

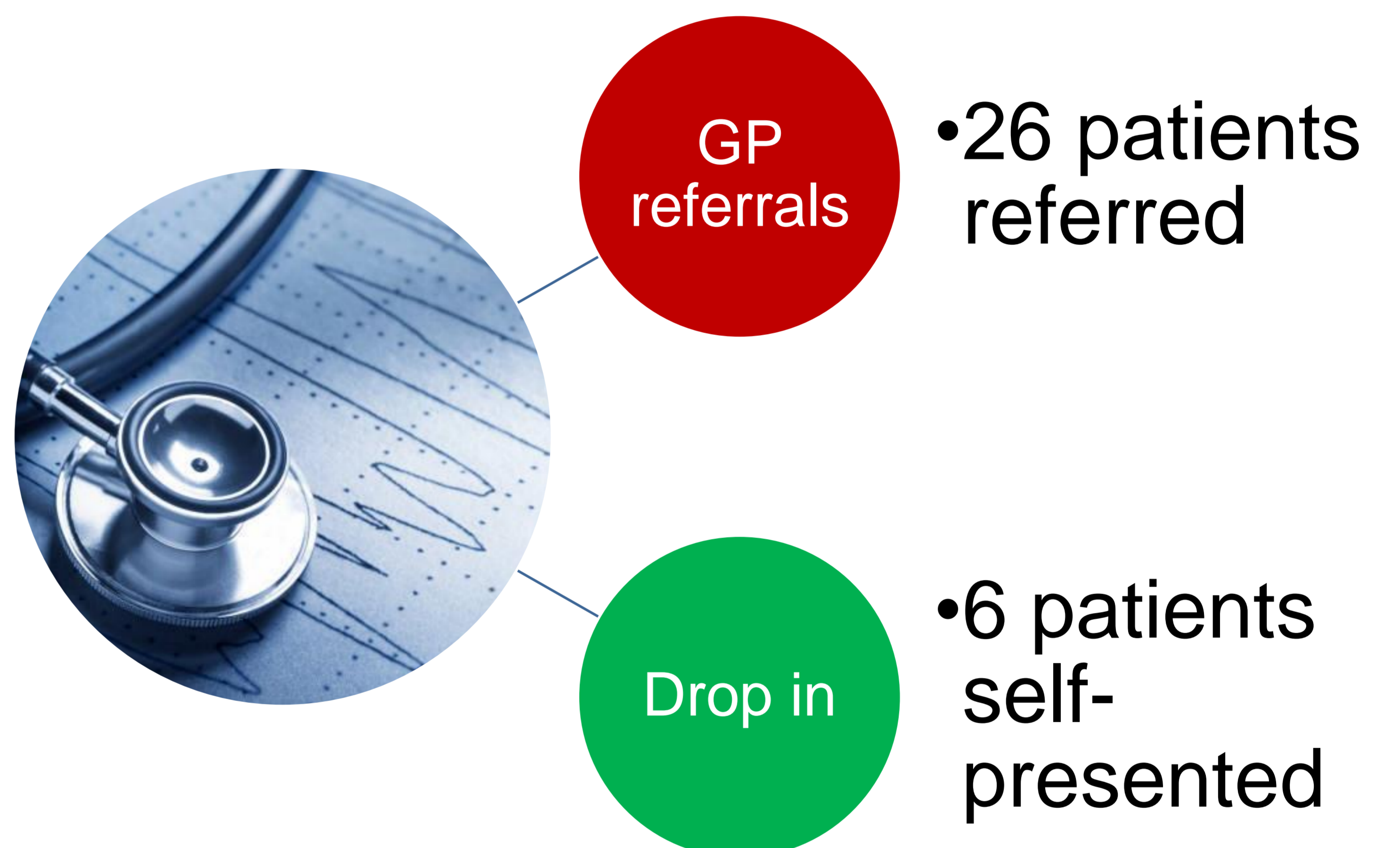
Chronic Disease Outreach Clinic for Patients from the Travelling Community

The Traveller community represent a high risk patient cohort with high rates of unaddressed cardiovascular risk factors, undiagnosed conditions (such as hypertension, diabetes, hyperlipidaemia) and are at high risk of premature cardiovascular death.

Travellers often do not attend clinic or GP visits due to social stigmas around attending for specialist care, real or perceived difficulties in accessing appropriate care, or a lack of a culture of accessing primary and preventative healthcare.

We sought to facilitate access to specialist care in the community setting via the Slaintecare Community Hub programme – a system where specialists from relevant specialties (cardiology, endocrinology, respiratory medicine) provide combined care across a number of specialist areas to both detect early disease and prevent disease progression.

Services Provided	Testing Provided
Consultant cardiologist	Vital signs
Cardiology CNS	ECG
Consultant respiratory physician	Peak flow measurement
Respiratory CNS	
Clinical respiratory physiotherapist	
Stop Smoking advisor	
Diabetes CNS	
Specialist clinical psychologist	



Next steps are to increase clinical utility of the service by expanding diagnostics to include advanced cardiac (e.g. echocardiogram) and respiratory (e.g. PFTs) and to examine the possibility of performing community screening in a near-patient setting.