Trinidad & Tobago

Strengthening of patient referral system

Objective - creating greater efficiencies in health system through the reduction in the number of persons accessing the public hospitals for primary services.

Assumptions -

- Hospital will ultimately provide only hospitalisation and specialist services
- Hospital services account for 80% of total Government Health Expenditure
- 60% of total hospital costs relate to ‘core’ services
- Implementation of referral system will reduce number of persons directly accessing hospitals by 40%

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