

Improving Care for Older People having Surgery

Older people have **more operations** than younger people

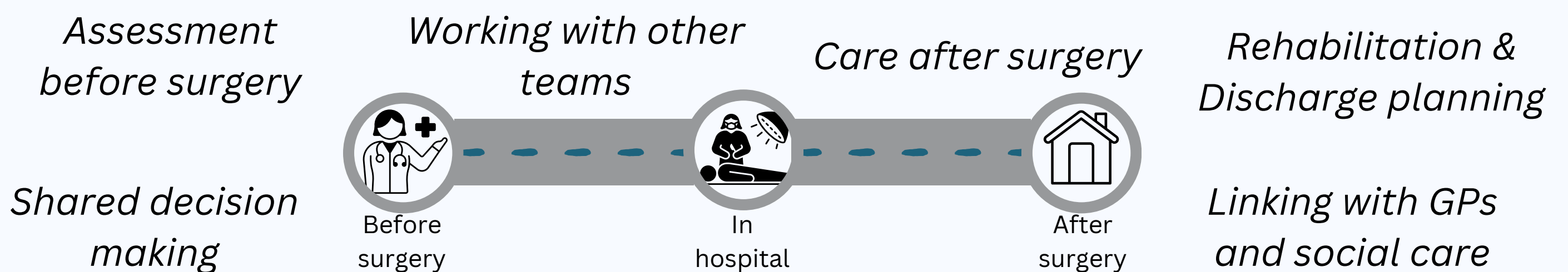
They often have **more medical conditions** which can lead to **complications** after surgery, such as chest infections, kidney problems and longer hospital stay



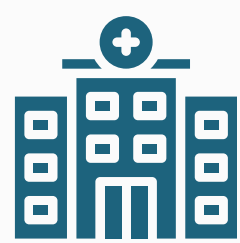
Perioperative medicine for **Older People** undergoing **Surgery (POPS)** services have been shown to:

1. **Reduce complications** after surgery
2. Help people **leave hospital sooner**
3. **Save the NHS money**

POPS services involve experts in managing medical conditions in older people (**geriatricians**) before and after surgery:



POPS-SUp (POPS Scale-Up) is a research project testing the set-up of POPS services across the UK



We want to

- **Improve care** for patients
- **Change NHS policy**
- **Save money** for the NHS

Patient and Public Involvement

We are working with patients, public and staff to:

- **Design** the project
- Use **measures** that are important to patients
- **Share** our findings with everyone

Design and Methods

We will set up **new POPS services in 18 hospitals** across the UK

- We want to look at
- Whether it can be done?
 - How it helps patients?
 - If money can be saved?

Dissemination

We want to share our findings with patients, the public, NHS staff and policy makers

