

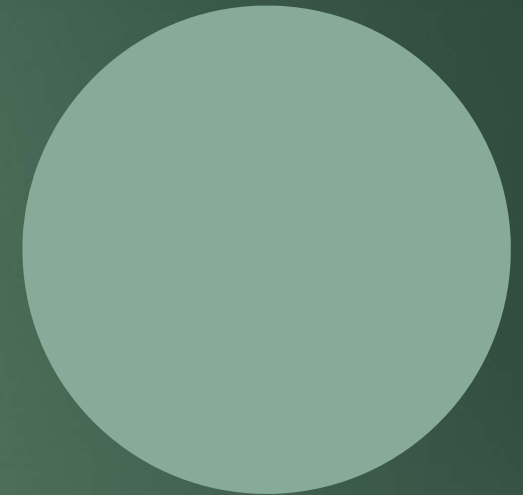


Ethical Issues in Pharmacy Practice

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Objectives

- ▶ Describe a strategy for making an ethically-based decision.
- ▶ Differentiate ways that individuals can suffer
- ▶ Asses the difference between the biomedical good of a patient and the subjective good of that same patient

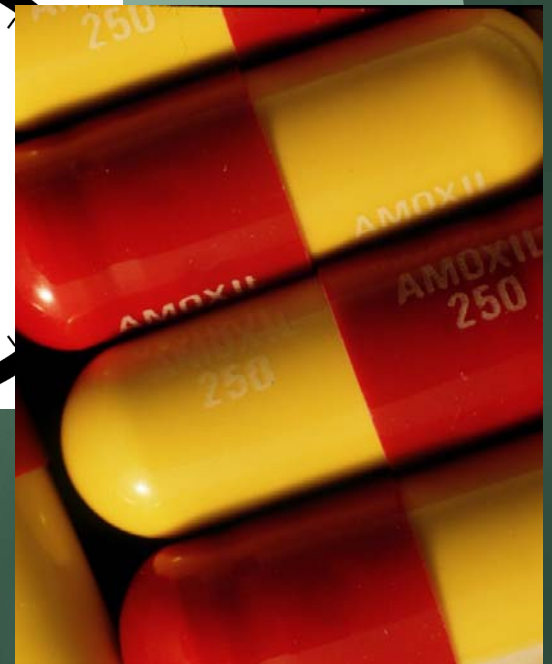
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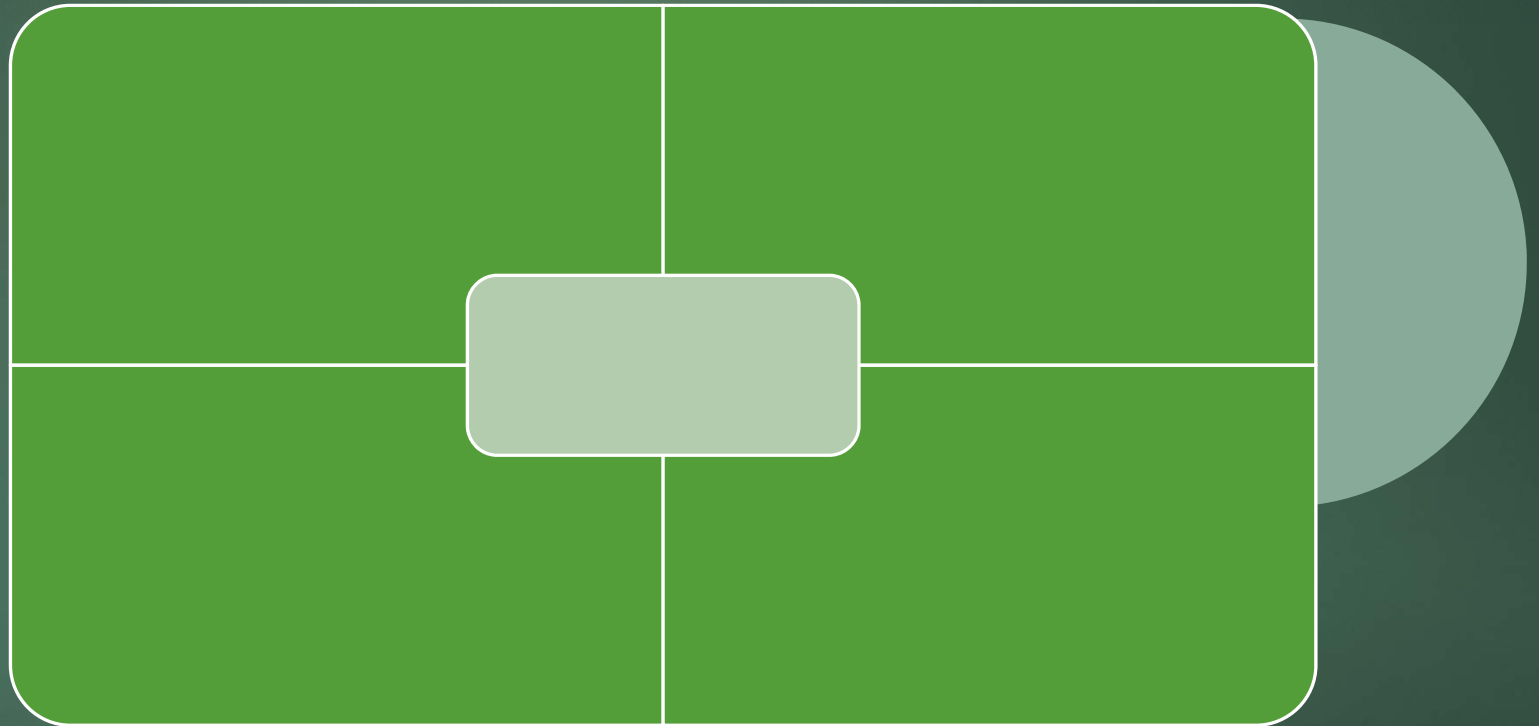


What do you do?



What should you do?

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What should you do?

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You can get
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What should you do?

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It is your job!



What should you do?

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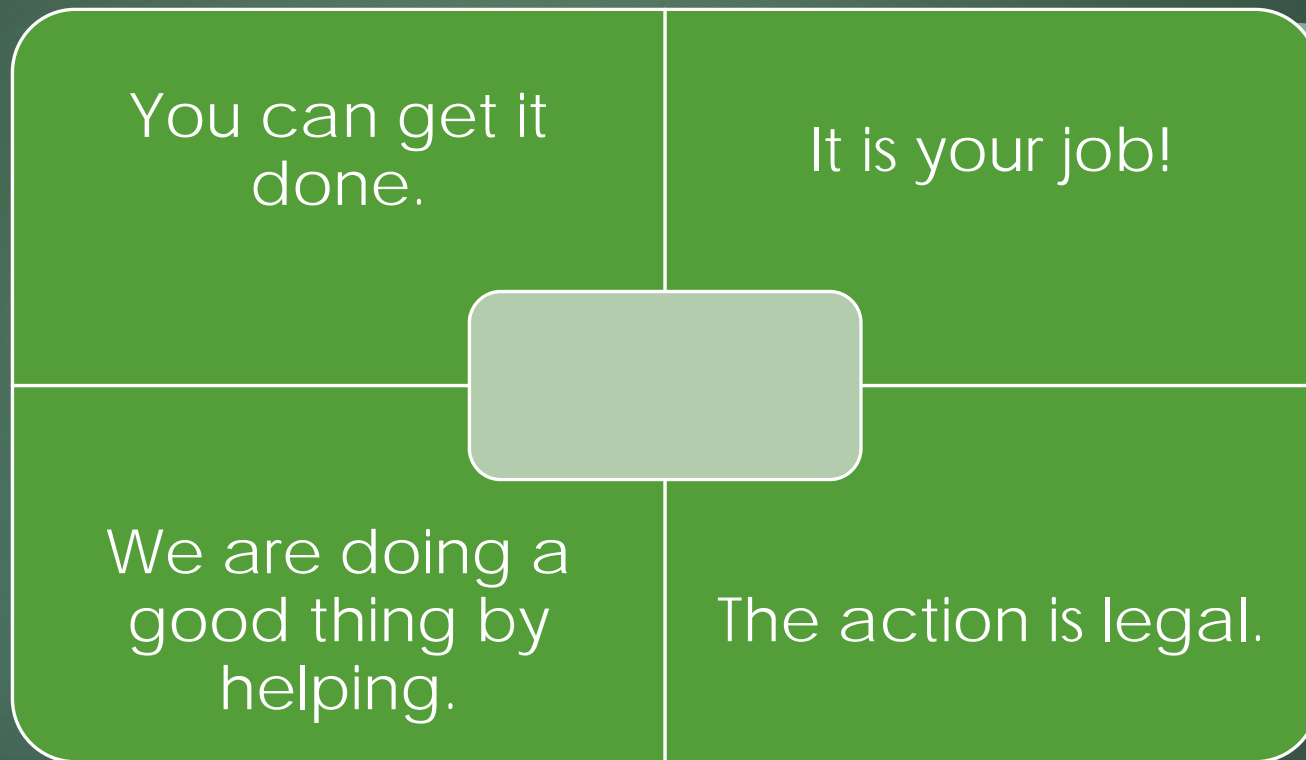
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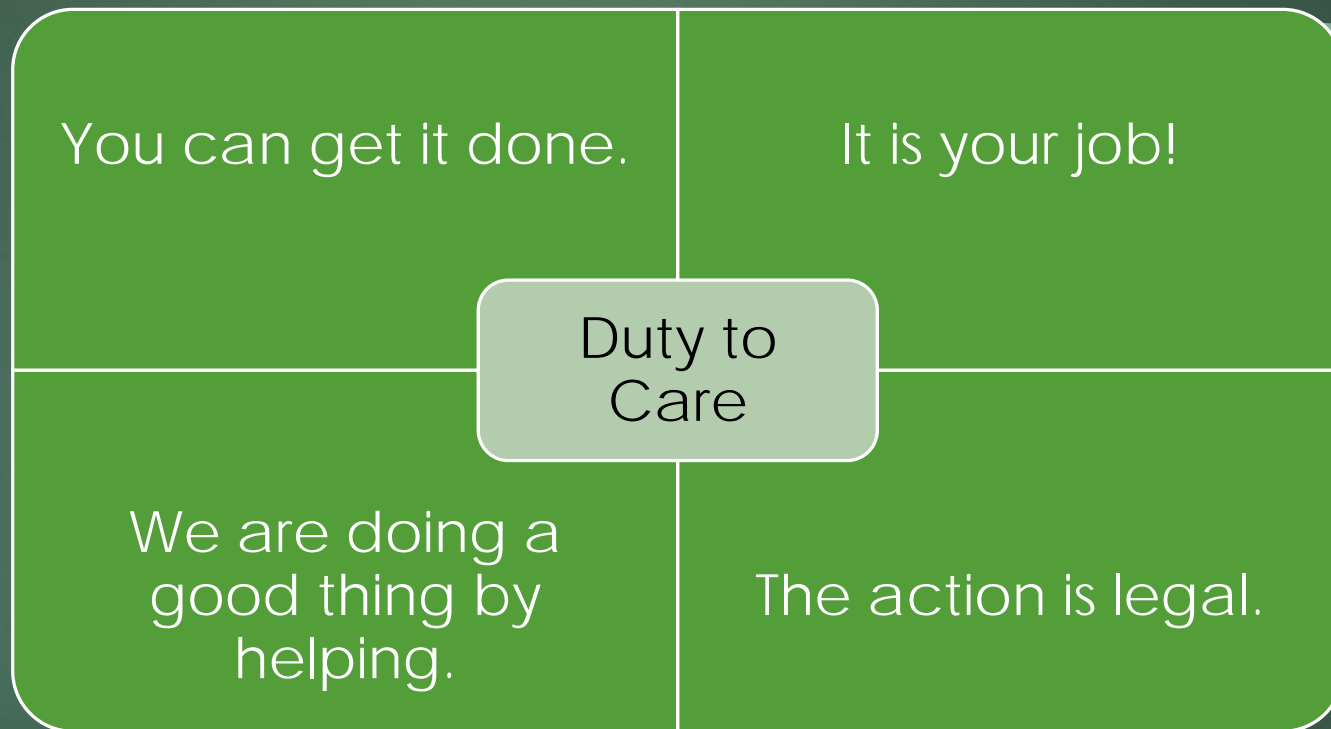
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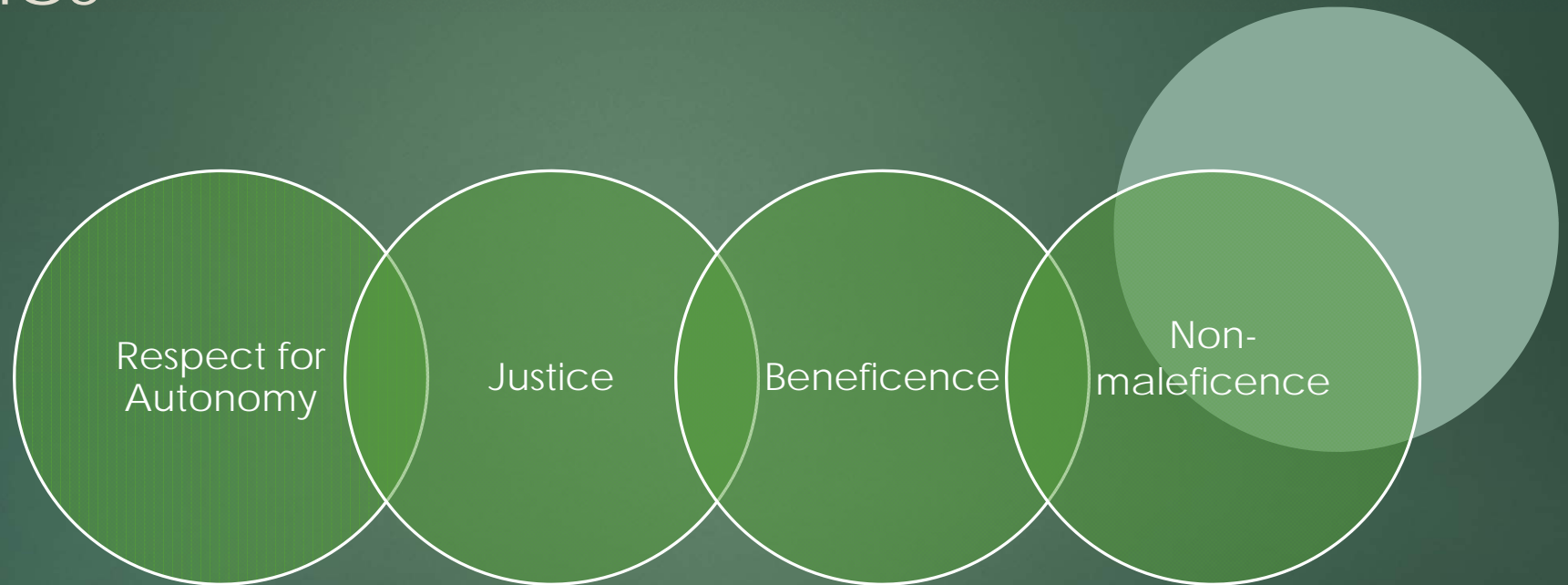
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General Principles of Biomedical Ethics

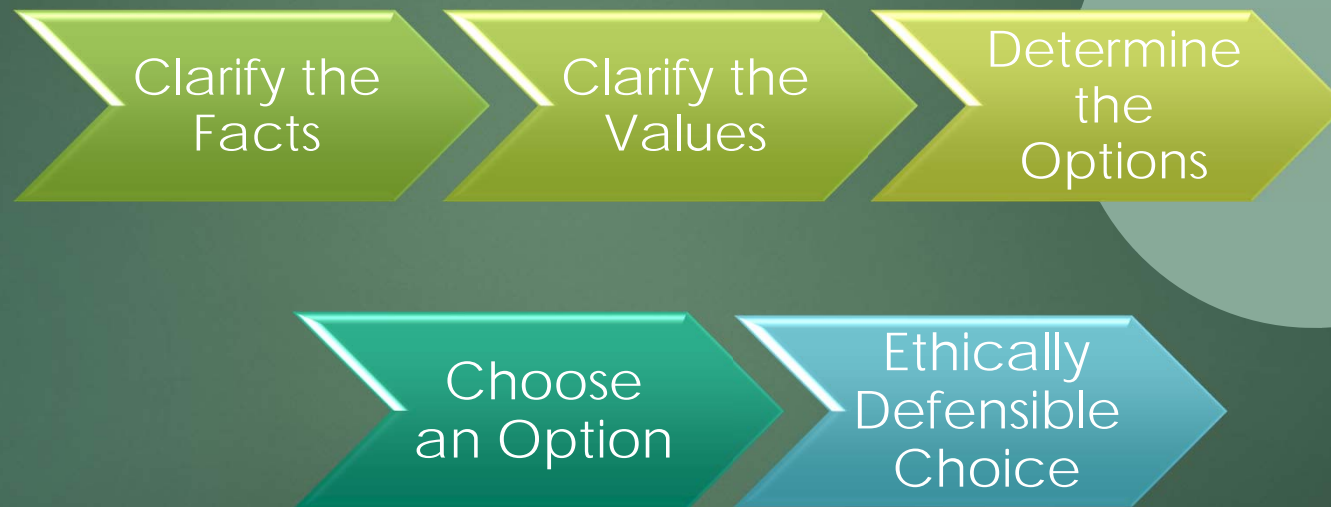
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An Ethical Decision Making Model

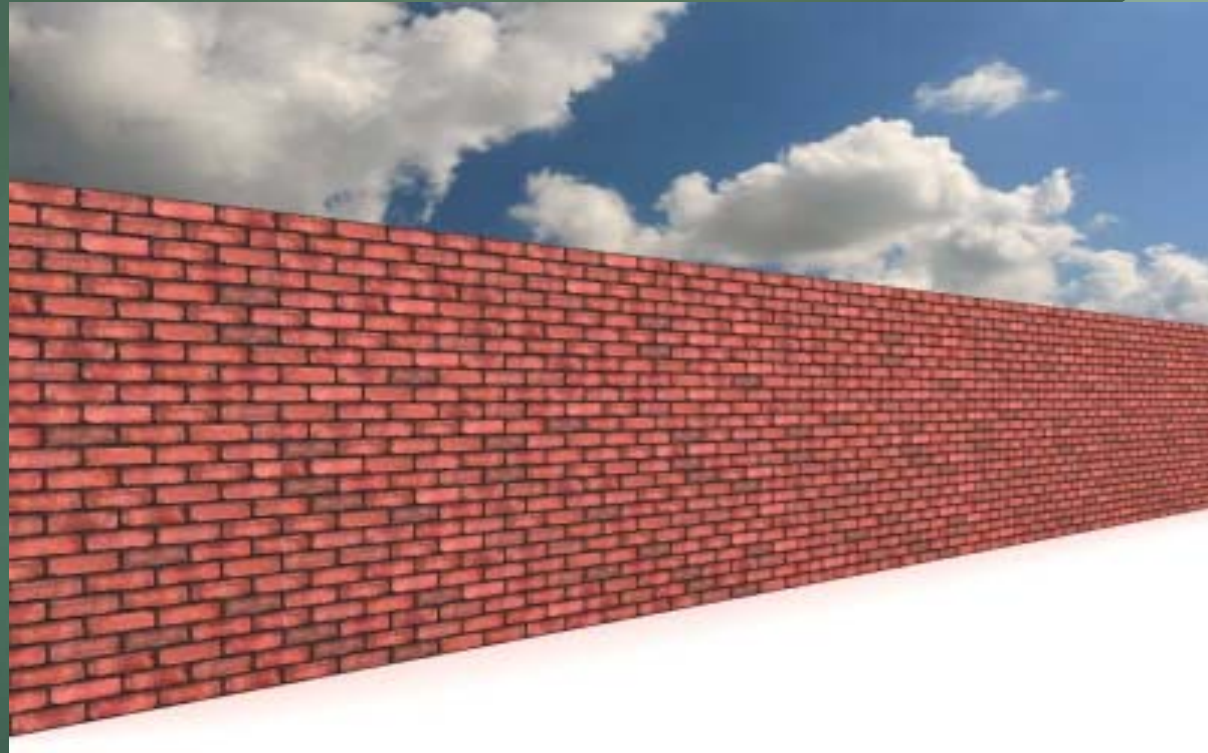
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Bruce Weinstein, PhD & Alvin Moss,
MD



But, what if something gets in the way?

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Moral Distress

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- ▶ First defined by Andrew Jameton in 1984
- ▶ Moral distress: the inability of a moral agent to act according to his or her core values and perceived obligations due to internal and external constraints.*
- ▶ Causes, Factors and Effects **

- Grady, C. Moral Distress: a growing problem in health professions. The Hastings Center Report. January-February 2010: p 20.
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Looking at Everyday Nursing*

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Causes: poor quality and futile care,
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raising unrealistic hope

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graph TD; A[Causes: poor quality and futile care, unsuccessful advocacy, raising unrealistic hope] --> B[Factors: staff education level, peer support, educational level / experience]; B --> C[Effects: mixed with respect to positive or negative impact on care, reduced job satisfaction];
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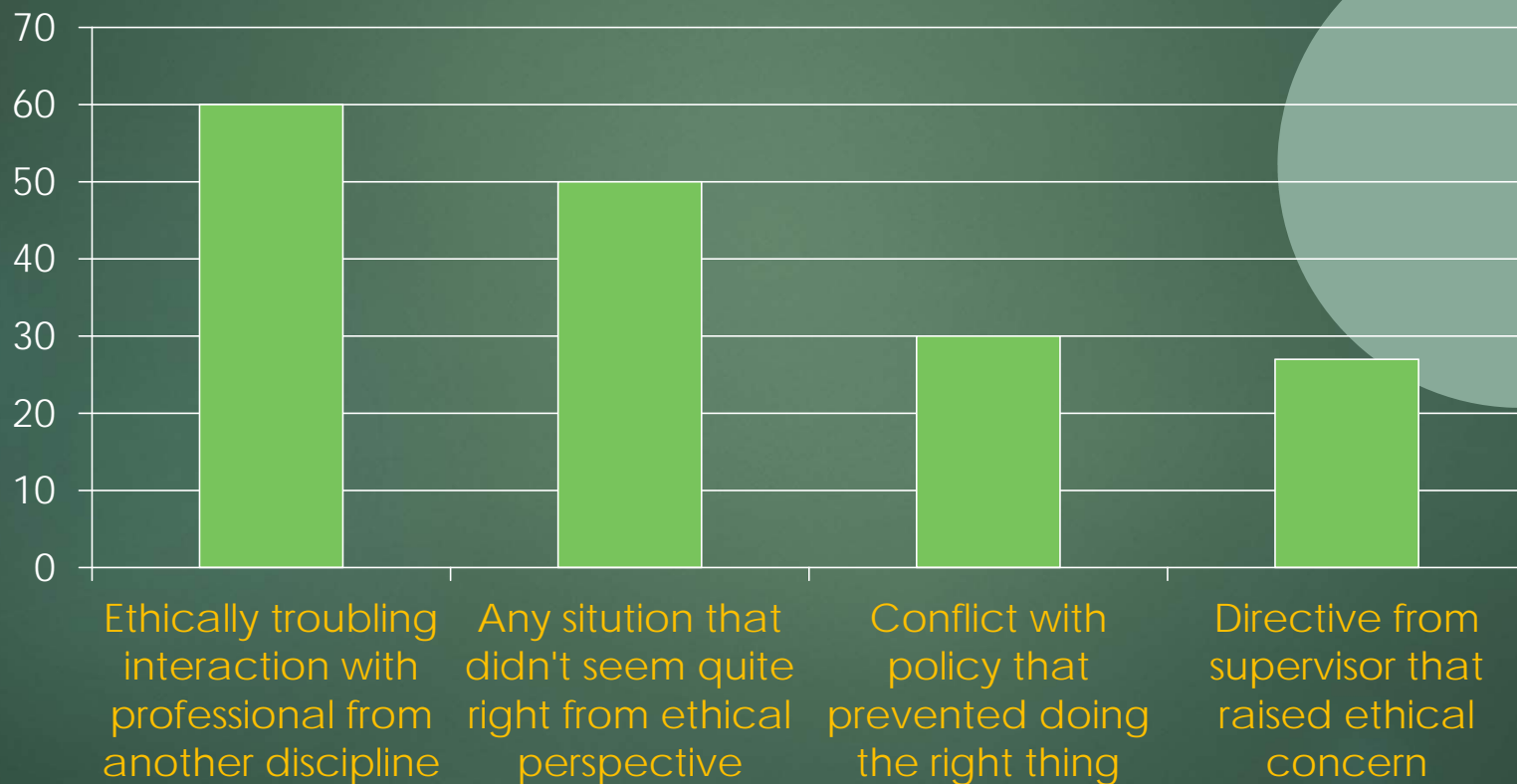
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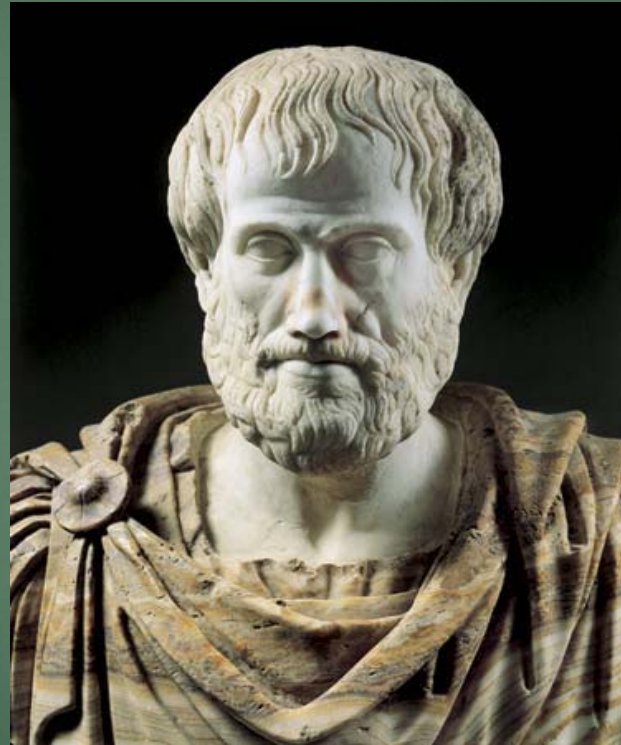
Experienced at least once within the past 6 months –

Percentage of Respondents

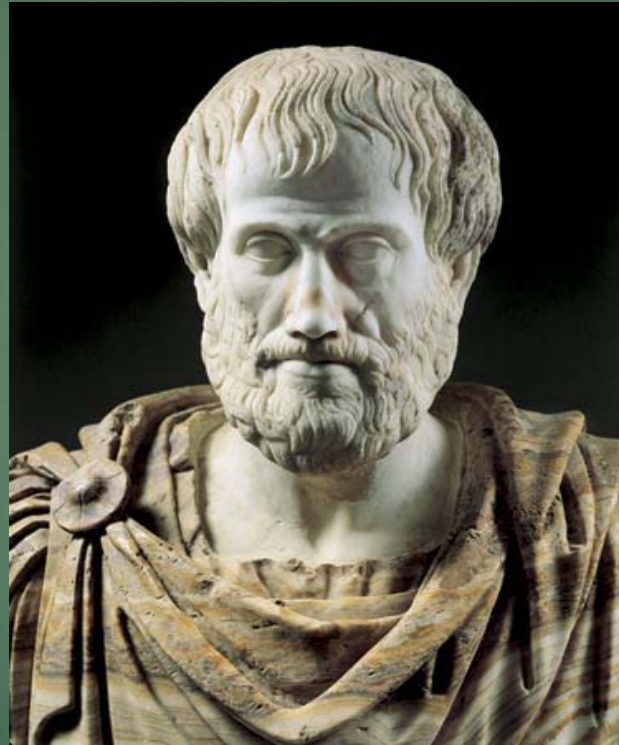


Can you name this philosopher?

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Aristotle



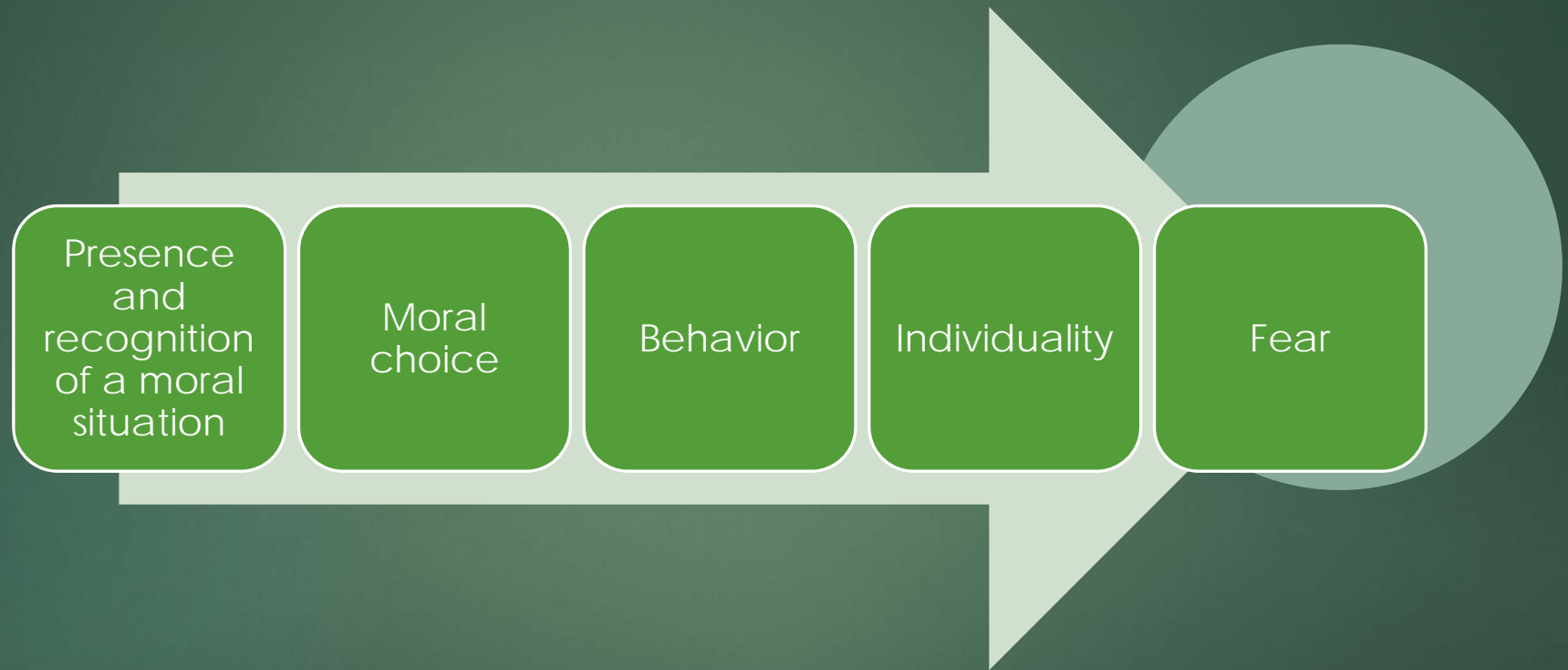


"The man who shuns and fears everything and never stands his ground becomes a coward, whereas a man who knows no fear at all and goes to meet every danger becomes reckless."

- Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, II 2. 1104a20-23

One Definition of Moral Courage*

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Miller, R. Moral Courage: Definition and Development. Ethics Resource Center March 2005.
http://ethics.org/files/u5/Moral_Courage_Definition_and_Development.pdf. Accessed 5/28/15.

Attributes of the morally courageous leader

Formidable persistence and determination

Independence of thought

Greater confidence in principles than in personality

Higher tolerance for ambiguity, exposure and personal loss

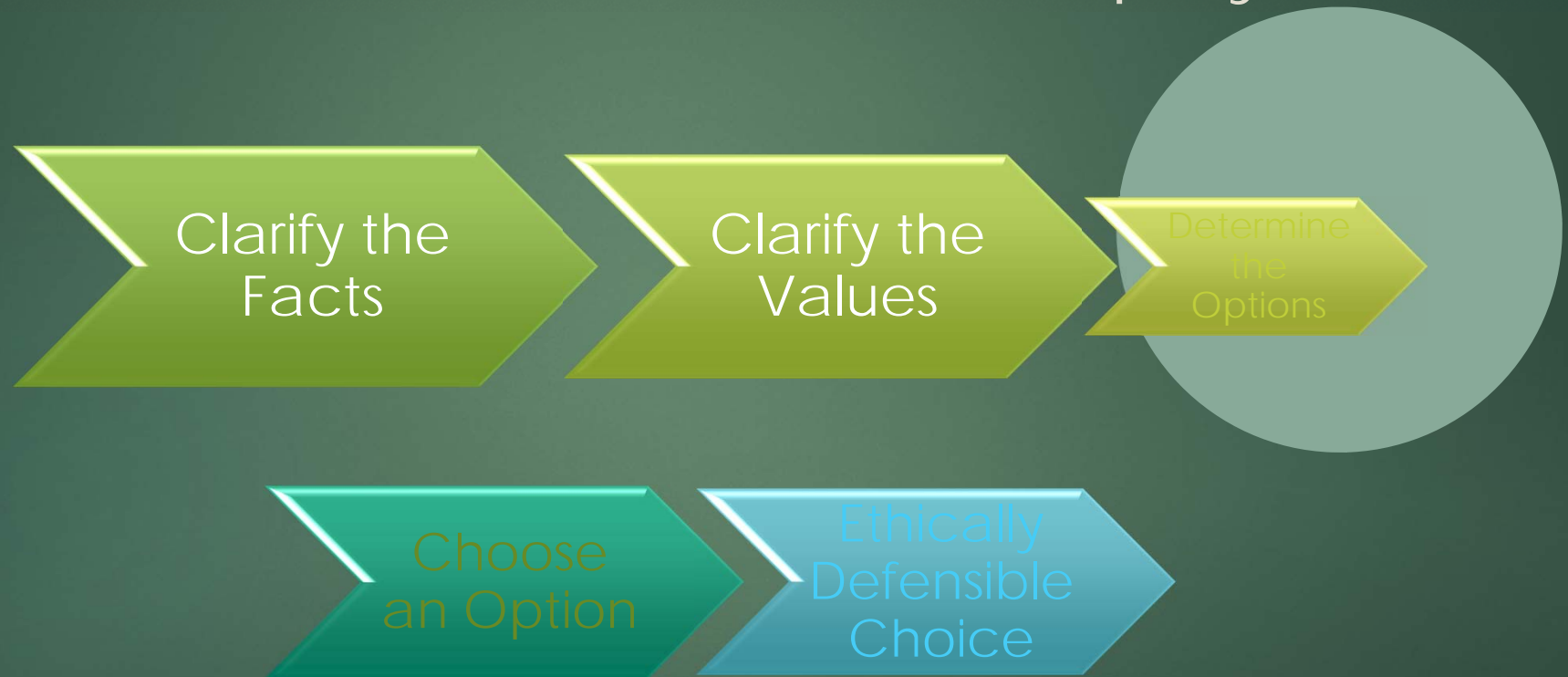
Acceptance of deferred gratification & simple rewards



The case of Judy



Our Ethical Decision Making Model: What are the facts and values at play?

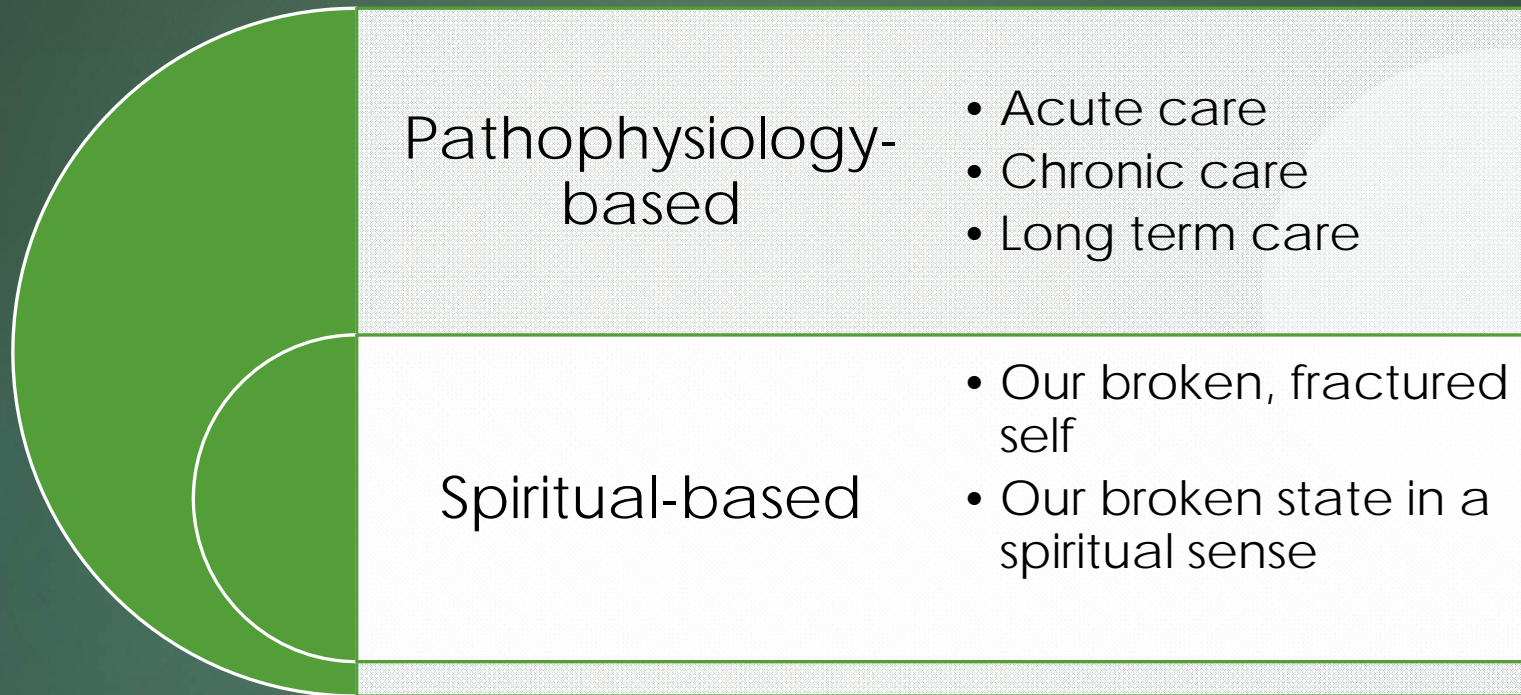


Suffering

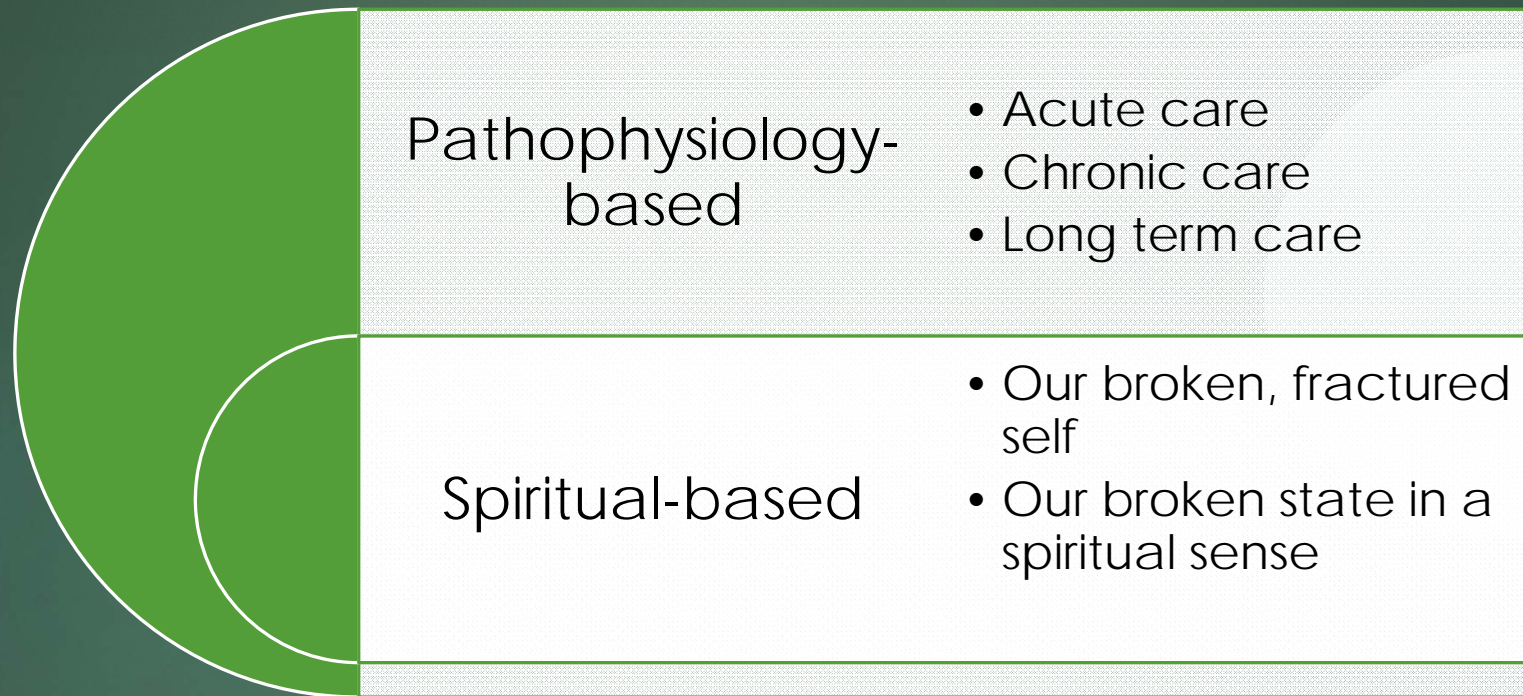
Pathophysiology-
based

- Acute care
- Chronic care
- Long term care

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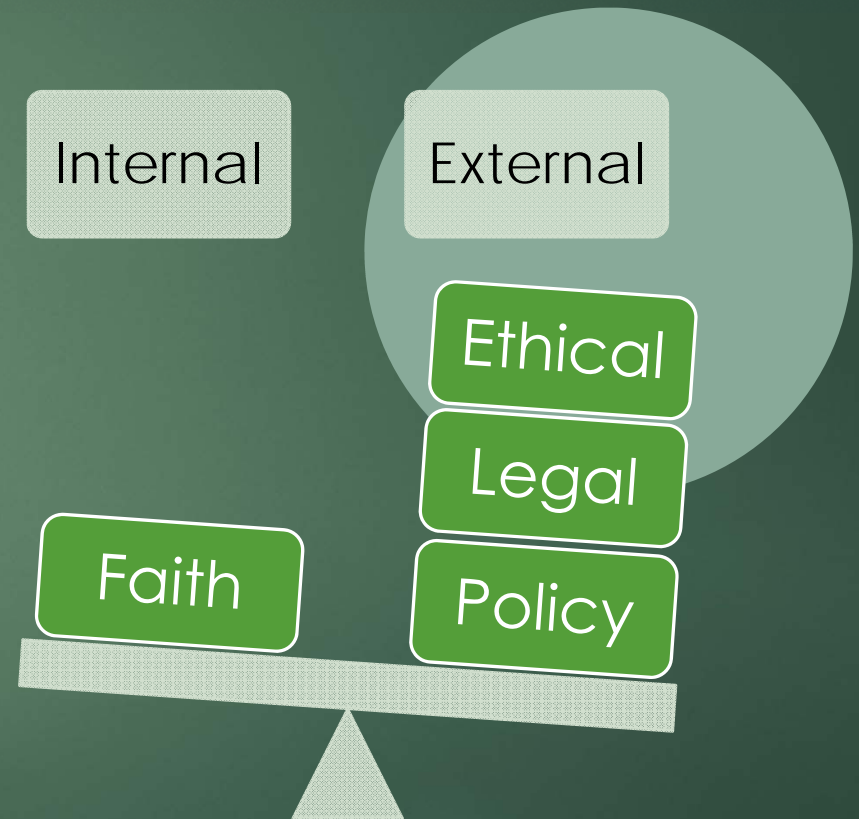


"...we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him." Romans 8:17 (ESV)

How should a pharmacist act?



The balance required by the Christian Pharmacist.



So, let's revise our question...how should a Christian pharmacist act?



2 Timothy 1:7 (ESV)

- ▶ ...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

Isaiah 58:10 (ESV)

- ▶ ...if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.

So, we return again to the question...how should a Christian pharmacist act?



Thank you!

