

# EMERGENCY MEDICINE: AN INDICATOR OF A CIVILISED SOCIETY

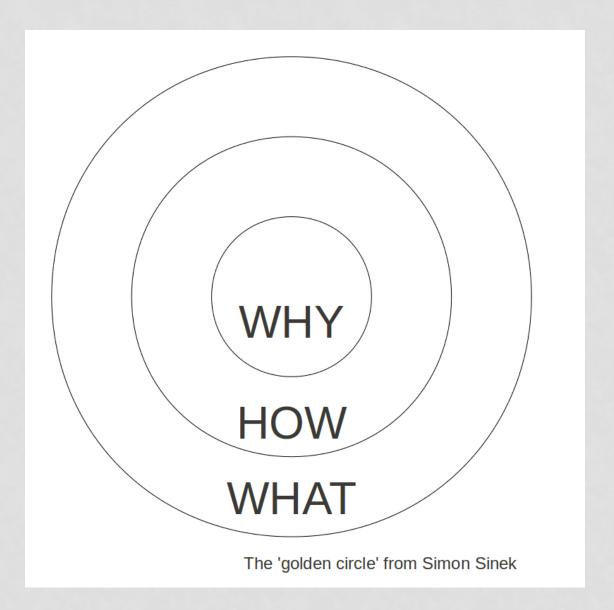
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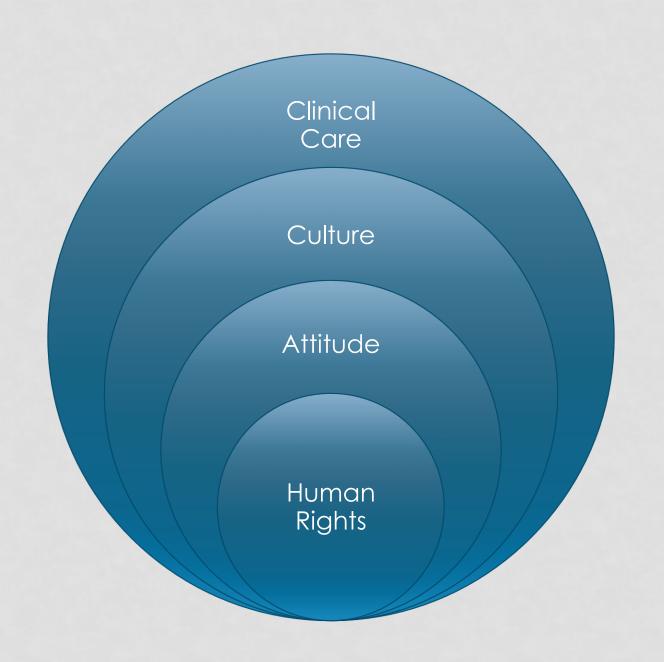




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Sapiens

History of Humankind

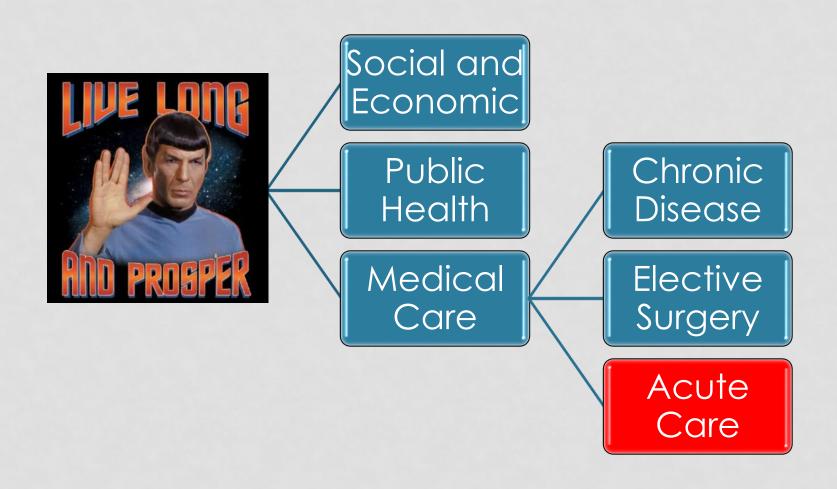


Article 25: Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care

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Article 2: Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in the Declaration, without distinction of any kind such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.

# Extending Life, Compressing Morbidity







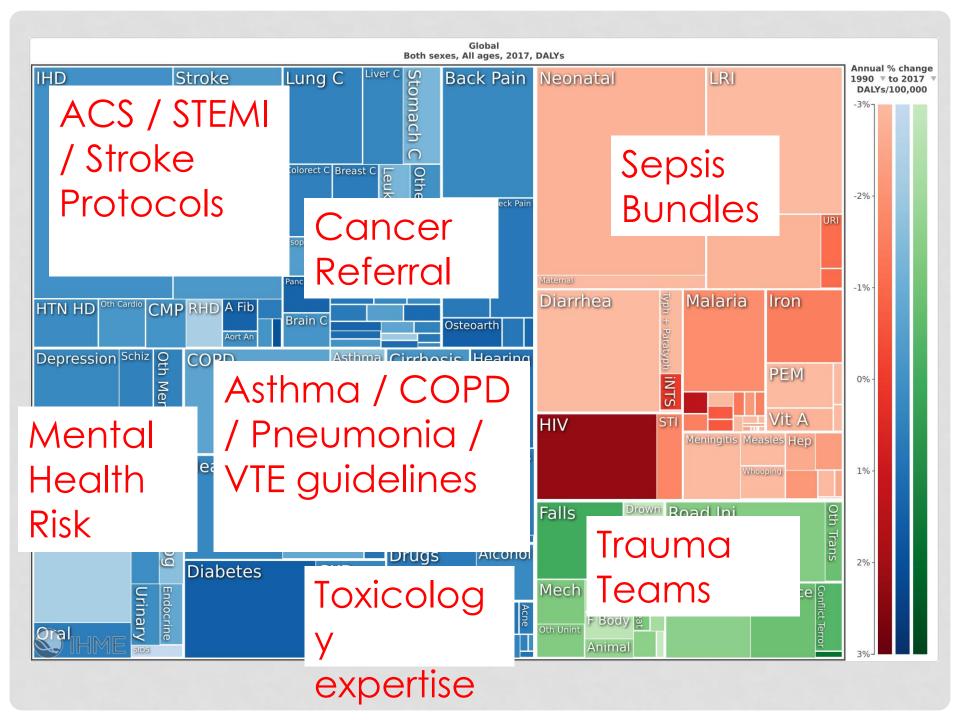
Focused Clinical excellence



Overcrowding prevention



Bias & inequality correction



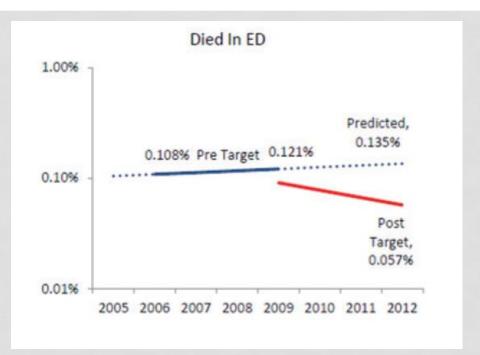
#### 6 GROUNDHOG MISTAKES IN EM

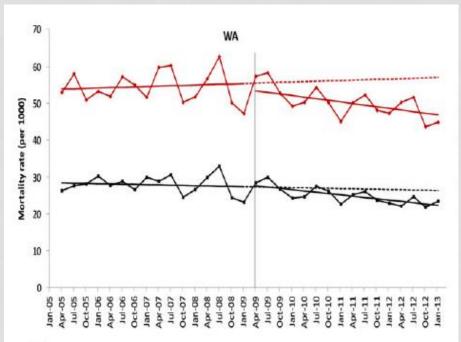
- Sudden onset headache
- Older patient abdominal / flank pain
- Intoxicated altered LOC after trauma
- Flu' with abnormal vital signs
- Chest pain
- Suicidal thoughts

### Emergency Department Overcrowding

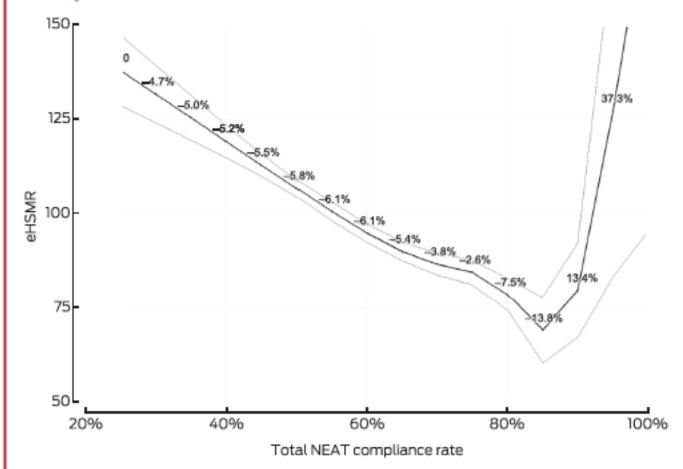
- Increases 10 day mortality for admitted patients by >30% (Aus)
- Increases
   mortality for
   discharged
   patients by >70%
   (Canada)







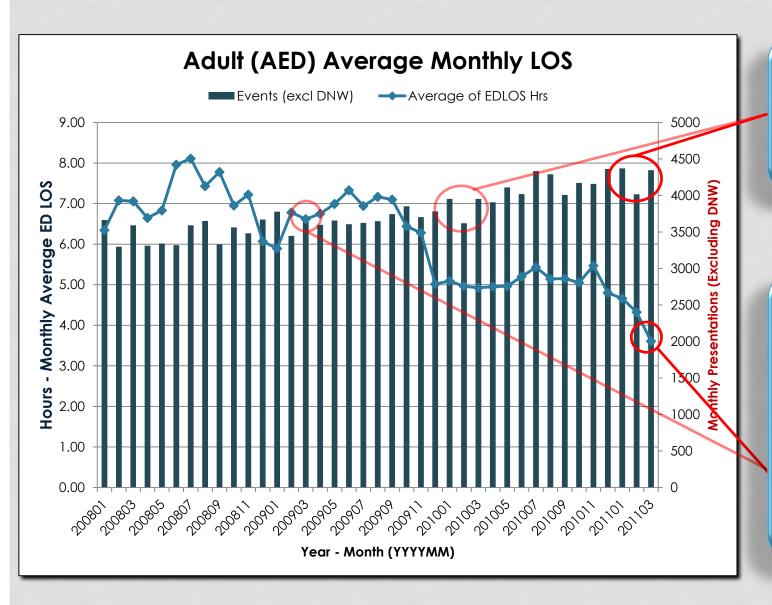
1 Total National Emergency Access Targets (NEAT) compliance and hospital standardised mortality ratio for patients admitted from emergency departments (eHSMR) for 59 Australian hospitals, 1 July 2010 – 30 June 2014



P< 0.001 for regression (F-test). Pale lines, 95% confidence intervals; graph labels, change in eHSMR per five percentage point change in NEAT. ◆



#### Adult ED Presentations and Average Length of Stay



Jan-Mar 2011 saw a 10.5% increase in presentations compared to Jan-Mar 2010

ED Length of Stay reduces by 46% in 2 years despite record presentations. March 2011 average LOS 3.6 hours, compared to March 2009, 6.7 hours

Note: 201103 (March 2011) data is through 30th March 2011

#### THINKING TYPE

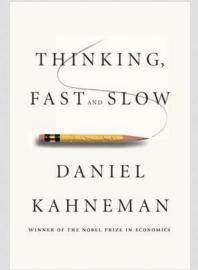
Chef (system 1)
Heuristics
Speed
Creative

Cook (system 2)

Menu driven

Slow

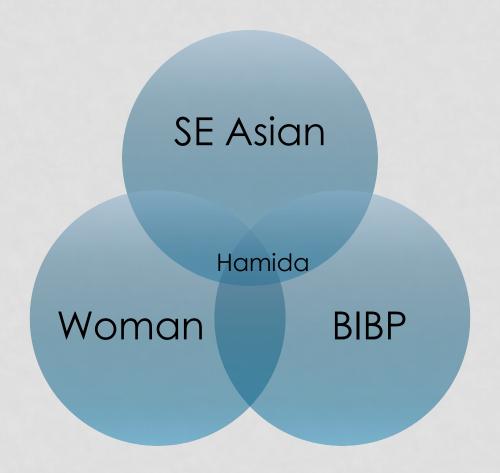
Inflexible



#### **COGNITIVE BIAS**

- Grouping
  - These people are all like this
- Anchor Bias
  - The triage note is always right
- Confirmation Bias
  - I have found a fact that supports my view

Hamida Shah: 52 female BIBP from Glasgow High Court "Paining in chest". Poor English.



Hamida Shah: 52 yo woman sudden onset severe chest pain radiating to back. History hypertension.

#### CHEF'S CLINICAL ACUMEN

- Careful History
- Methodical Exam
- Red Flags
- Avoid grouping

**IVDU** 

**Farmers** 



#### COOK'S SAFETY CULTURE

- Mandatory Pause
  - HALTS OP
  - High risk presentations
  - Human rights reflective checklist (cultural safety)
- Team working
  - Senior Cover
  - Low power distance
  - Staff diversity

## CROSSING THE LINE: UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR



Right of agitated pt.

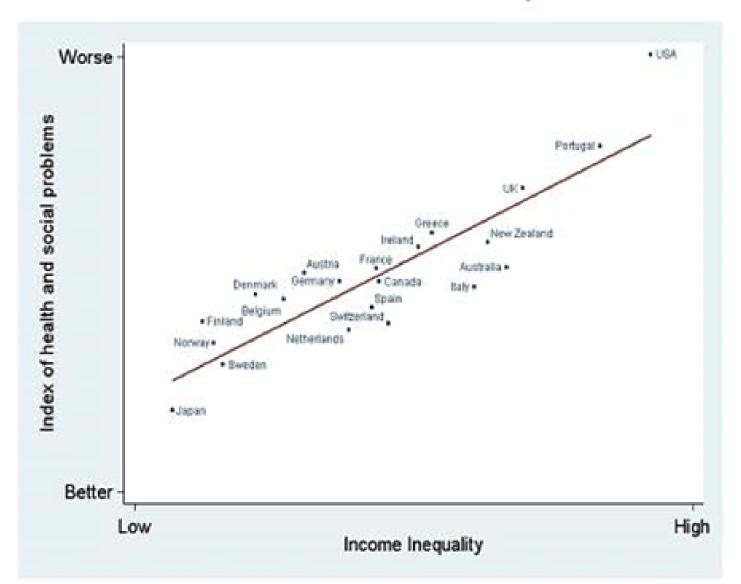
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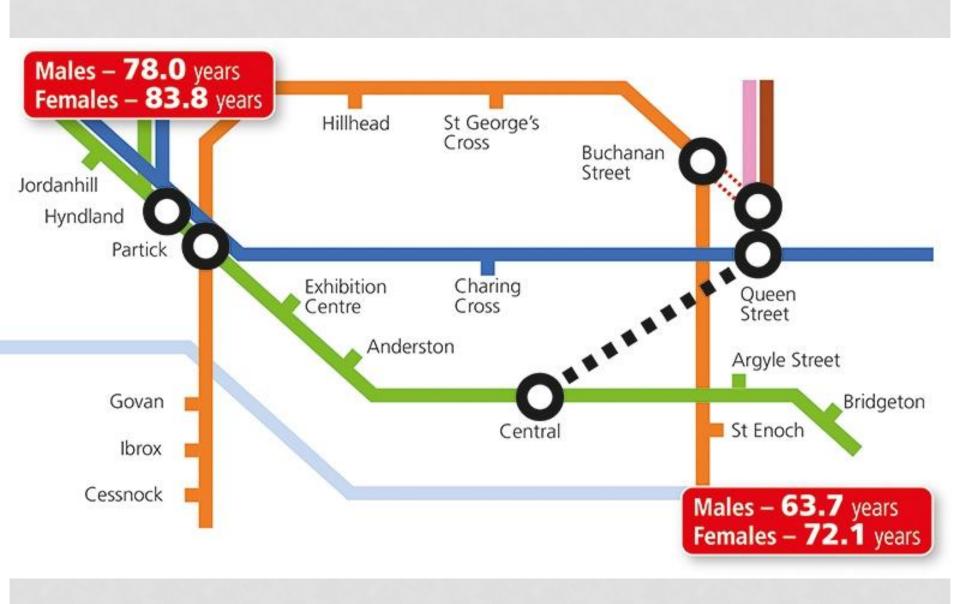
#### Health and Social Problems are Worse in More Unequal Countries

#### Index of:

- Life expectancy
- Math & Literacy
- Infant mortality
- Homicides
- Imprisonment
- Teenage births
- Trust
- Obesity
- Mental illness incl. drug & alcohol addiction
- Social mobility







First get a recommendation from your family doctor that your eyes need testing. Then hand that recommendation to any doctor with special qualifications (lists will be available) or to any ophthalmic optician taking part in the new service. If you need glasses, these will be provided without charge. For re-testing you can go direct to any of the doctors with special qualifications, or to an ophthalmic

The National Health Service will provide several kinds of spectacles of different types. For specially expensive types you will have to pay the extra cost.

Deafness Specialist ear clinics will be established as resources allow. At them you will get not only an expert opinion upon deafness but also, if necessary, a new hearing aid invented by a special committee of the Medical Research Council. Production of these aids is now going on, but will not meet all demands at once. They will be supplied free, when ready, together with a reasonable allowance of maintenance batteries.

Home Health Your local County or County Borough Council will, as soon as it can, make special provision for: (1) advice and care of expectant and nursing mothers and children under five (for particulars ask your doctor, health visitor, or Welfare Centre); (2) midwifery (ask your doctor or Welfare Centre); (3) home nursing where there is

illness in the family (ask your doctor): (4) all necessary vaccination



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CERVICE "It will provide you with all medical, dental and nursing care. Everyone – rich or poor, man, woman or child - can use it or any part of it. .... It is not a charity. You are all paying for it, mainly as taxpayers, and it will relieve your money worries in time of illness."

- 3. Fill one in for each member of the family.
- 4. Hand them to the doctor.

ACT AT ONCE

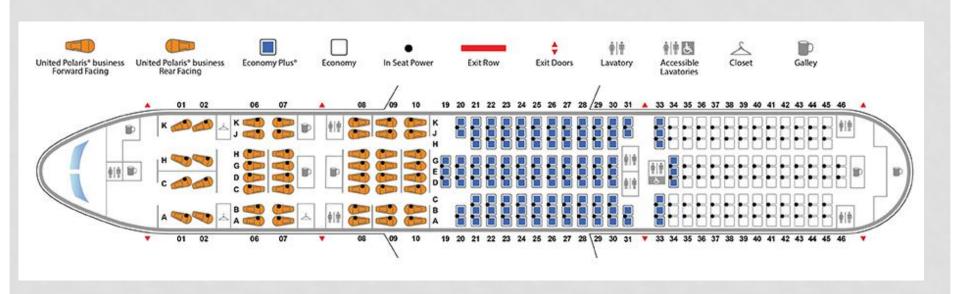
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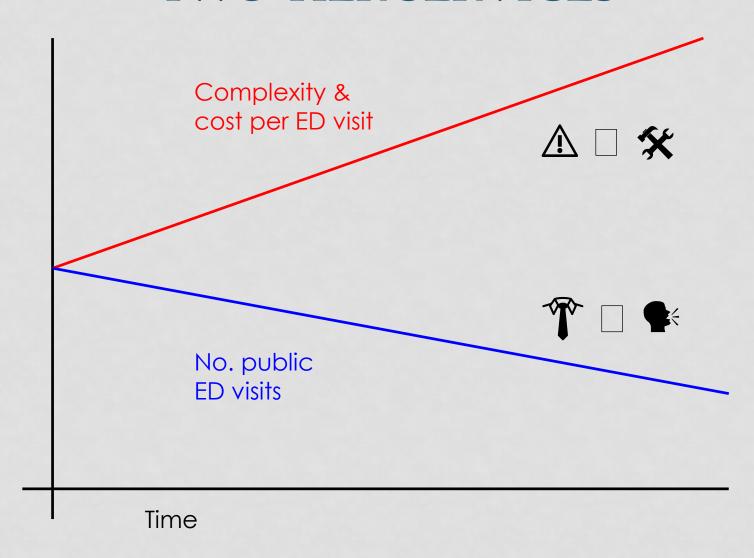
charges, except to a few special items. There are no insurance qualifications. But it is not a "charity". You are all paying for it, mainly as taxpayers, and it will relieve your money worries in time of illness.

#### **DESTINATION & SAFETY**



Celebrities, Executives & Urologists Ordinary Folk

#### TWO TIER SERVICES





The true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members

— Mahatma Gandhi —



#### REBEL ALLIANCE



- Skill, knowledge, kindness
- Solidarity in time of crisis
- Right to life, dignity & equality

