented by harm reduction centers, social re-adaptation programmes, party-work programmes, opioid substitution programmes. Implementation could start at programmes funded through the National Bureau for Drug Prevention
- Training on HCV testing and linkage to care pathways and development of printed materials for clients
- Development of proposals for testing activities that could be introduced to the National Health Program 2021-2025
- Facilitation of procedures of health insurance acquisition through the social welfare services

Thank you