



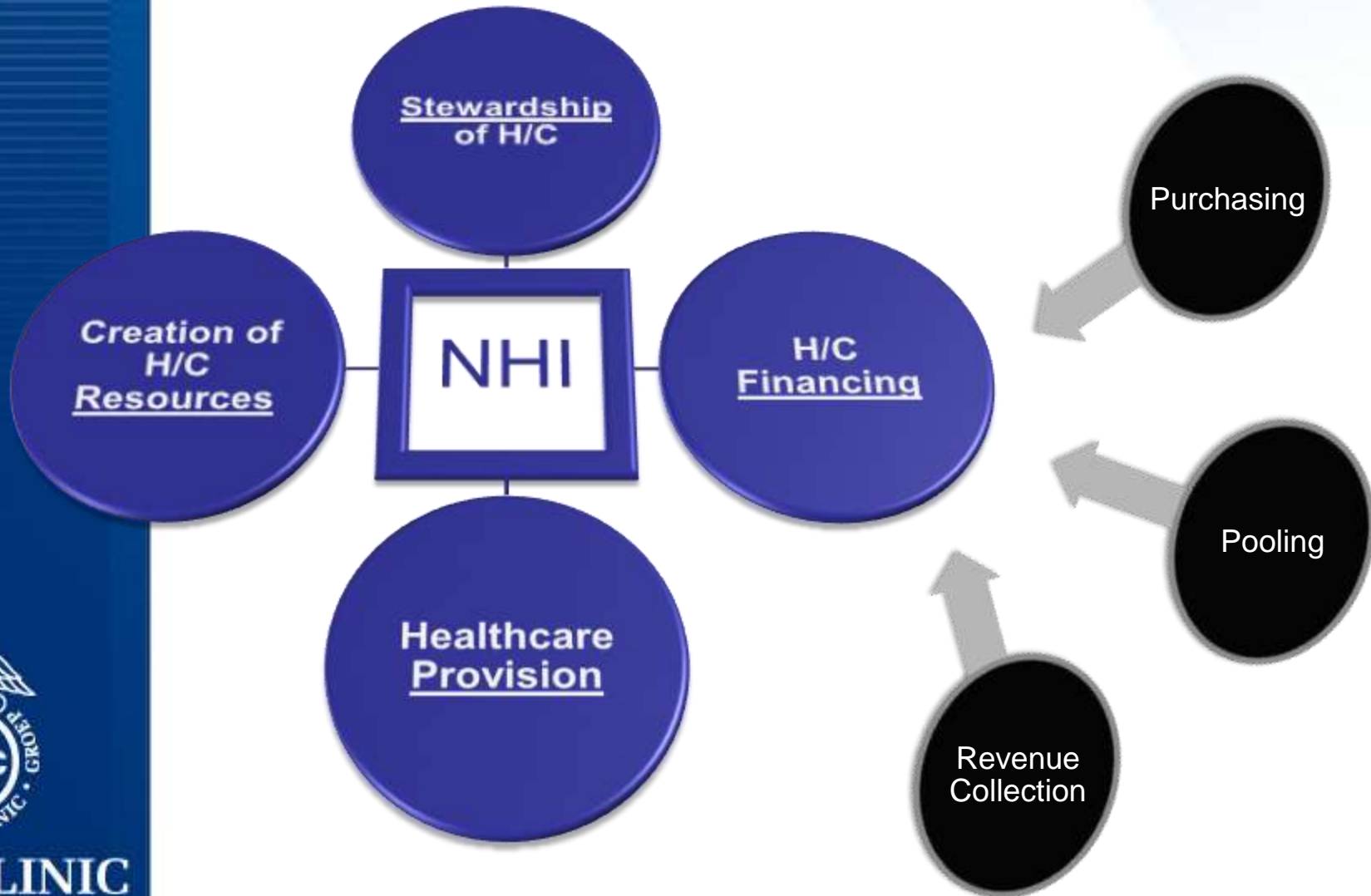
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# Elements of a NHI



# Solidarity



The principle:  
“no person should be  
exposed to healthcare risk  
because of an inability to  
pay”  
must be our long-term goal



# Dual responsibility



**We need to adopt the pragmatist approach of neither bashing the public sector for its “unfixable nature”, nor toss around “inflammatory rhetoric” about the private**



# Dual responsibility...



# Stewardship



**BUT...**

- We need to have a transparent/**participatory** process in the development
- We need to **be part of** planning the implementation



# Creation of Resources



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Country	Doctors per 1000	Nurses per 1000
SA (Private)	1.05 (2007)	3.9 (2007)
SA (Public)	0.43 (2007)	3.12 (2007)
SA (Total)	0.56 (2007)	3.28 (2007)
Brazil	1.2 (2000)	3.8 (2000)
UK	2.3 (1997)	12.8 (1997)

- Recognition of the shortage of Doctors, Nurses and even Healthcare Management
- Acknowledge the Private sector role in Training
- Consolidated “PPP” plans to increase numbers



# Financing

High population number, high unemployment, poor economic climate foreseeable for the next few years

Recognise that:

- a) Comprehensive costing to define the costs of incremental Level of Care is required;
- b) it is a constitutional right to retain the choice of care when self funded;
- c) financing/funding should be matched with quality provision and reasonable expectation of service delivery.

Financing



# Pooling

Recognise that fragmentation of risk pools is placing an unnecessary burden on cost increases and that an action plan should be implemented to mitigate this such as:

## Pooling

- Standardising of all options into basic/supplementary benefits;
- Implementation of REF;
- Introduction of mandatory membership.



# Purchasing



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- Recognise that SA has a limited reservoir of healthcare resources that should be protected.
- Ensure the provider and funding functions remain separate
- Promote implementation of ARMs/Coding system
- Finalise NHRPL based on sound economic principles
- Build a dataset of healthcare events for the entire population so that the equitable distribution of healthcare resources can be structured properly



# Provision

Recognise that private provision is regarded worldwide as a significant contributor to the healthcare status and economic empowerment of the people

Provision

- National quality measure necessary (public & private)
- Remove legal impediment to the development of other healthcare delivery systems



# Dual Role



Private sector does not only flourish in the ***absence*** of a well functioning and accessible public healthcare system, but also in the ***presence*** of one.



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# Conclusion



Goal of NHI is to improve the quality of healthcare for all, but should be done in a manner which:

a) allows freedom of choice/association

and

b) economic stability/sustainability in the long term



# Thank you



## Questions