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IT'S A MATTER OF CONTEXT AND COMPASSION: UTILIZING CONTEXTUALISM TO PROMOTE ENGAGEMENT AND HEALTH BEHAVIOR CHANGE



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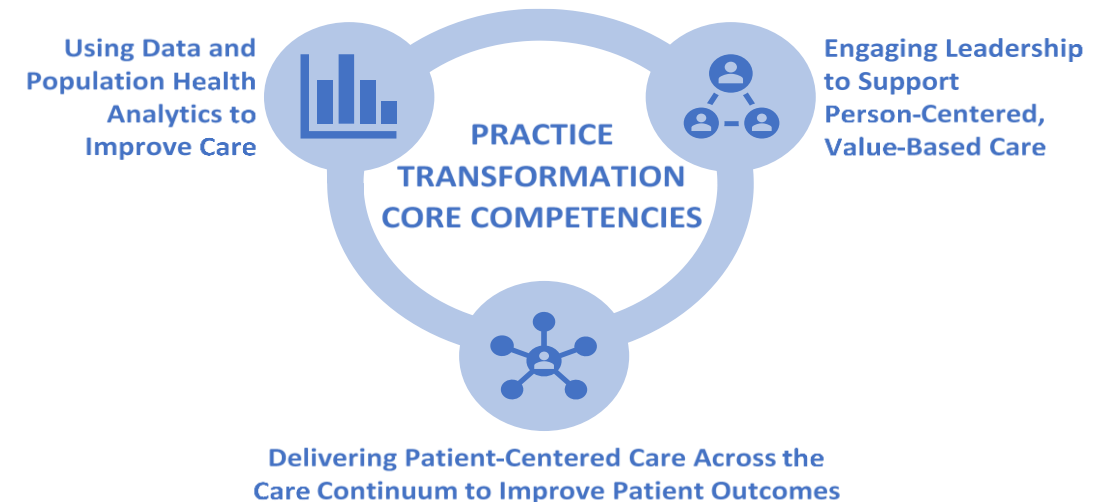
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**It's a Matter of
Context and
Compassion:
Utilizing
Contextualism
to Promote
Engagement
and Health
Behavior
Change**

- » Welcome and Program Announcements
- » Defining Primary Care Behavioral Health (PCBH)
- » Functional Contextualism
- » The Contextual Interview
- » Putting it all Together
- » Case Consultation
- » Closing Remarks/Q&A

OBJECTIVES

1. Identify common lifestyle interventions recommended for many chronic conditions
2. Describe common reasons adherence rates for lifestyle interventions remain low.
3. Identify how to compassionately filter evidence-based lifestyle interventions through the patient's context.



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COMPASSION: UTILIZING CONTEXTUALISM
TO PROMOTE ENGAGEMENT AND HEALTH
BEHAVIORAL CHANGE**

- » The Primary Care Behavioral Health Consultation model (PCBH) is a psychological approach to **population-based clinical health care** that is simultaneously **co-located, collaborative, and integrated** within the primary care clinic
- » The goal of PCBH is to improve and promote **overall health within the general population**

THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONSULTANT (BHC) ROLE IN PCBH MODEL: GATHER¹



Generalist: The goal is to have the BHC work with patients of any age and any behavioral concern, from anxiety or tobacco use to parenting strategies

Accessible: The BHC should be available to help the primary care provider at all times during the workday

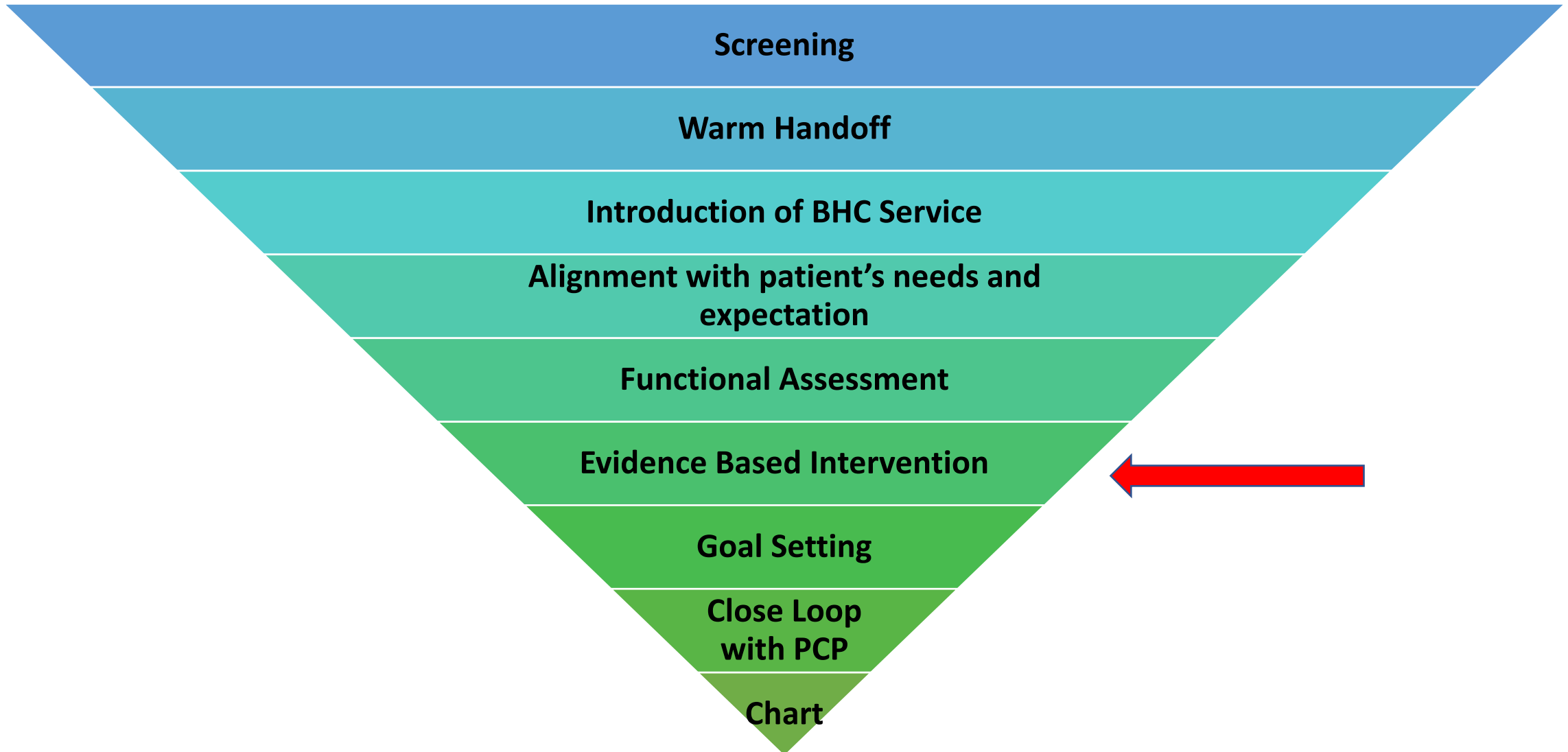
Team-based: The BHC is part of the health care team and participates in meetings and huddles about patient care

High productivity: To make this model work financially, the BHC must be able to see many patients each day. Many of these visits are short

Education: The BHC educates patients about health issues and the health care team about patients' psychosocial needs. The BHC supports the primary care provider in continued care of the patient

Routine: When making referrals to the BHC becomes part of the clinic's normal daily workflow

- >> First Contact
- >> Comprehensive Care
- >> Continuity of Care
- >> Coordination of Care



BEFORE WE BEGIN THE JOURNEY...

Passionate about high fidelity to PCBH

- As well as contextual approaches to presenting concerns
- This is what drives us...

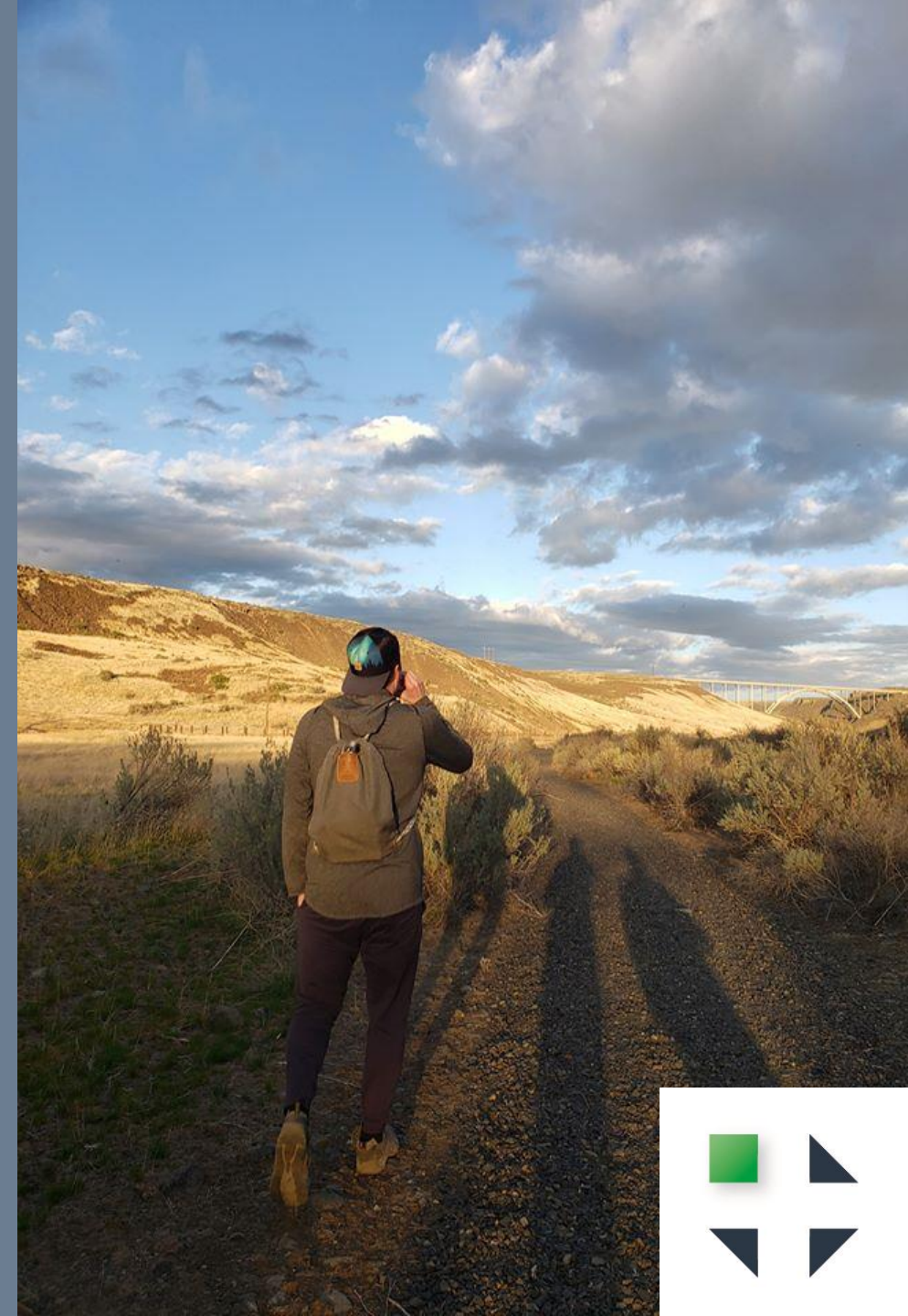
~~May~~ will say things that challenge some assumptions...

...And that is okay... that is the hope... here with you...

Perspectives aren't truths...

...Let's promise each other to rumble...

...Be kind on the journey...



A person wearing a knit beanie, sunglasses, and a dark quilted jacket stands in a snowy, hilly landscape, holding a walking stick. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting an overcast day. The text 'TODAY'S FOCUS...' is overlaid on the left side of the image.

TODAY'S FOCUS...

Common lifestyle factors that transcends many conditions...

Reality of adherence rates...

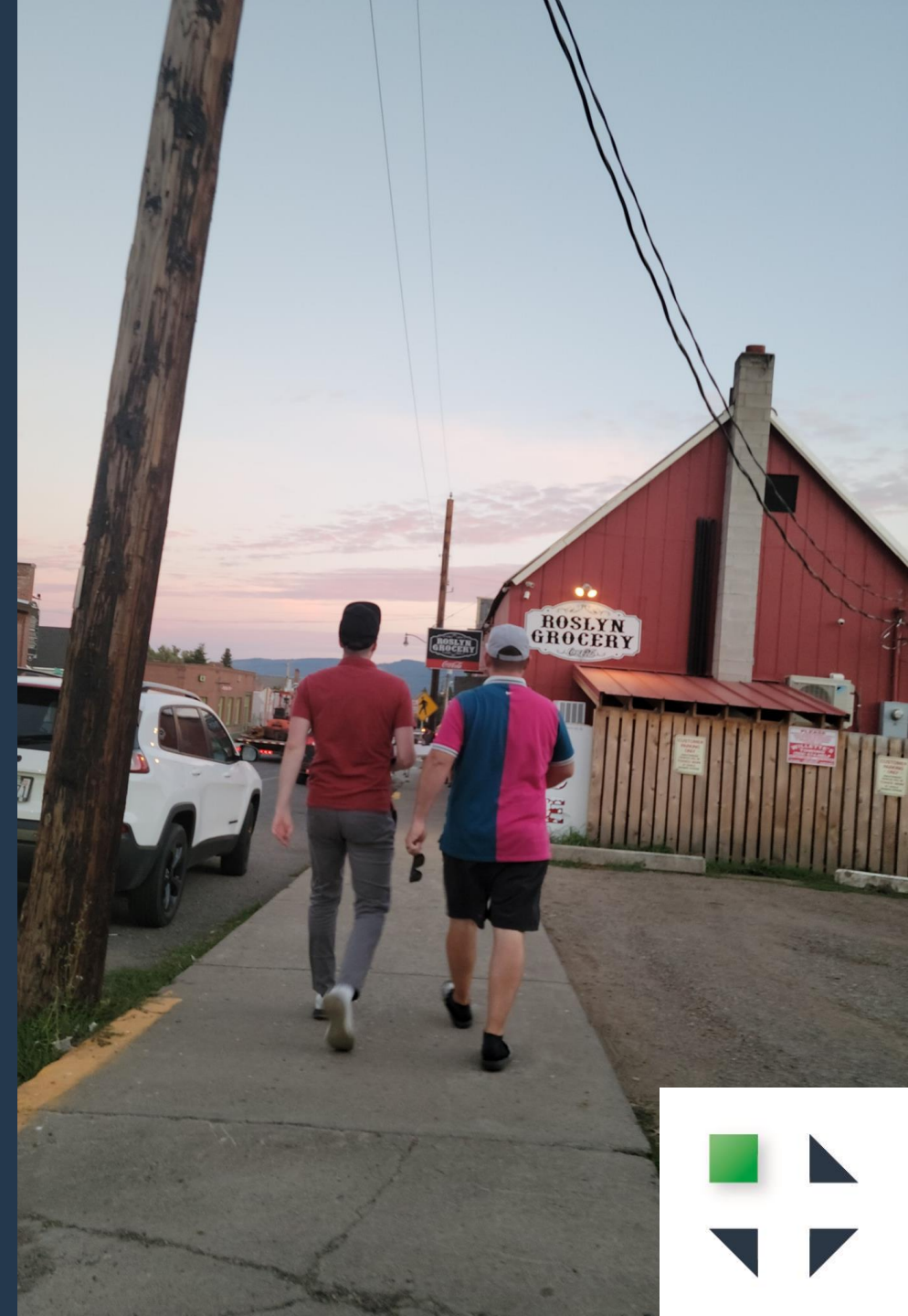
A contextual/compassionate approach to our efforts...



COULD A BHC SEE EVERY PATIENT?

Let's assume that we have enough people power and there are systems/workflows in place that allow it to happen, **could a BHC have a meaningful encounter with every patient in your system?**

- If so, with what would we intervene?



COMMON LIFESTYLE FOCUS AREAS

For chronic conditions³:

- Nutrition
- Physical activity/exercise
- Functioning
- Sleep disturbance
- Stress

Interesting perspective growing when working with chronic conditions^{3,4}...

- Focus on **functioning**, not ridding the disorder... who better than us...



NOW... BEFORE
WE GET ALL
EXCITED...

Reality of treatment adherence...

- No research that we can help people change diet/exercise long-term⁵
- Across all conditions and all provider types, adherence is relatively poor
 - Estimated 50% of patients with chronic disease DO NOT adhere to treatment recs⁶
 - And, regularly, we don't have a clue...

It's a big problem too...

- Cost \$300 billion to health systems⁶
- At least 125,000 deaths/year⁷
- Ten percent of hospital admissions; 23% of admissions to nursing homes⁸
- Huge frustration for providers⁸

Think about how powerful an intervention could be if we improved...



NOW... THE OTHER PROBLEM...

Less, often, is more...

“To maximize quality of life, patients with multimorbidity must strike a daily balance between attending to their health problems... while avoiding the potential for their lives to be ruled by the demands of chronic disease management. **Clinicians' well-meaning attempts to aggressively treat all conditions all the time, without sufficient attention to the whole person and his or her shifting priorities, may result in treatment recommendations that the patient finds overwhelming, unaffordable, or otherwise unrealistic.**”³

- **What this means for us!!!**



SO... WHAT CAN WE DO...

Three suggestions:

1. Reverse Engineering
2. Know the evidence for lifestyle, as well as behaviorism
3. Filter the evidence through the individual's Context including **A**dverse Childhood Experiences, **C**ulture, **C**ontext, **I**nternal, **E**xternal, **S**tages of **C**hange, **S**ocial Determinants of Health, **V**alues (ACCESS-V)



REVERSE ENGINEERING

Connect to your why, regularly and often...

Ask yourself before entering the exam room...

- How/What do I want this individual to feel (or experience) at the end of this visit?
- What would I do to produce this experience?



KNOW THE EVIDENCE FOR LIFESTYLE, AS WELL AS BEHAVIORISM

Must be **UpToDate** on evidence related to lifestyle and behavioral change

Remember, first line evidence-based interventions for chronic conditions and most MH:

- **Nutrition**
- **Physical activity/exercise**
- **Functioning**
- **Sleep disturbance**
- **Stress**

And, there are a number of behavioral interventions that can be useful...

- **Behavioral activation** – “Just do it”
- **Stimulus control** – “reminders, setting up the context to produce the behavior”
- **Self-monitoring** – Diaries and journals
- **Social support** – maybe the most predictive of all...



FILTER THE EVIDENCE THROUGH THE INDIVIDUAL'S CONTEXT/ACCESS-V

And... we cannot do these interventions indiscriminately... Remember that UpToDate quote from earlier...

Asking yourself regularly:

- How does the person see themselves and their world?
- Does it make sense for them to do this?
 - We can derive this by their context and knowing them



FILTER THE EVIDENCE THROUGH THE INDIVIDUAL'S CONTEXT/ACCESS-V

Less, is probably more...

Remember, simply asking someone to set a goal may ignite an unwanted relational frame

- **PB&J moments**

The most evidence-based intervention for lifestyle may be **love and compassion**...

... and, remember, if a patient is not engaged... our efforts are pointless... **engagement MUST be present**

- Which, knowing context will naturally promote, as it changes how we interact with them...



TO SUMMARIZE...

Lifestyle and behavioral change is OUR jam... really, could see every patient (if we had the people and system power)

Although... we aren't that great in helping people do so... thus, focus on:

- Reverse Engineering
- Know the evidence for lifestyle, as well as behaviorism
- Filter the evidence through the individual's Context/ACCESS-V

Create a context of curiosity, compassion, and, above all, love...



CASE PRESENTATION

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>> **Situation:**

>> 77 y.o. immigrant from El Salvador with recent DX of liver cancer and is currently undergoing radiation. Was referred due to depressed mood following her DX

>> **Background:**

- >> Pt has a h/o loneliness and social isolation and “just has a need to talk”. Has cried during both visits she’s had
- >> Was actively receiving services at Centro Vida, a DC senior center; attendance was negatively impacted during COVID. Interest in attendance has waned over time due to “too many interpersonal conflicts” there. Pt feels “sad, useless, lonely and worried about her loss of independence”
- >> Will refer her to Nueva Vida (New Life), a cancer support group for Latina clients and families at our next visit. <https://www.nueva-vida.org/>

>> **Assessment:**

>> Pt is undergoing a lot of physical pain/ discomfort caused by the radiation TX. Her single 50 y.o. son is her primary support, and she feels a lot of guilt each time she needs his assistance. Strengths include hobbies she enjoys

>> **Questions to Group:**

- >> What do you see my role being in this case?
- >> Is this patient appropriate for brief intervention only, and what kind of support can I offer?

Q&A

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