



Danish palliative care possibilities

The hospital based specialised paediatric palliative care teams

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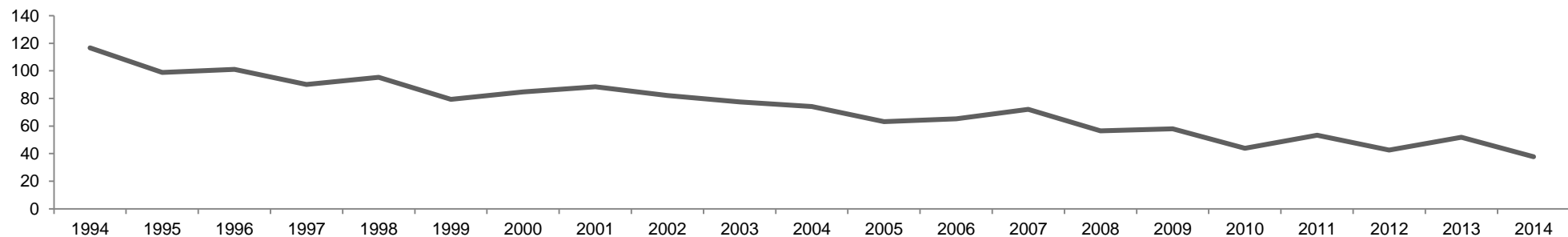
Copenhagen Palliative Team for Children and Adolescents

- MORTALITY RATES AND PLACE OF DEATH
- THE HOSPITAL BASED SPECIALISED PALLIATIVE CARE TEAMS
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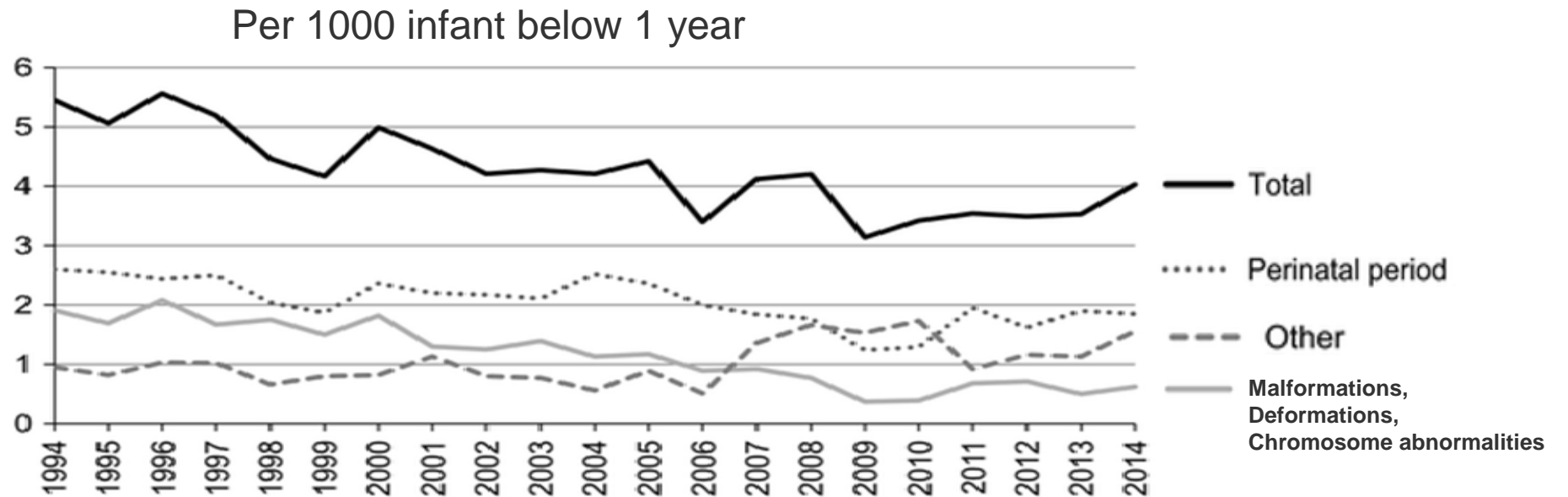
MORTALITY RATES DANISH CHILDREN 1994 - 2014

- 27.4 deaths per 100.000 children aged 0 – 17 years
- ~ 330 deaths per year
- ~ 280 deaths per year of medical reasons

Per 100.000 children aged 1 – 17 years

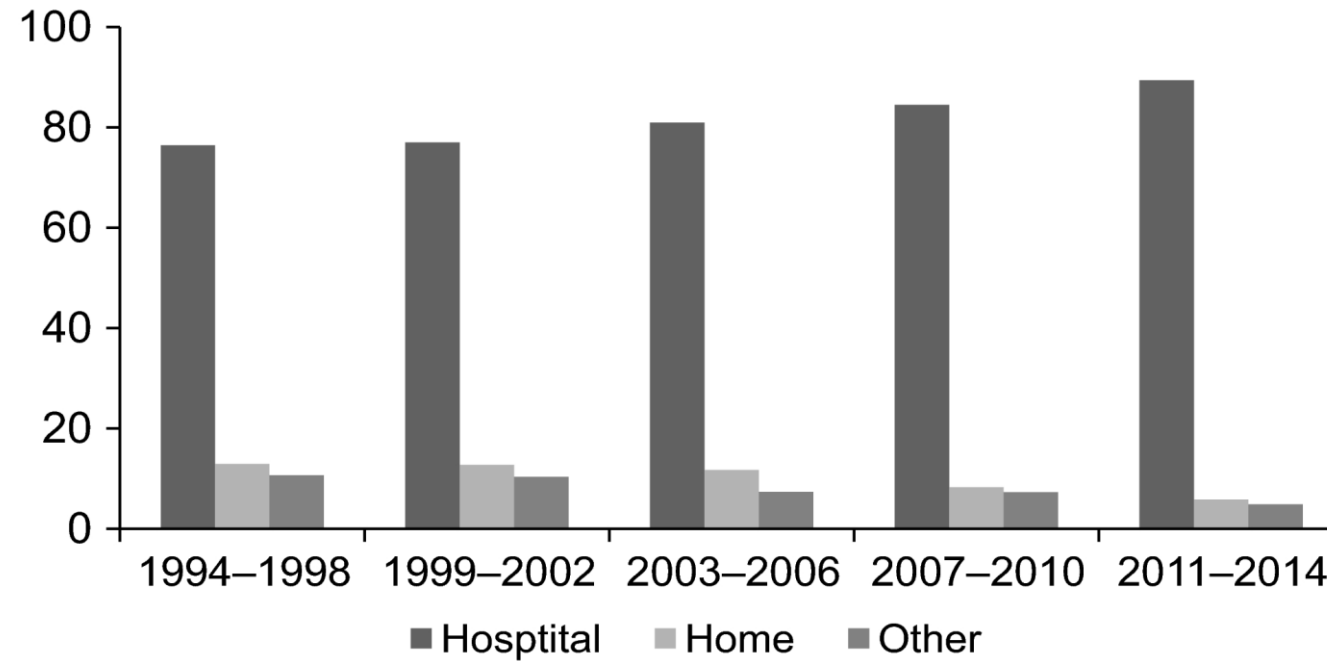


CAUSE SPECIFIC MORTALITY RATES INFANTS 1994 - 2014



- 4 deaths per 100.000 live births
- ~ 70% decline in deaths related to malformations, chromosome abnormalities
- ~ 30% decline in perinatal deaths
- > 50% deaths in the first year of life

PLACE OF DEATH AMONG CHILDREN IN DENMARK



HOSPITAL 

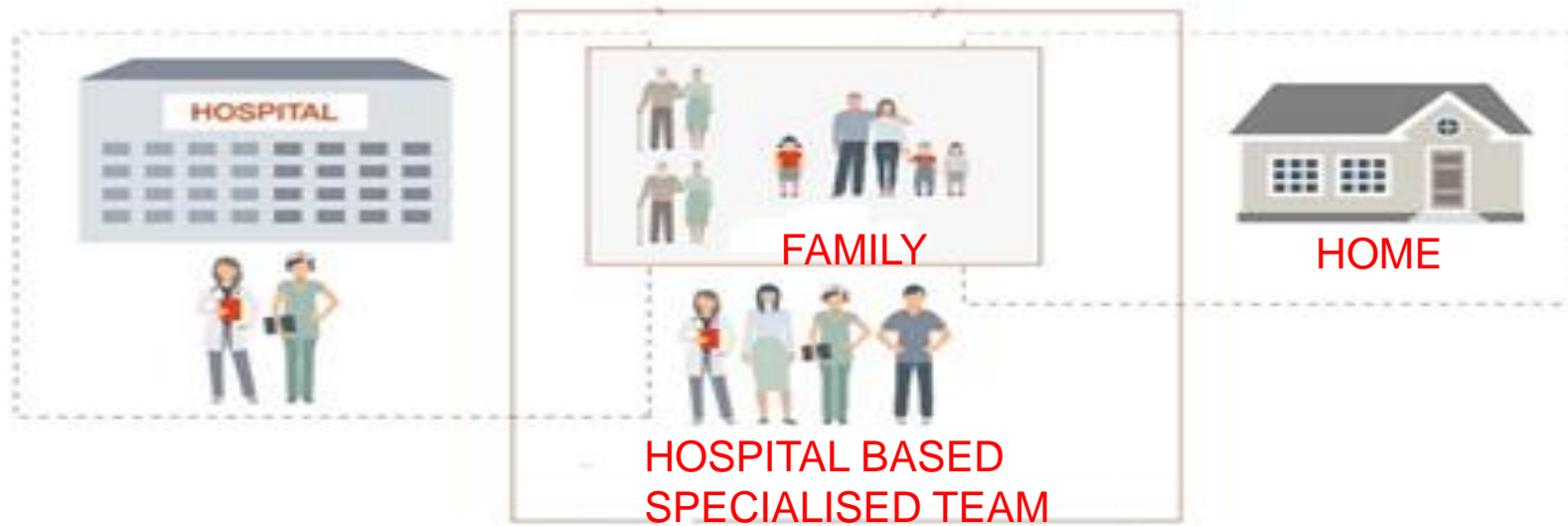
HOME 

DANISH REGIONS

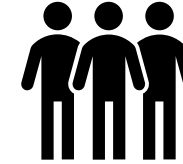
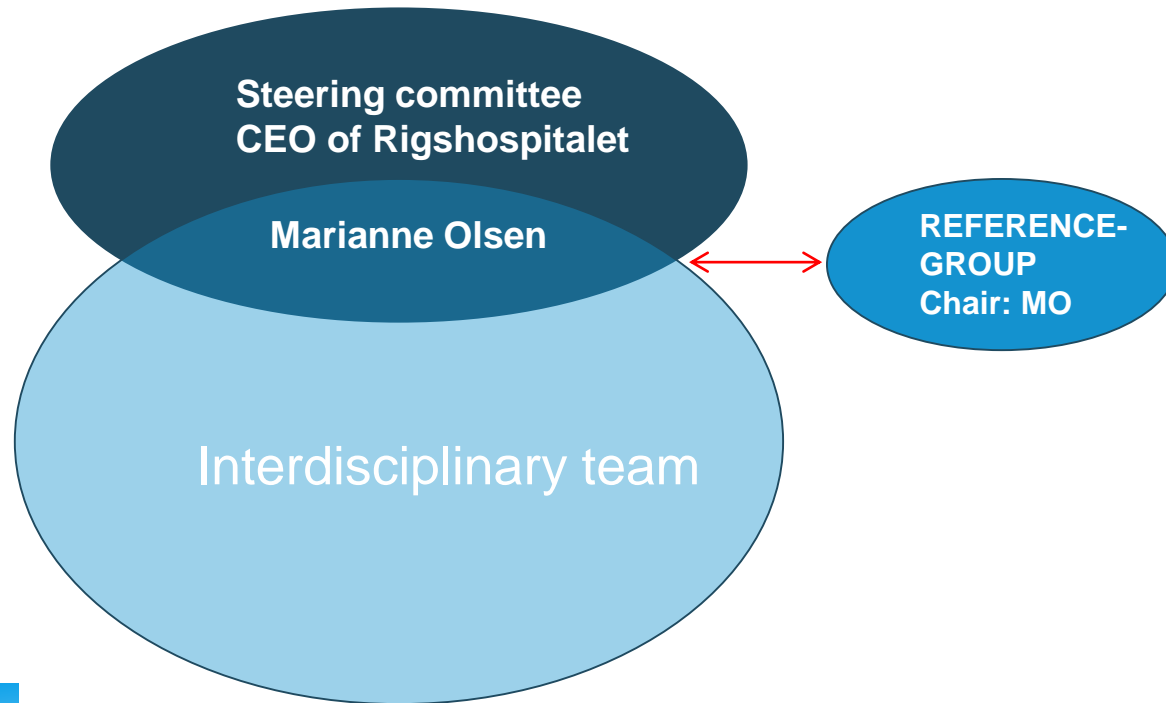
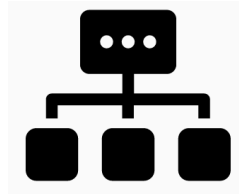


- Pediatric wards with highly specialized function
 - Oncology
 - Neurology
 - Neonatology
 - Rare diseases (2 regions)

HOSPITAL BASED SPECIALISED PAEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE (PPC) TEAMS IN DENMARK



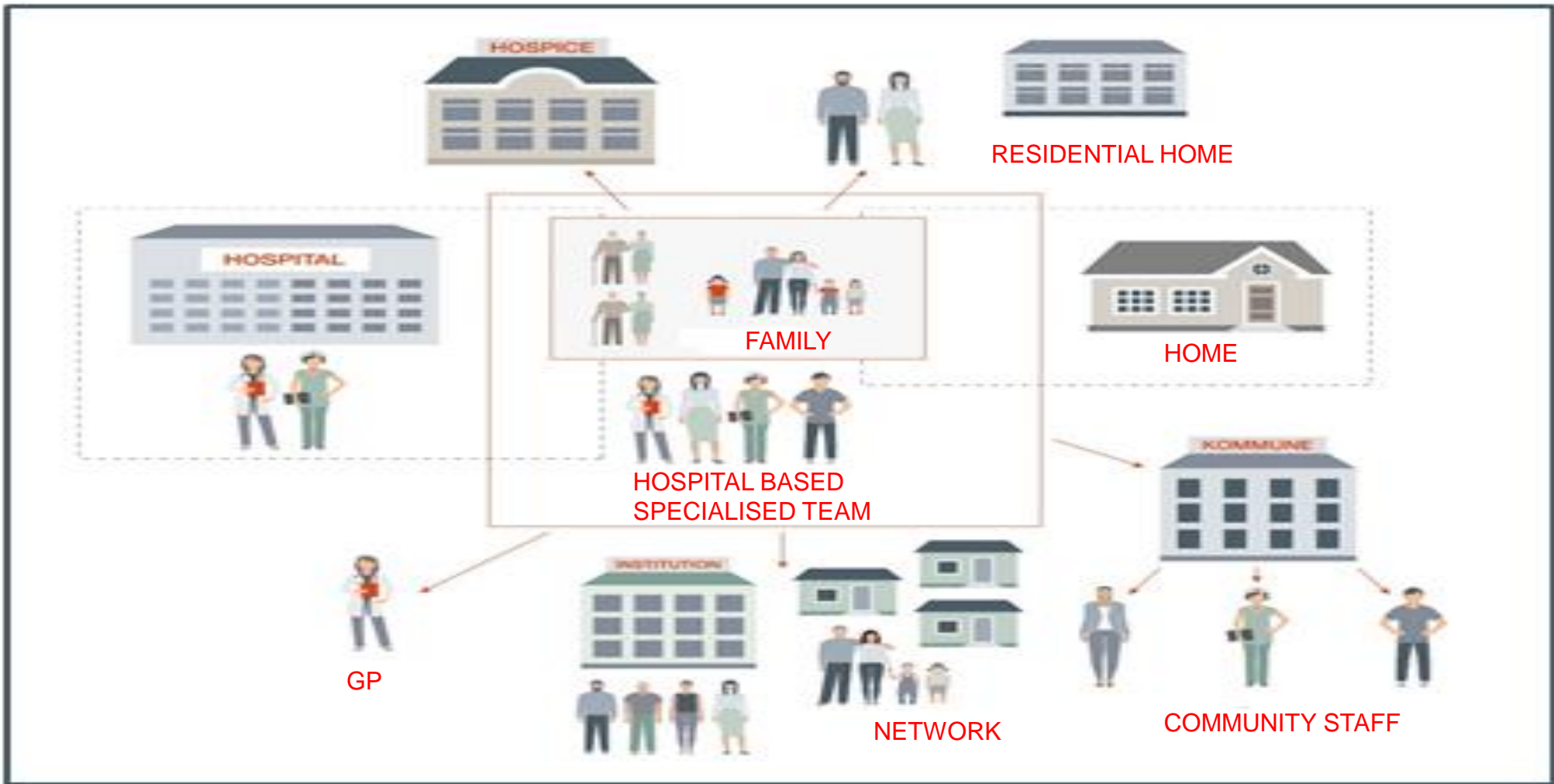
Copenhagen Palliative Team for Children and Adolescent



- Physician (paediatrician)
- Childhood anaesthetist
- Nurse anaesthesia
- Two nurses (neonatology)
- Psychologist
- Social worker
- Chaplain (collaboration with)

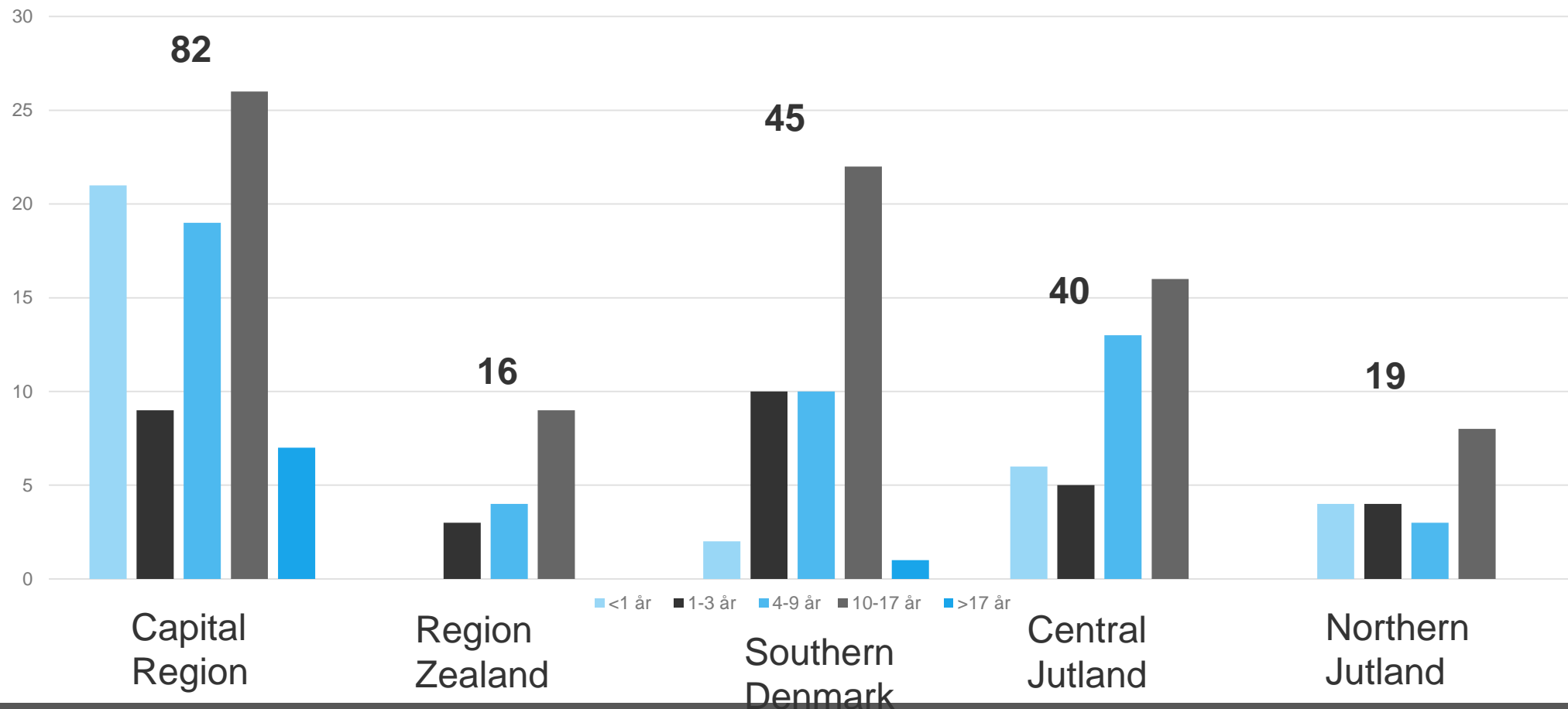
MISSION

To support children and adolescents with life-limiting or life-threatening diseases and their families, so they achieve the best possible quality of life in all stages of the disease, based on interdisciplinary work in their home as well as in-hospital

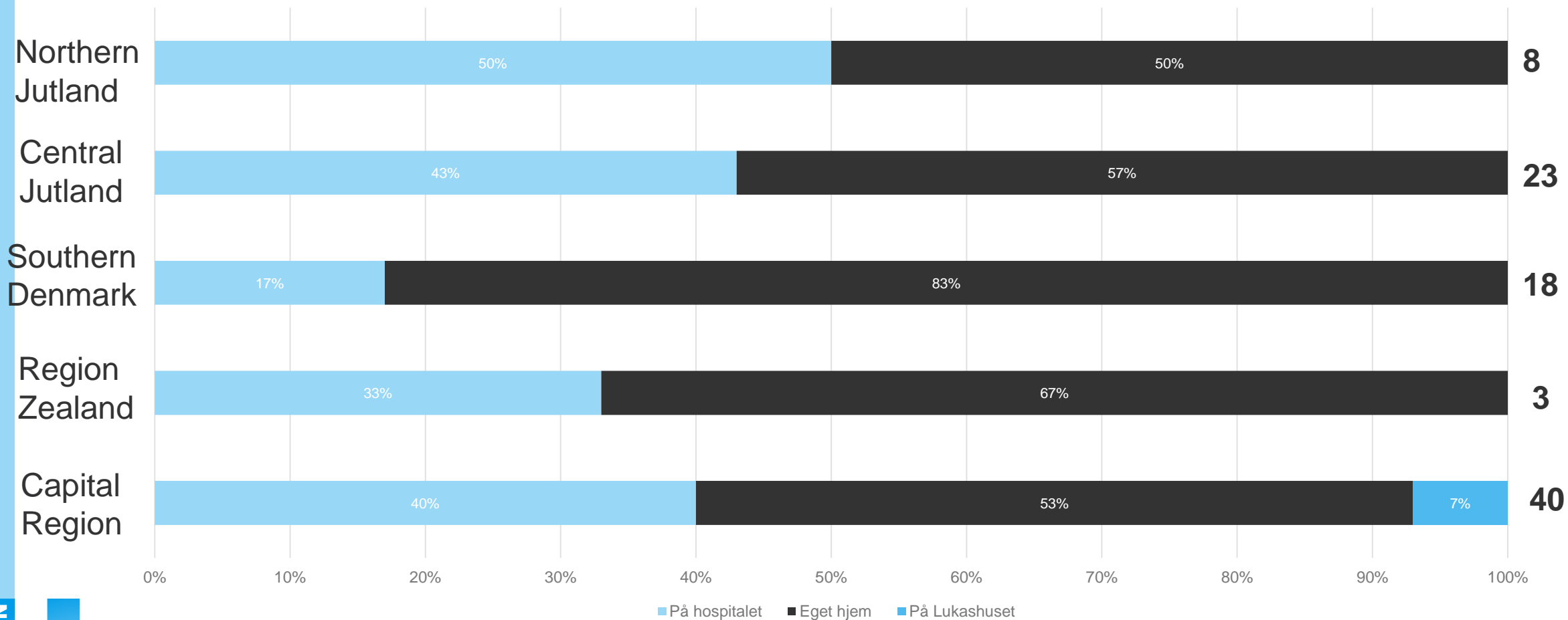




AGE DISTRIBUTION AND NUMBER OF PATIENTS REFERRED TO PPC TEAMS – TWO YEARS



PLACE OF DEATH 92 CHILDREN REFERRED TO PPC TEAM



CASE:

Patient with SCN8A epilepsy with severe disability and neurological impairment

COLLABORATION PAEDIATRIC NEUROLOGIST AND PPC

Paediatric neurologist

AED
Ketogenic diet

Management neurological
impairment

Personal resuscitation plans

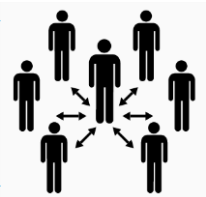
PPC team

Psychological support

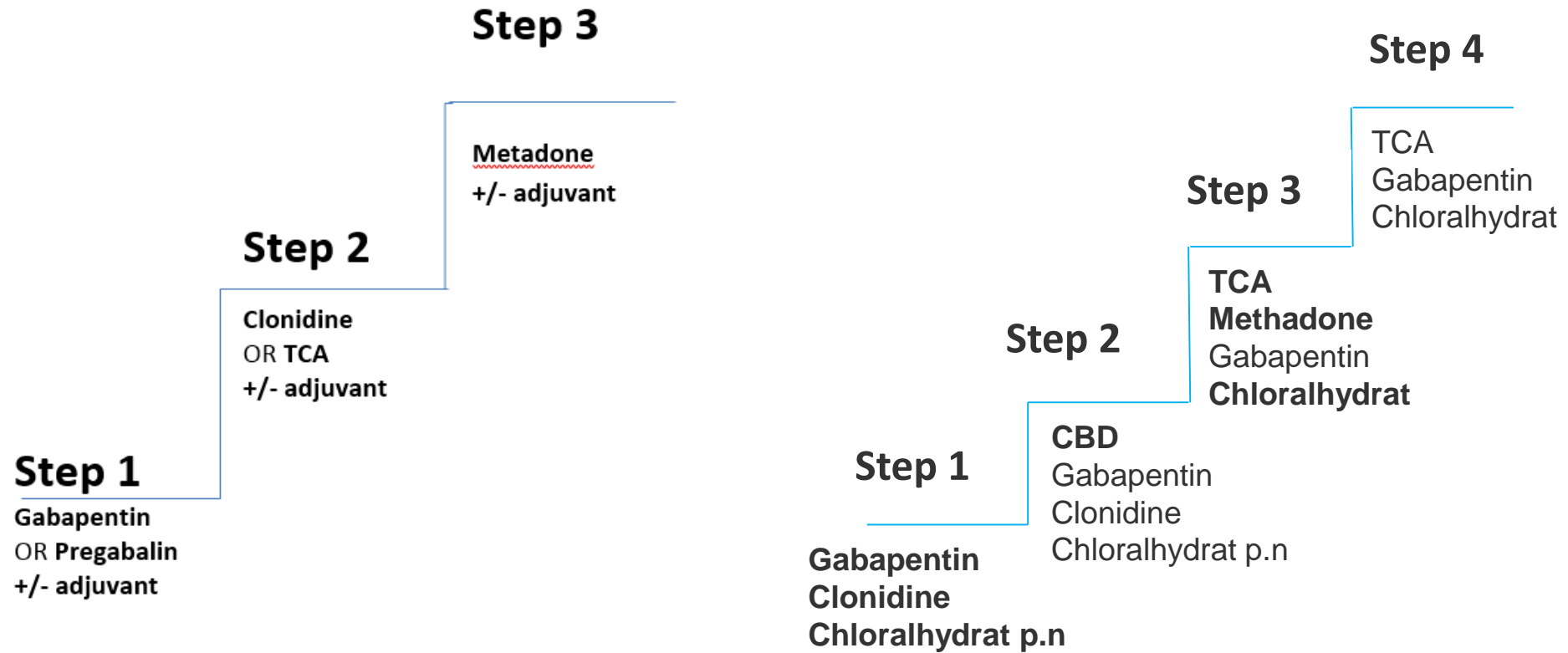
Management neurological
impairment

Facilitate
Leave for the parents
New apartment

Home visit
24/7 telephone support



MEDICAL TREATMENT NEUROLOGICAL IMPAIRMENT



TAKE HOME

- Palliative care should be offered children with life-limiting diseases integrated in the treatment of the underlying disease and not just treatment during end-of-life
- A specialized paediatric palliative care team provides interdisciplinary medical, psychosocial and spiritual support of the child and family
- In Denmark, the hospital based specialized paediatric palliative care teams offer home visit and 24/7 access
- Hospital based specialized palliative care teams increases the possibility for a child to die at home

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