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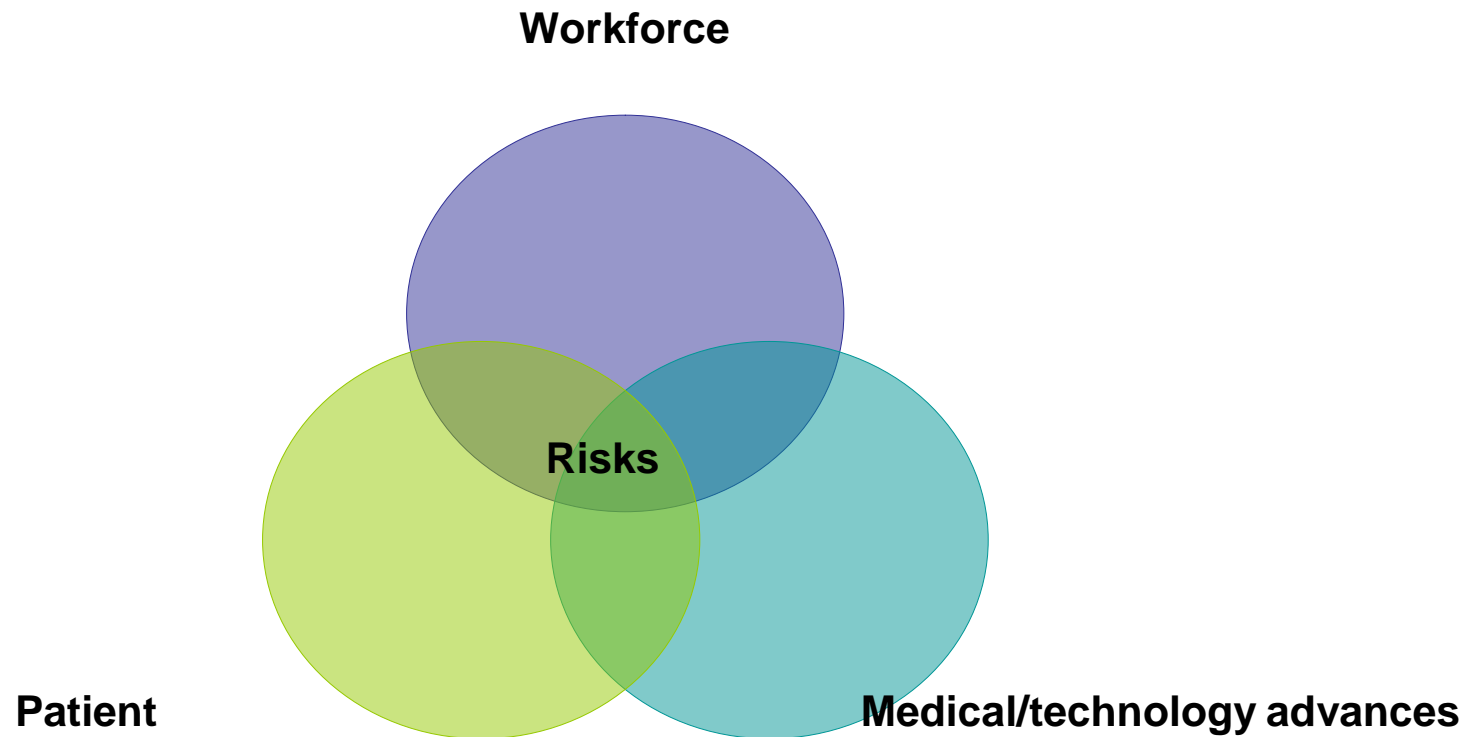
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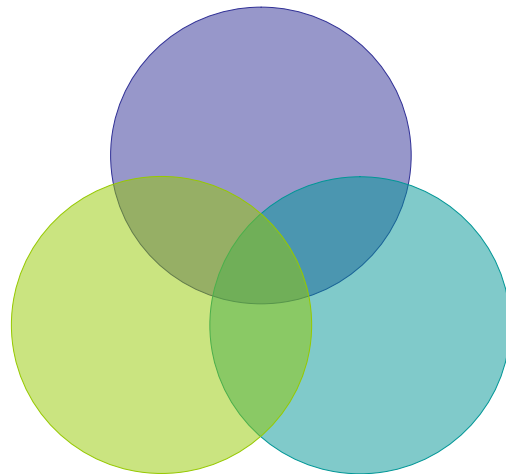
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# Emerging Risks



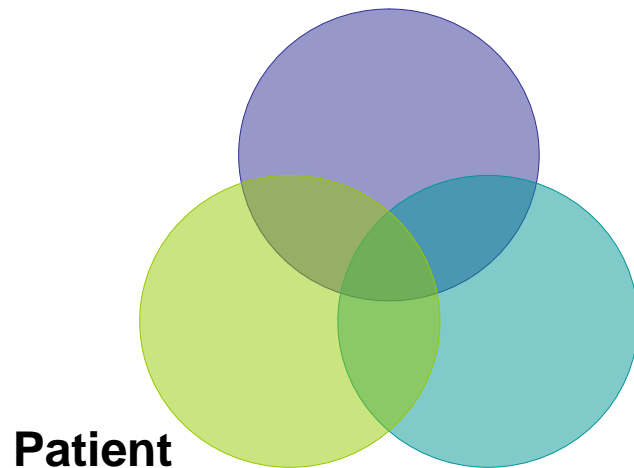
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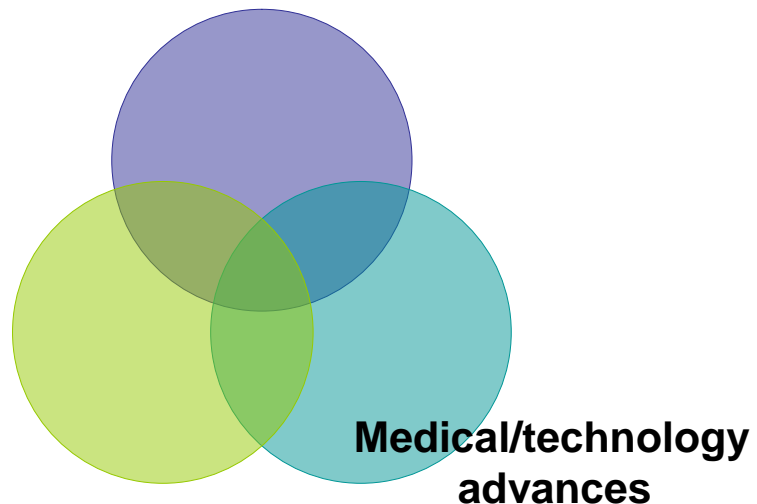
- Ageing health workforce
- Feminisation
- New graduates – Gen Y  
– different expectations
- Fragmentation of care
- Task substitution
- Models of care delivery

# Patients



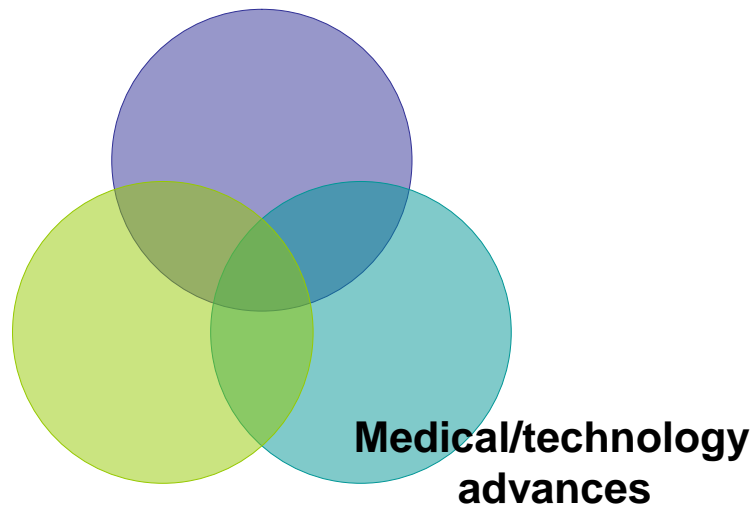
- Better informed
- Older
- Heavier
- More chronic disease
- Higher expectations
- Delaying fertility

# Medical/technology Advances



- Prosthetics
- Old versus new procedures
- Price drivers of uptake – hospitals and doctors
- Imaging...Radiation
- Information Explosion

# Medical/technology Advances



- Genetic Testing
- Monoclonal Antibodies
- Pharmacogenomics

# The Juncture: Risks



- Is it a proven technique/treatment?
- Patient selection
- Appropriate care delivery
- Loss of chance
- Training/competency

## Risks: proven treatment?

- Nature of medicine – new techniques tried/trialled; many years until empirical evidence available
- Unintended consequences of treatment
- Price pressures from manufacturers of new technology on doctors and hospitals



## Risks: Patient selection

- Consumer demand – eg fertility treatment
- Price incentives (private sector) – eg GPs and cosmetics; surgeons and lap-banding
- Defensive medicine – fear of patient ‘reprisal’
- Informed Consent

## Risks: Appropriate care delivery

- Is it the right person/mix of people delivering the right procedure to the right patient at the right location?
- Breadth and depth of skills
- Care delivery cost drivers – high input/high return procedures

## Risks: Loss of opportunity

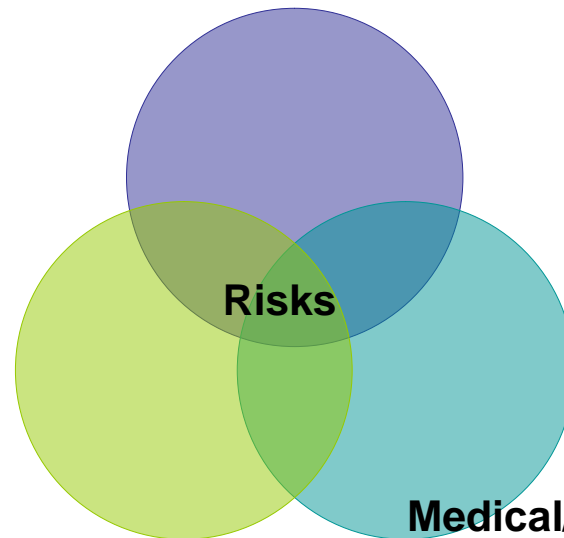
- Primary prevention.....If informed of medication/procedure and provided with the treatment could have prevented current ailment.....
- Resource implications  
eg dialysis, intraocular lens, joint prosthesis

## Risks: training/competency

- Medical school outputs
- Training opportunities – impact on quality and breadth/depth of skills acquired?
- Task Substitution
- Teamwork

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