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- Process Mapping

Process Mapping

What: Graphical representation of how things get done

Why: Visualize a process to guide decision-making



what's the
opposite of
navigate?

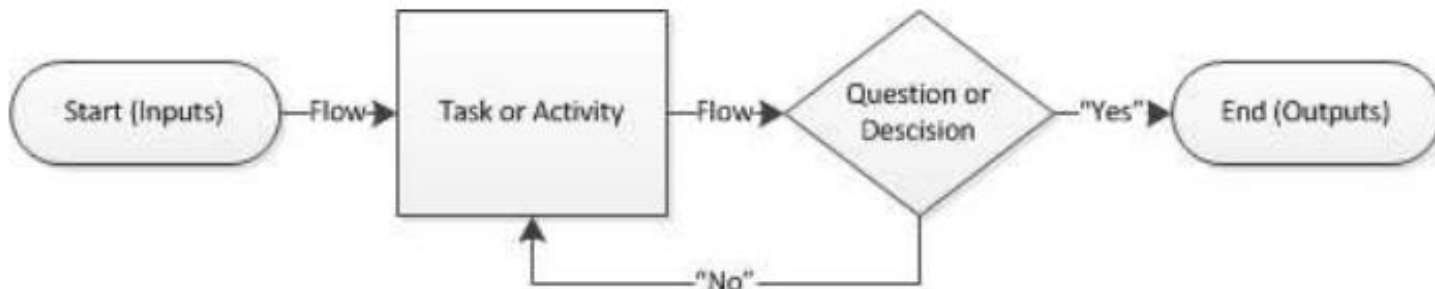


neglect, forget, get lost



Process Mapping: What is it?

- Visual organization of interrelated activities which form a patient care pathway or process
 - Describe the current state
 - Identify opportunities for improvement
 - Optimize efficiency by removing waste



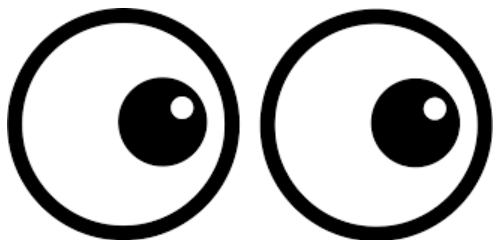
Selective attention

- How many times do the players in white pass the ball?
- [Link](#)

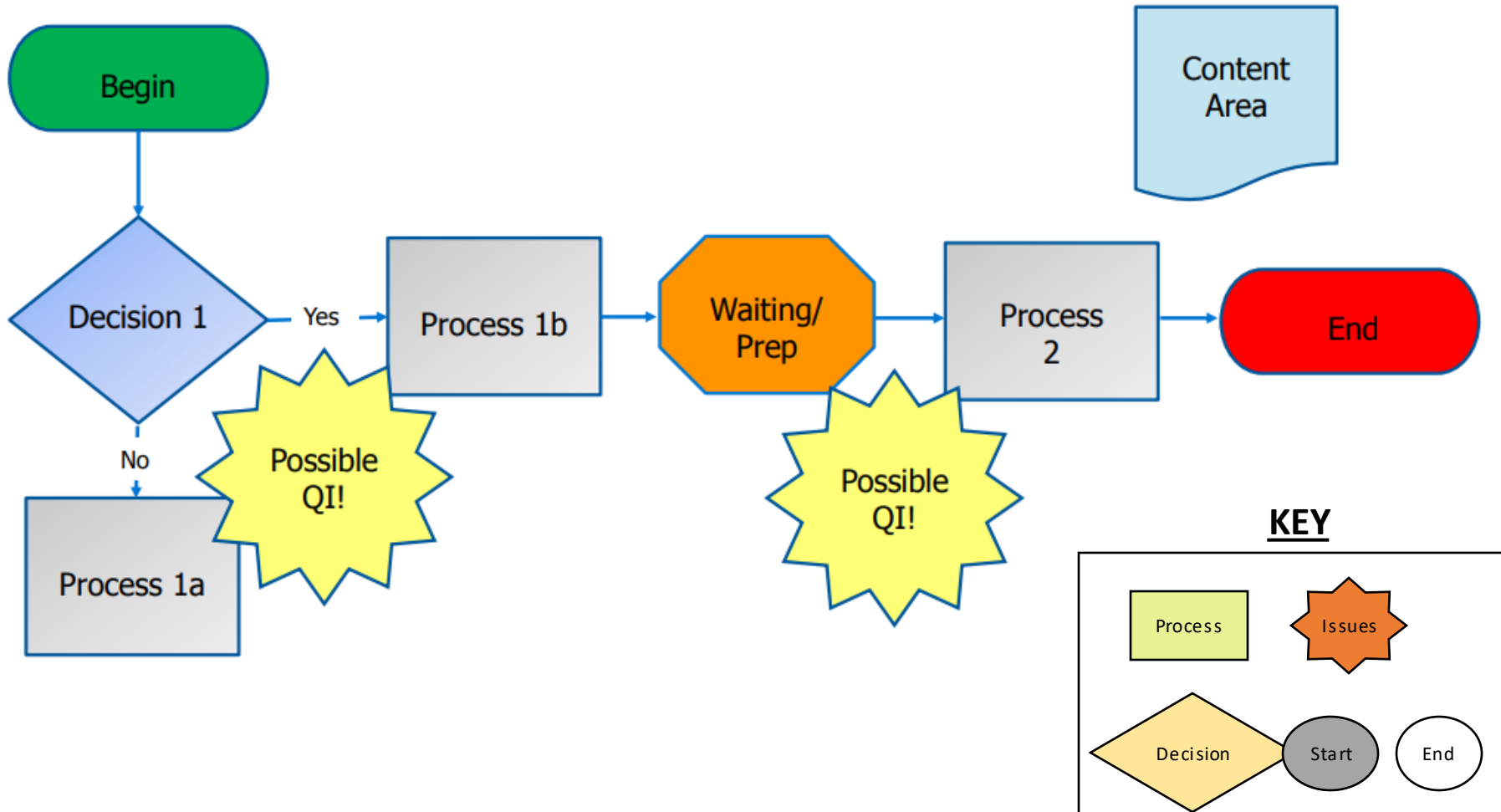


Process Mapping: Why do we need it?

- See with fresh eyes
 - Objectively describe a workflow
 - Make targeted changes
 - Institution/Process-specific



Process Mapping



Process Improvement = Survival

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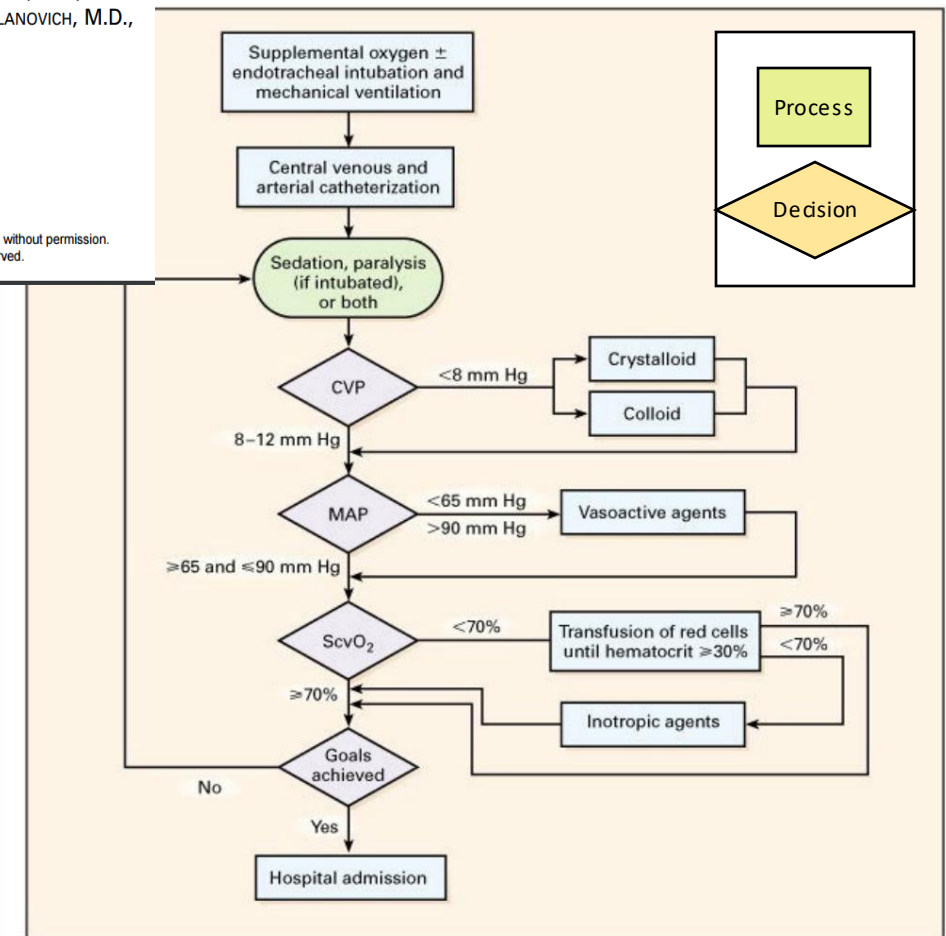
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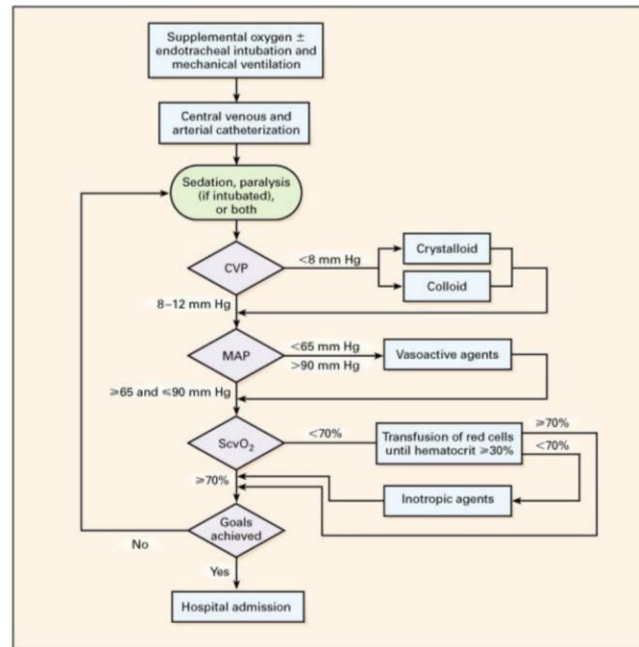


Process Improvement = Survival = Joint Commission Requirement

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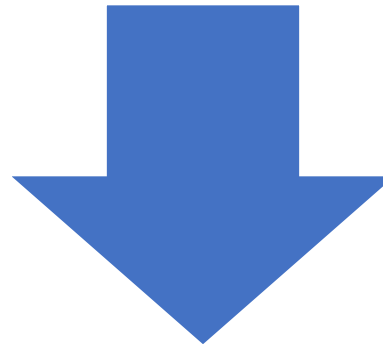
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Waste vs. Value

- **Review Process Map**

- Which activities add waste?
 - minimize/eliminate these
- Which activities add value?
 - focus resources here

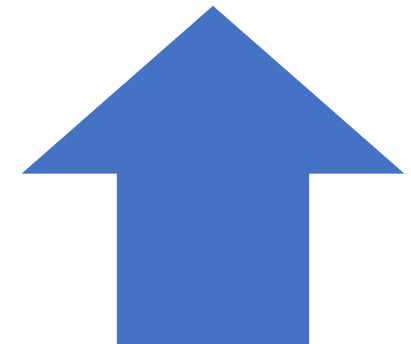


WASTE
Waiting
Late calls
Clinical errors
Unnecessary documentation



VALUE

Items/services patient
willing to pay for
Moves care forward
Done right the first
time



Defining and Minimizing Waste

Defects	Mistakes, errors, resulting rework
Overproduction	Producing too much, too soon, or setup
Waiting	For patients, providers, services, or production
Transport	Moving <u>things</u> around
Inventory	Too much or too little inventory
Motion	Moving <u>people</u> around, searching
Over-processing	Redundancy, approvals

Identifying Waste

Time Observation		
Process: Time to ABX		
Step#	Work Element	Task Time
1	Antibiotic prescribed by MD	0
2	Order verified by Pharmacist	6.40"
3	Label prints	20"
4	Pharm Tech pulls product and labels	5.40"
5	Pharm Tech makes product	23
6	Pharmacist checks medication	14
7	Medication delivered to bedside	33.40"
8	RN obtains medication	21
9	RN reviews MAR/Chart	3
10	Assesses availability of IV access	2.20"
11	Flushes line with saline	1.20"
12	Administers antibiotic	2
Time for 1 Cycle		

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Time Observation and ASB

Time Observation		
Process: Time to ABX		
Step#	Work Element	Task Time
1	Patient presents to ED	
2	Urine specimen obtained	
3	Se WHEN ARE SYMPTOMS ASSESSED? /sis	
4	Meets re WHEN ARE SYMPTOMS ASSESSED? ne culture	
5	Urine culture results	
6	Urine susceptibility results	
7	Urine culture and susceptibility data reviewed	
8	Antibiotics Prescribed	

Per order / per RN discretion?

Independent order?
Part of order set?

What are reflex criteria?
Urine culture/suspected infection?

Completed in-house?
Send-out to commercial or reference lab?

How long does this take?

What drug selected?
What duration selected?

After conducting time observations:

Conduct more observations



Identify waste

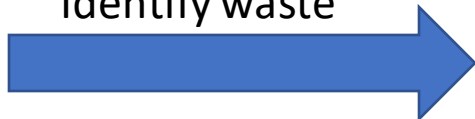


Diagram the process



Different days, different hours, different teams

Defects

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Waiting

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Transport

Moving things around

Inventory

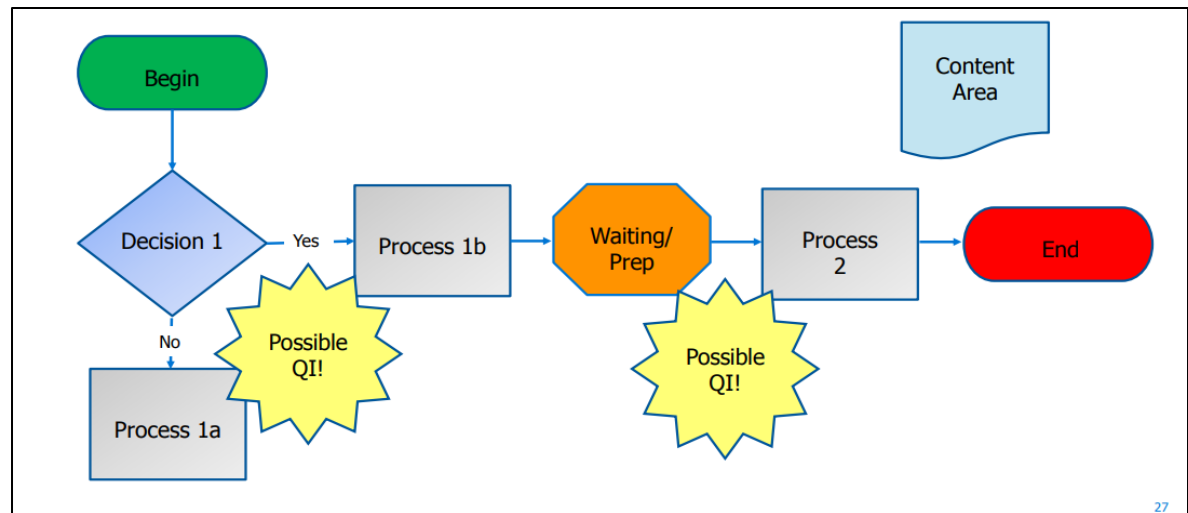
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Motion

Moving people around, searching

Over-processing

Redundancy, approvals



Summary, Process Mapping:

- ▶ WHY Remove blinders/See with fresh eyes
- ▶ HOW Time-observation studies
- ▶ WHEN As many observations as you can, at least 3
- ▶ WHERE The clinic/ward you intend to focus interventions



- ▼ Make targeted changes
- ▼ Institution & Process-specific

The Objective of this Cohort

To locally adapt antimicrobial
stewardship strategies and optimize
patient care

Antibiotic Awareness Week

Nov 18-24



CDC Antibiotic Awareness Week ASB Playbook – November 18-24



Website Resources	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Urine Culture Stewardship in Hospitalized Patients <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Addresses urine culture stewardship for patients with or without indwelling urinary catheters b. Links to additional resources for healthcare professionals 2. Catheter-associated urinary tract infections <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. FAQs about CAUTI for patients b. Links to additional resources for healthcare professionals 3. Criteria for defining UTI events <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. For patients with: symptomatic UTI, catheter associated UTI, asymptomatic bacteriuria 	
Handouts	Patients	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improving Antibiotic Use 2. Do you need antibiotics? 3. What are antibiotic-resistant bacteria? 4. Do antibiotics have side effects?
	Healthcare Professionals	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Avoid Treatment of Asymptomatic Bacteriuria 2. Be Antibiotics Aware: Protect your patient 3. Be Antibiotics Aware: At Hospital Discharge



Homework: Plan/Study



- **Set improvement goal**
- Predict what will happen
- Who, what, when, where, how
- Decide what data to gather

**Process
mapping**

U.S. Antibiotic Awareness Week (USAAW)

U.S. Antibiotic Awareness Week is November 18-24, 2021.



USAAW is an annual observance that raises awareness of the threat of antibiotic resistance and the importance of appropriate antibiotic use.

Dolly Parting Advice



On the importance of Process Mapping to guide meaningful interventions:

Sometimes if you jump into something too quickly, you can screw up something that might have been good....

Next Session:
Thursday December 16
Behavior Change &
Productive Conversations



19 January 2023

Productive Conversations in AMS: Garnering Physician Buy-In

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*Antimicrobial stewardship
requires initiating some
hard conversations!*

Giving unsolicited feedback is hard!

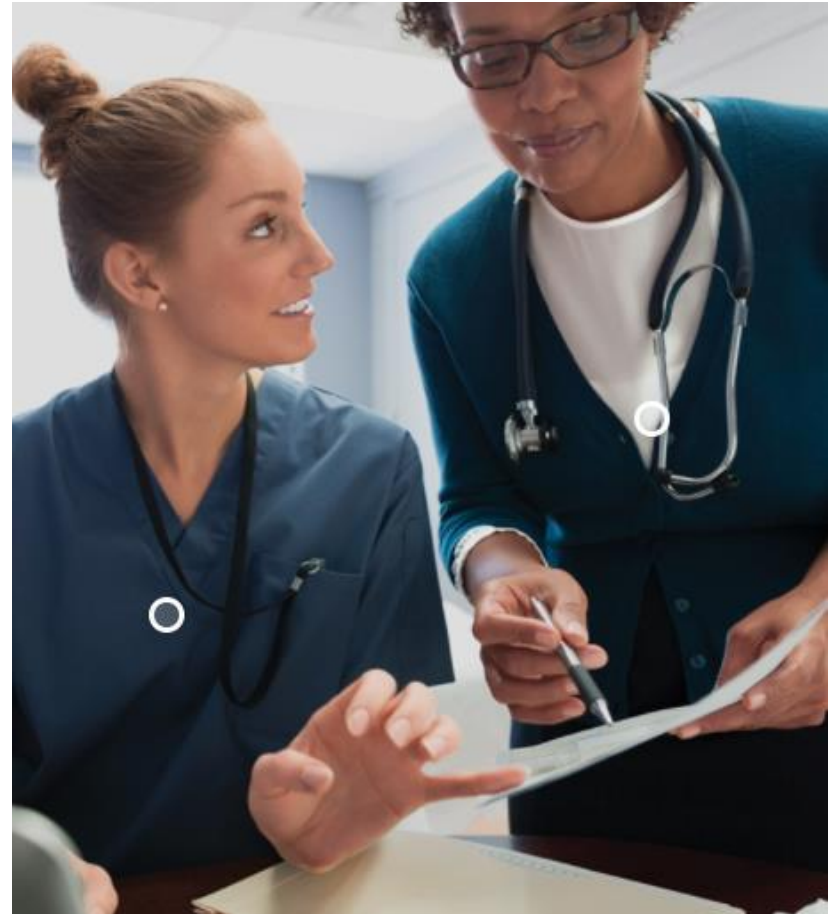
Especially when...

- values are not aligned.
- there is a difference in training and expertise.
- habits are deeply rooted.



What are qualities of a productive conversation?

- **Non-confrontational and non-judgmental**
- **Direct and to-the-point (we're all busy!)**
- **Focused teaching on the root of the problem (no "mansplaining"!)**



Fostering a Productive Conversation:

1

- Advocacy

2

- Inquiry

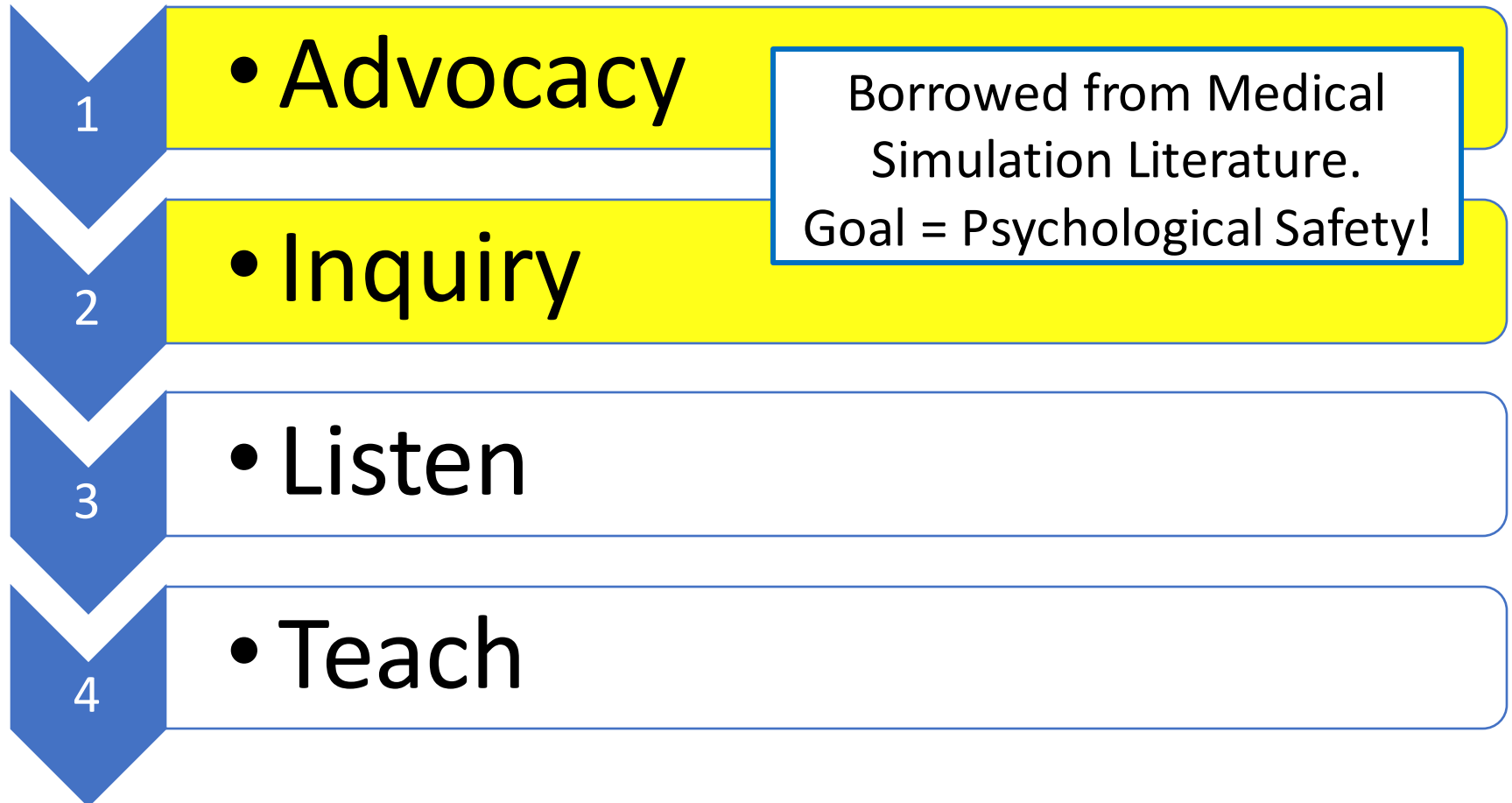
3

- Listen

4

- Teach

Fostering a Productive Conversation:



Advocacy-Inquiry

1

- **Advocacy**

2

Draw attention to a discrepancy
Stick to the facts

3

“I noticed...”

“I saw...”

4

Example Case: Advocacy

A 78yo patient with an indwelling foley is noted to have cloudy and malodorous urine. They have no fevers, leukocytosis, or abdominal/flank pain. You are the RN and are asked to collect a urinalysis and urine culture.

“I noticed this patient has a urine culture ordered, but they told me they have no urinary symptoms right now.”

Advocacy-Inquiry:

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Probe this discrepancy with an open-ended question

4

“Can you help me understand...?”

“Can you share more about...?”

“Can you teach me about...?”

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“I noticed this patient has a urine culture ordered, but they told me they have no urinary symptoms right now....

...Can you share more about what triggered this urine culture?”

Listen-Teach:

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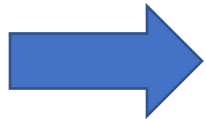
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Understand what frameworks underlie their assumptions – and identify how you can teach

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MD: "I think this is an early sign of urinary tract infection."



Framework error: Foul smelling urine \neq UTI

MD: "It's a pre-op UA; the patient is going for pacemaker tomorrow."



Framework error: Non-urologic surgery does not require screening/treatment of ASB

Listen-Teach:

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- Teach **Address the framework error**
Share recommendations

Example Case: Teach

“I think this is an early sign of urinary tract infection.”



“I recently learned that foul-smelling urine is an unreliable indicator of infection in catheterized patients, and it more likely reflects their hydration status and urea concentration in the urine.”

- *I’d be happy to share the article I found*
[sharing resources]
- *Perhaps we can monitor the patient to see if they develop other UTI symptoms*
[suggest an alternate path forward]

Example Case: Teach

“It’s a pre-op UA; the patient is going for pacemaker tomorrow.”



Oh, I didn’t realize he was going to a procedure tomorrow! I recently reviewed the IDSA Guidelines and saw that pre-operative urine cultures to screen for ASB are recommended only for urologic surgeries.

- I’d be happy to send you a link to the guideline [share resources]*
- Even if this urine culture is positive, it would not need to be treated, so I’d suggest canceling it [alternate plan]*

Questions before we practice?

1

- Advocacy

2

- Inquiry

3

- Listen

4

- Teach

Practice Case

Case 1: Advocacy-Inquiry

A 92yo patient is brought to the ED with AMS. They have no fever, leukocytosis, abdominal pain, or dysuria. A urinalysis is notable only for +squamous cells and 2+ bacteria. Antibiotics are ordered.

**Imagine: You are the pharmacist reviewing the order.
What would you say?**

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“I notice this patient is ordered for antibiotics, but the notes say their only symptom is confusion. Can you share more with me about how the decision was made to start antibiotics?”

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- ***AMS in the elderly is rarely due to UTI if not associated with fever, WBC, or symptoms***
- ***It is safe to observe for 24-48h off of abx***
- ***There is a broad differential we don’t want to miss!***

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- ***A good urine specimen has less than 5 squames – this sample is likely contaminated.***
- ***Asymptomatic bacteriuria is common—especially in the elderly—and doesn’t require treatment***

In summary:

1

- Advocacy

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- Inquiry

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Other ideas?

- Has anyone used tactics like the advocacy-inquiry method? If so, how did it go?
- Are there other strategies that have worked well for you in the past?

Thank you!

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Practice Case 2

Case 2: Advocacy-Inquiry

A 45yo woman is seen in clinic for her annual “wellness” visit. She has a history of pyelonephritis but no urinary symptoms currently. A urine culture is sent and shows ESBL E coli.

**The MD calls requesting an antibiotic recommendation.
As the pharmacist, what would you say?**

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The MD calls requesting an antibiotic recommendation. As the pharmacist, what would you say?

“I saw noticed this patient has a drug-resistant E coli in their urine but no urinary symptoms. Can you help me understand what triggered this urine culture?”

Case 2: Listen-Teach

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“I normally wouldn’t treat it, but I got worried because it’s so drug resistant I thought it was best to get rid of it.”



- ***She is likely colonized***
- ***Any additional unnecessary antibiotics will likely make her future UTIs more difficult to treat!***

Case 2: Listen-Teach

A 45yo woman is seen in clinic for her annual “wellness” visit. She has a history of pyelonephritis but no urinary symptoms currently. A urine culture is sent and shows ESBL E coli.

“She doesn’t have a UTI now, but I think treating this asymptomatic bacteriuria now will prevent her next episode of pyelonephritis.”



- ***Treating ASB does not prevent future UTI or sepsis***