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ICU Setting



Desterro Hospital





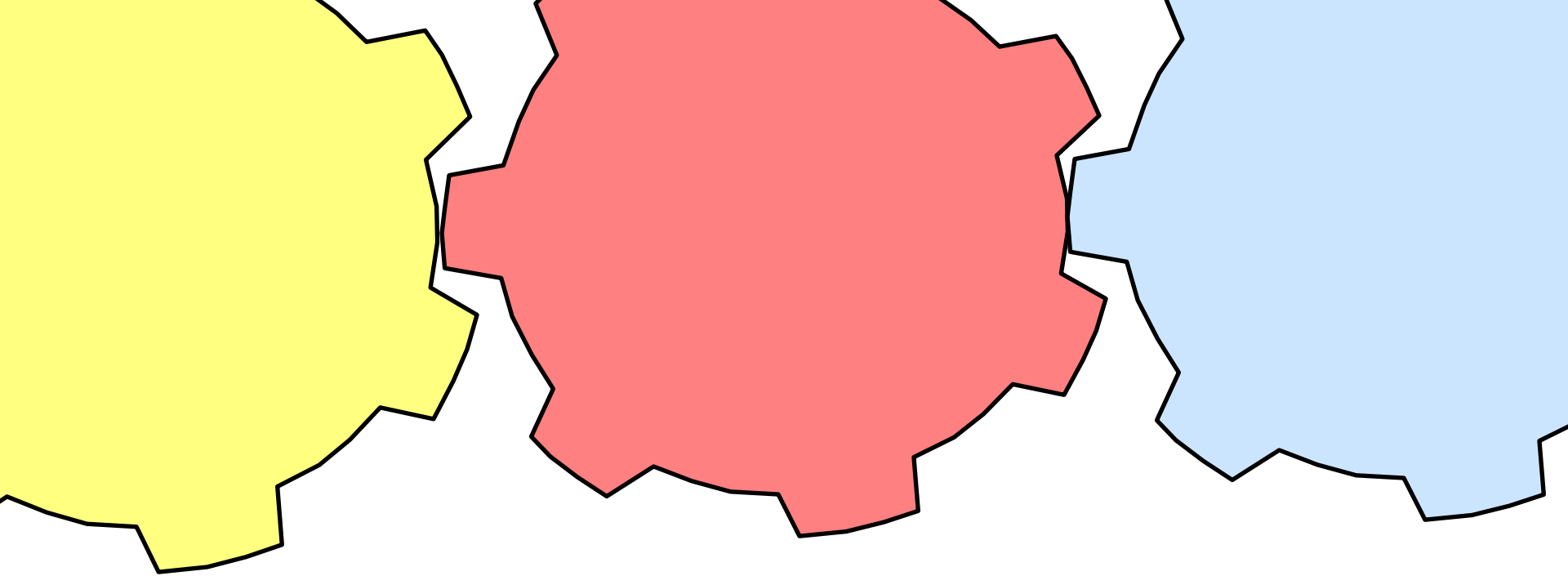
Lift up patients




**Secretion
clearance**



**mess up patients
beds**

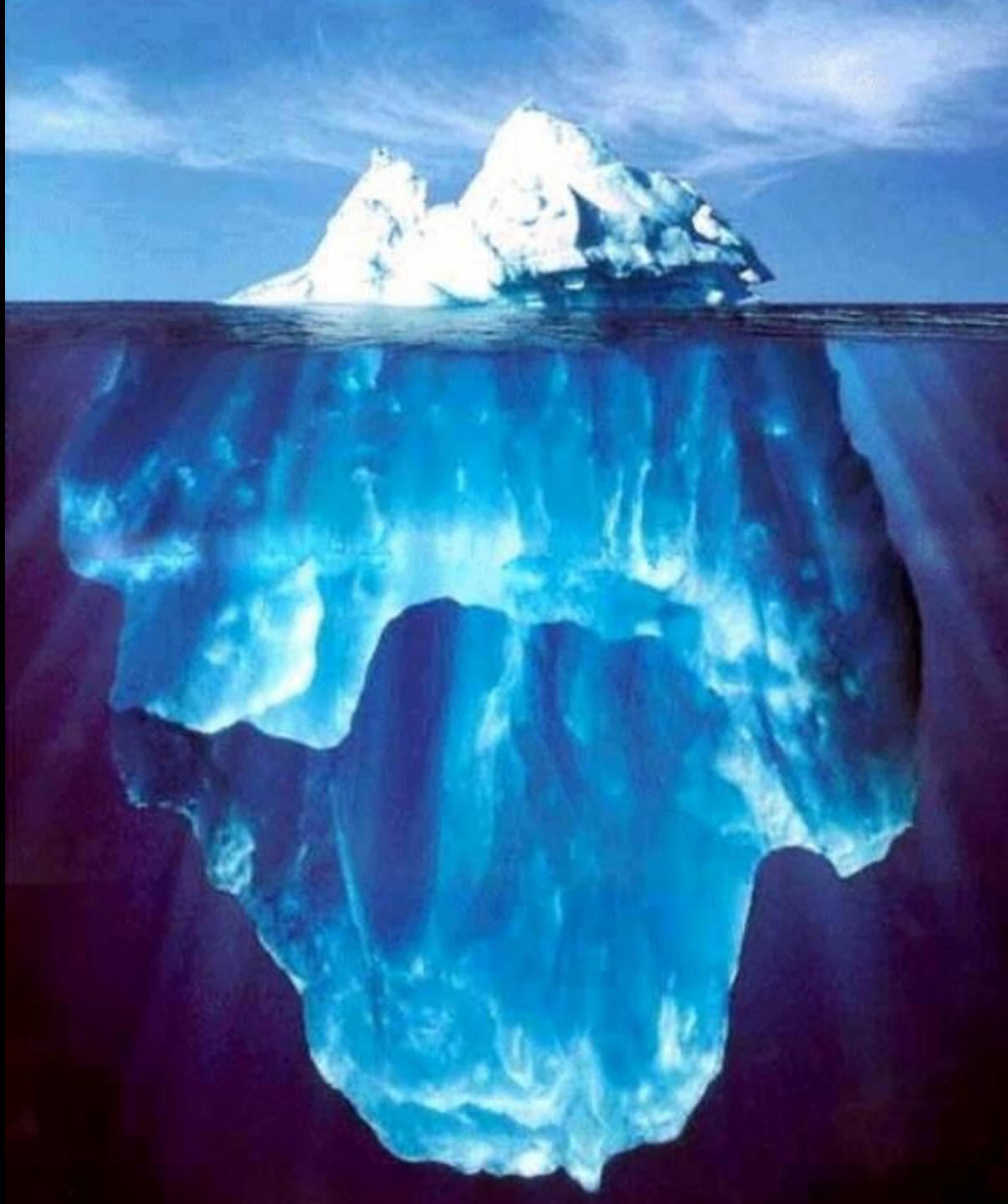


INTERVENTION FRAMEWORKS

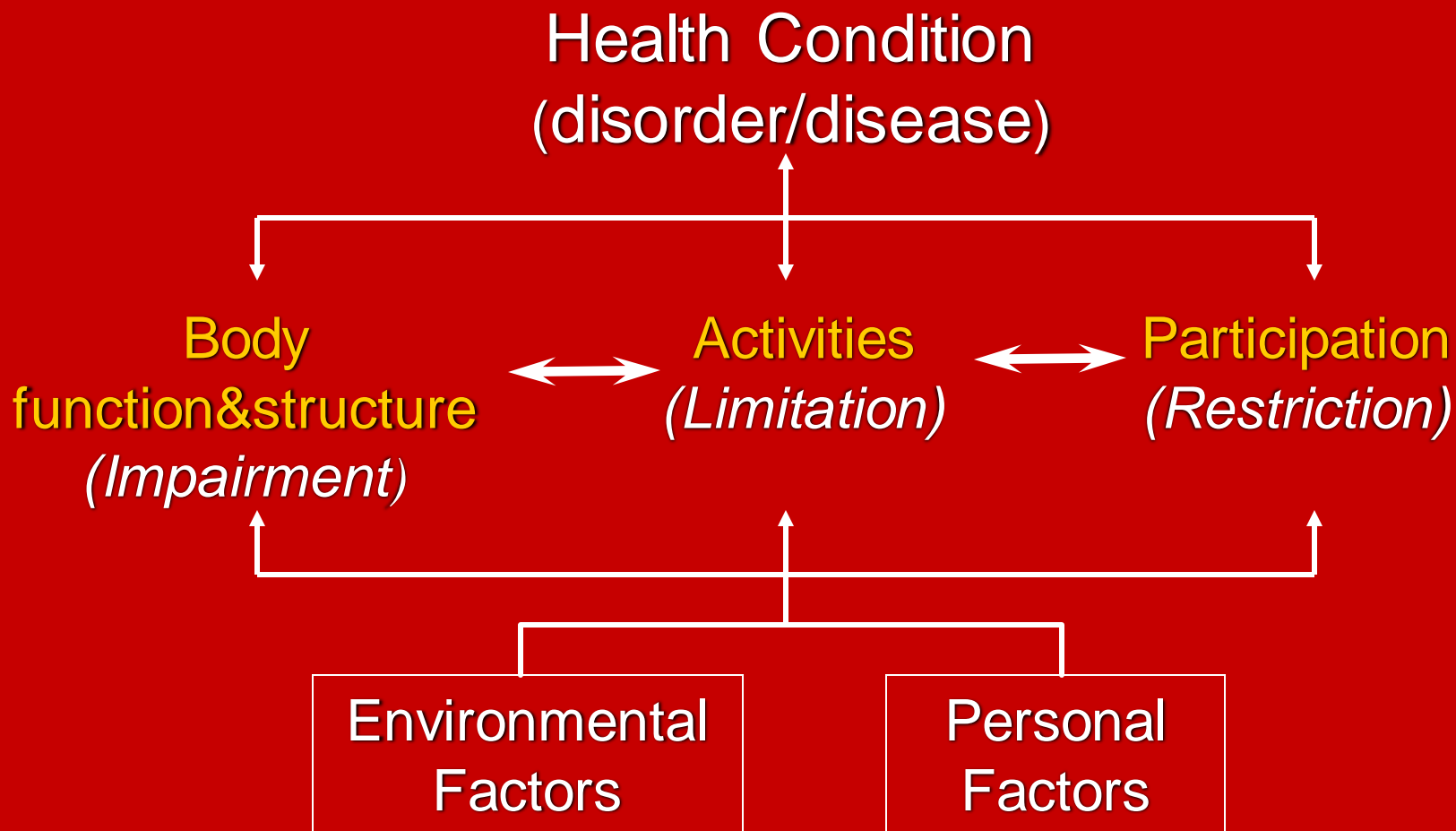


**"Your biggest
problem is I don't
know what your
biggest problem is."**

House M.D



Interaction of Concepts ICF 2001



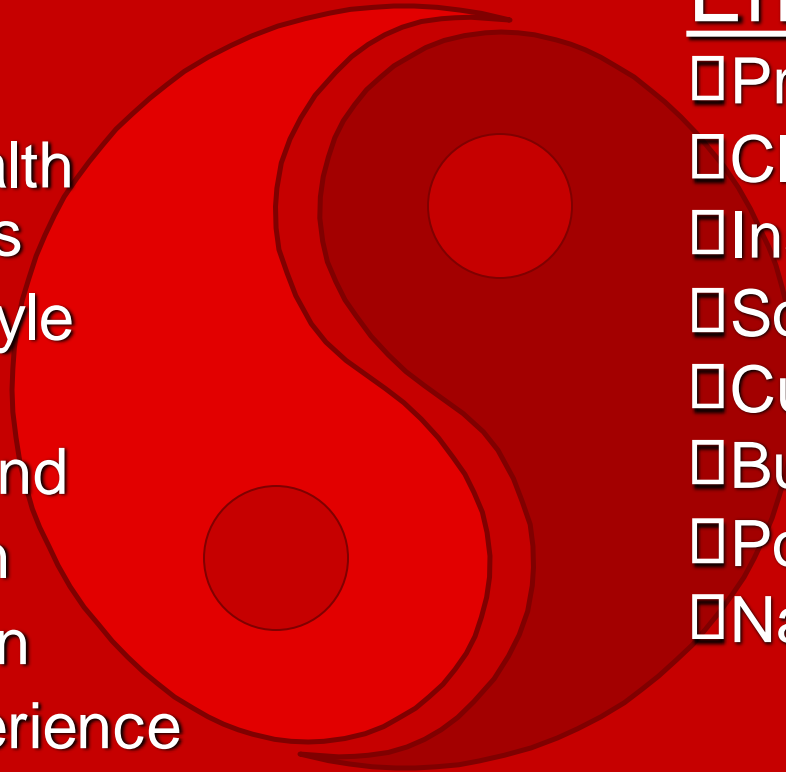
Contextual Factors

Person

- ☐ gender
- ☐ age
- ☐ other health conditions
- ☐ coping style
- ☐ social background
- ☐ education
- ☐ profession
- ☐ past experience
- ☐ character style

Environment

- ☐ Products
- ☐ Close milieu
- ☐ Institutions
- ☐ Social Norms
- ☐ Culture
- ☐ Built-environment
- ☐ Political factors
- ☐ Nature



ICF Components

Body Functions & Structures



Functions
Structures

Activities & Participation



Capacity
Performance

Environmental Factors



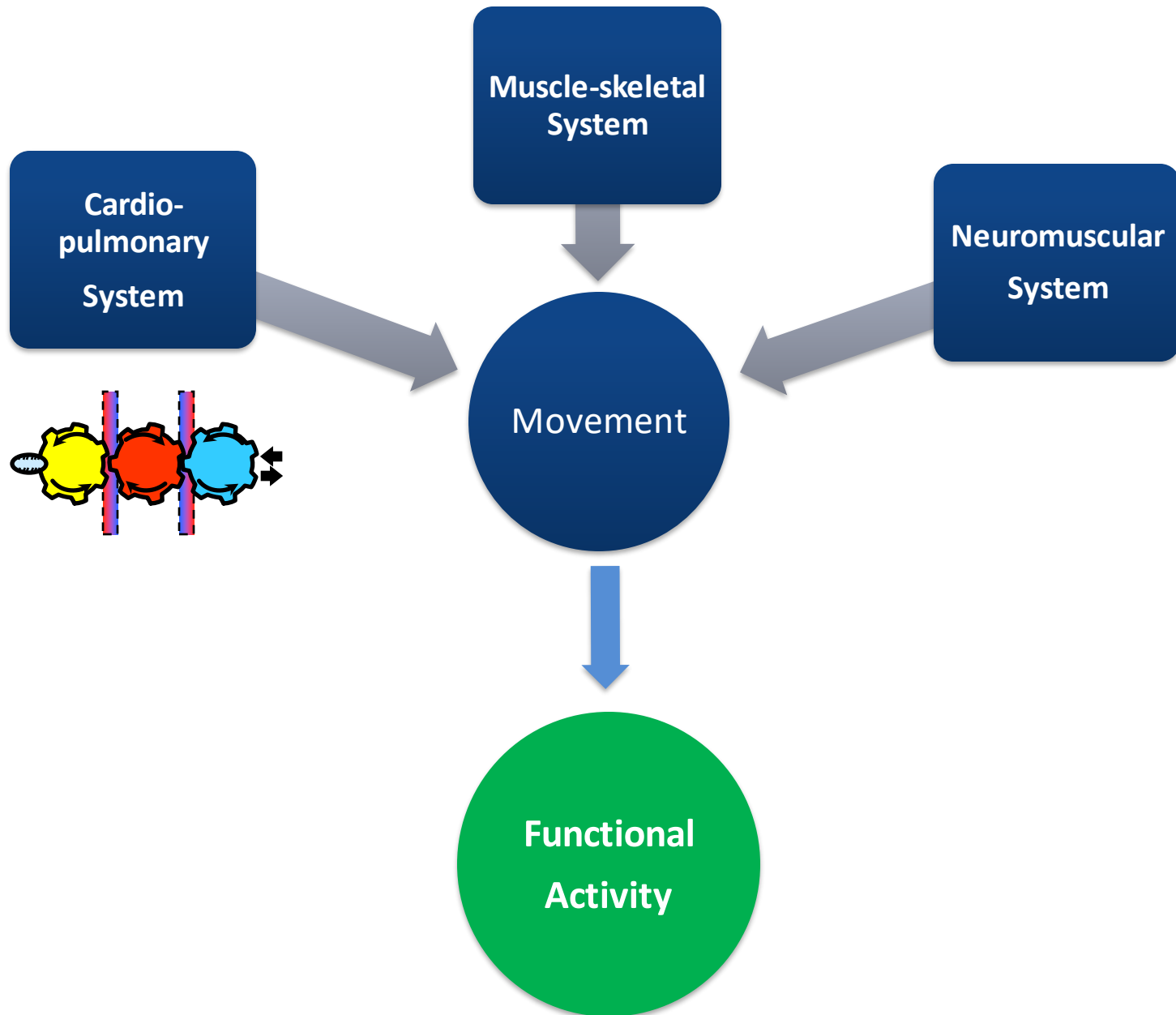
Barriers
Facilitators



Body Functions and Structures

Mental functions	Structures of the nervous system
Sensory functions and pain	The eye, ear and related structures
Voice and speech functions	Structures involved in voice and speech
Functions of the cardiovascular, haematological, immunological and respiratory systems	Structures of the cardiovascular, immunological and respiratory systems
Functions of the digestive, metabolic and endocrine systems	Structures related to the digestive, metabolic and endocrine systems
Genitourinary and reproductive functions	Structures related to the genitourinary and reproductive systems
Neuromusculoskeletal and movement-related functions	Structures related to movement
Functions of the skin and related structures	Skin and related structures





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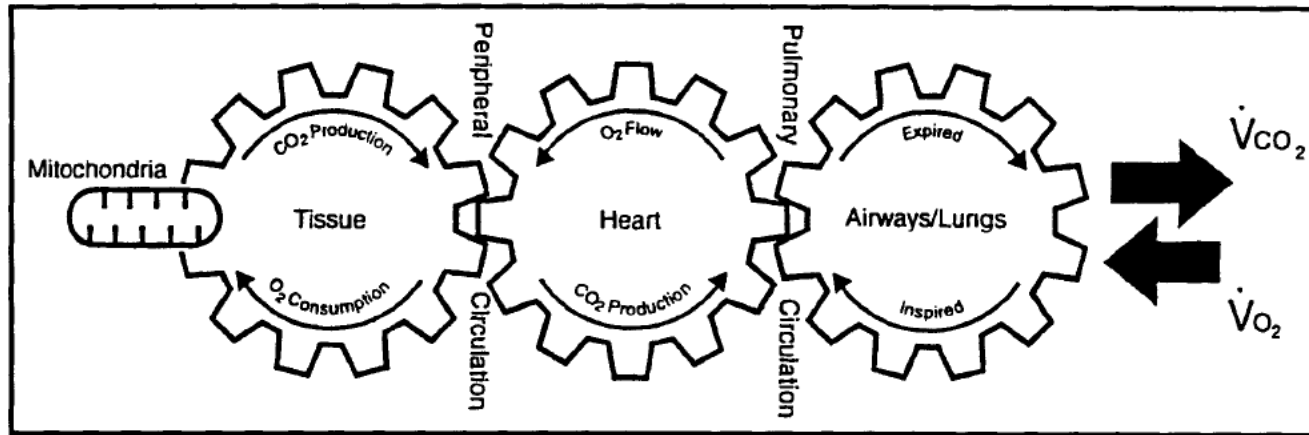
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oxygen transport system

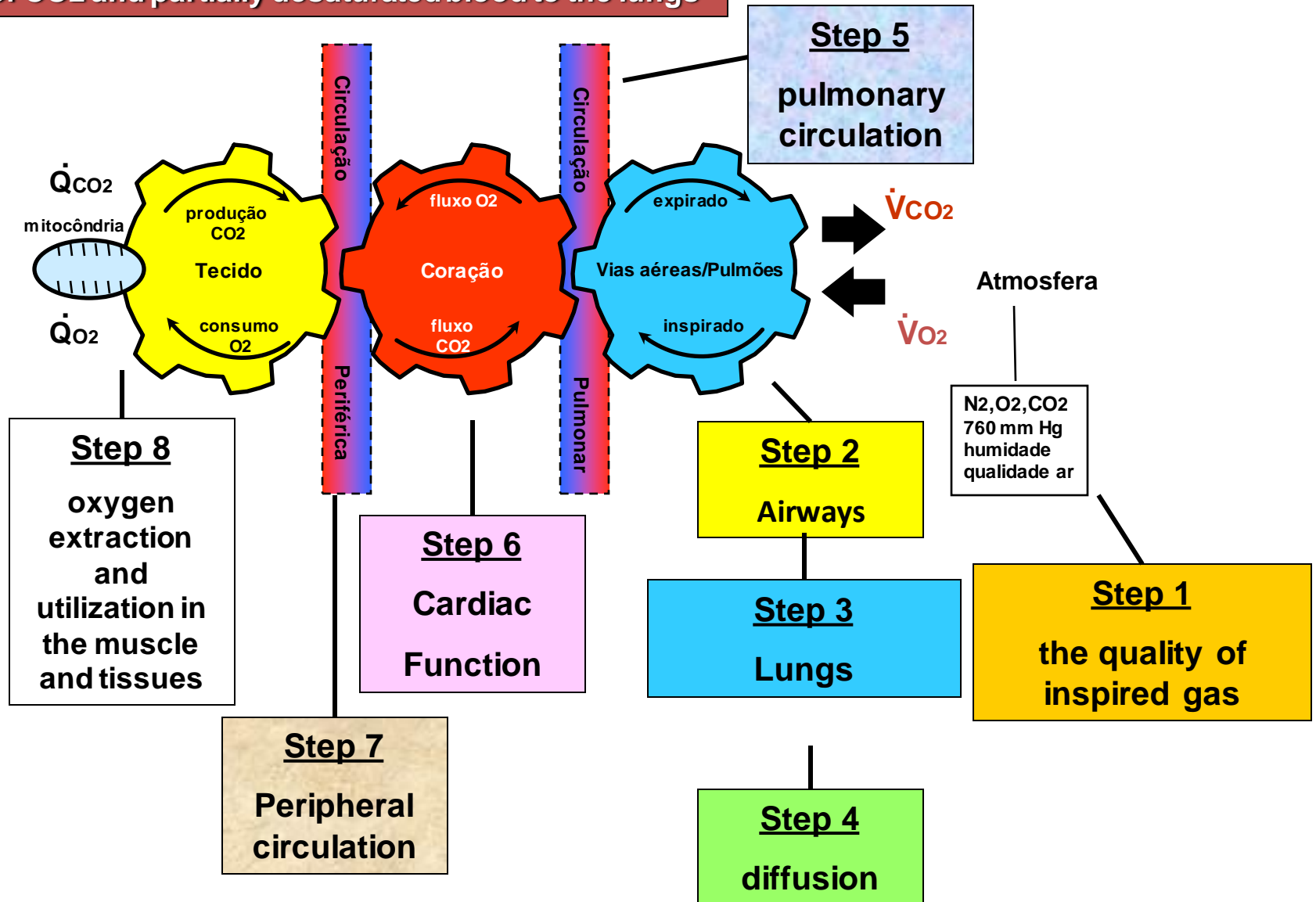


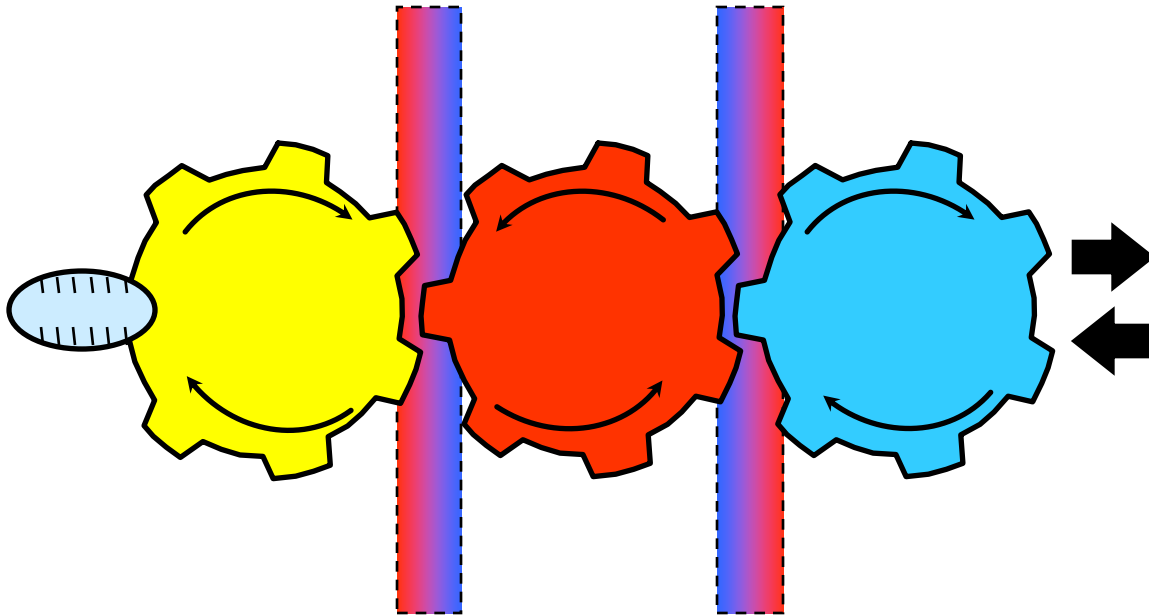
delivery or supply of **fully oxygenated blood** to peripheral tissues, the cellular uptake of oxygen, the utilization of oxygen in the tissue, and the return of partially desaturated blood to the lungs.

The steps in this system include:

Step 9

Return of CO₂ and partially desaturated blood to the lungs





- **No one step is rate limiting; rather each step can individually alter oxygen transport to organ tissues.**
- The system attempts to compensate for impairment at any step.
- In health, this system is acutely responsive to changes in oxygen demand, and changes oxygen delivery correspondingly.

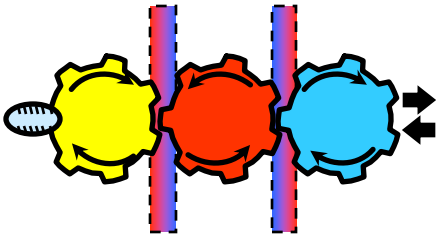
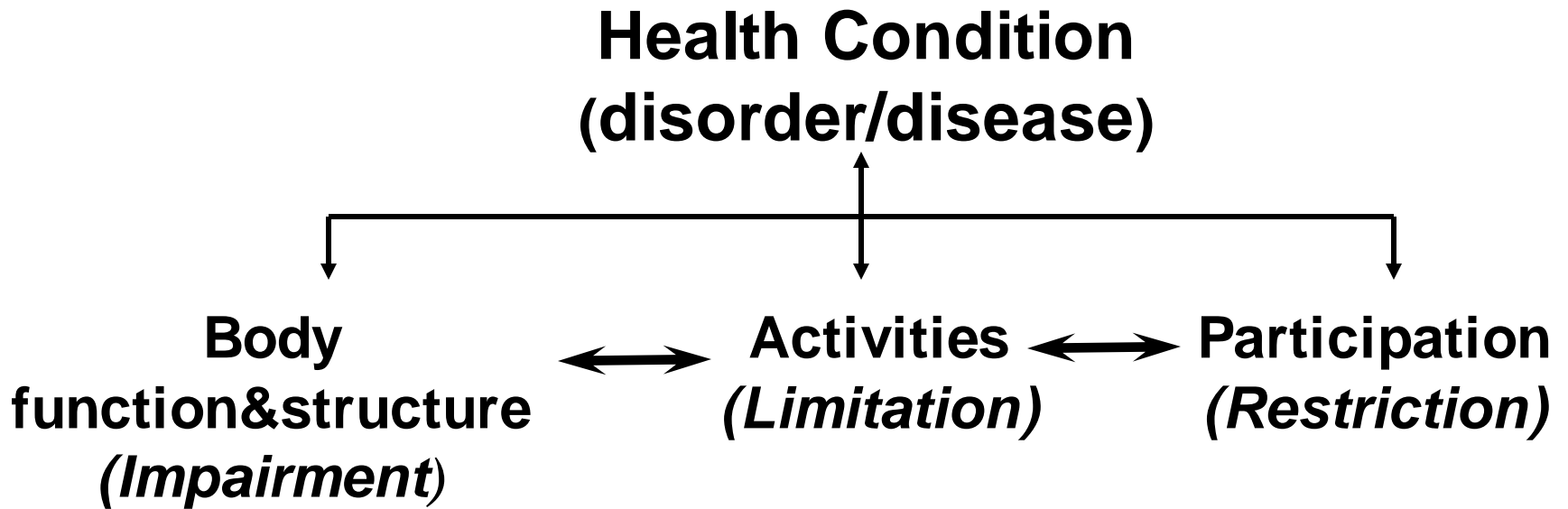
Physical Therapy Process



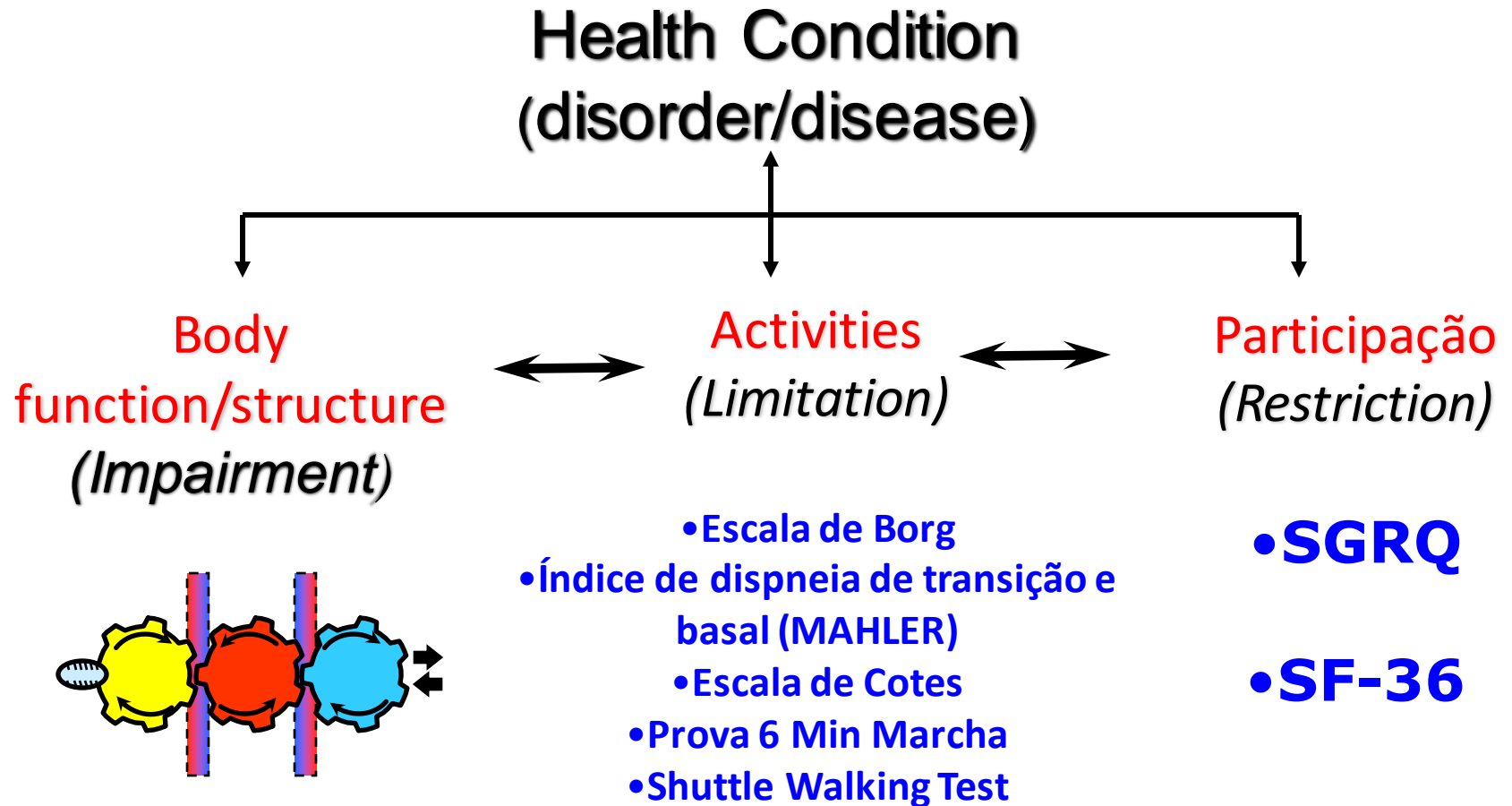
Physiotherapy Process

- ❑ **Focusing on the ST02 problems**
- ❑ **Focusing on the assessment of the ST02**
 - Enable the physical therapist to identify oxygen transport impairments that compromise functional capacity and contribute to life threatening risk.

Interaction of Concepts

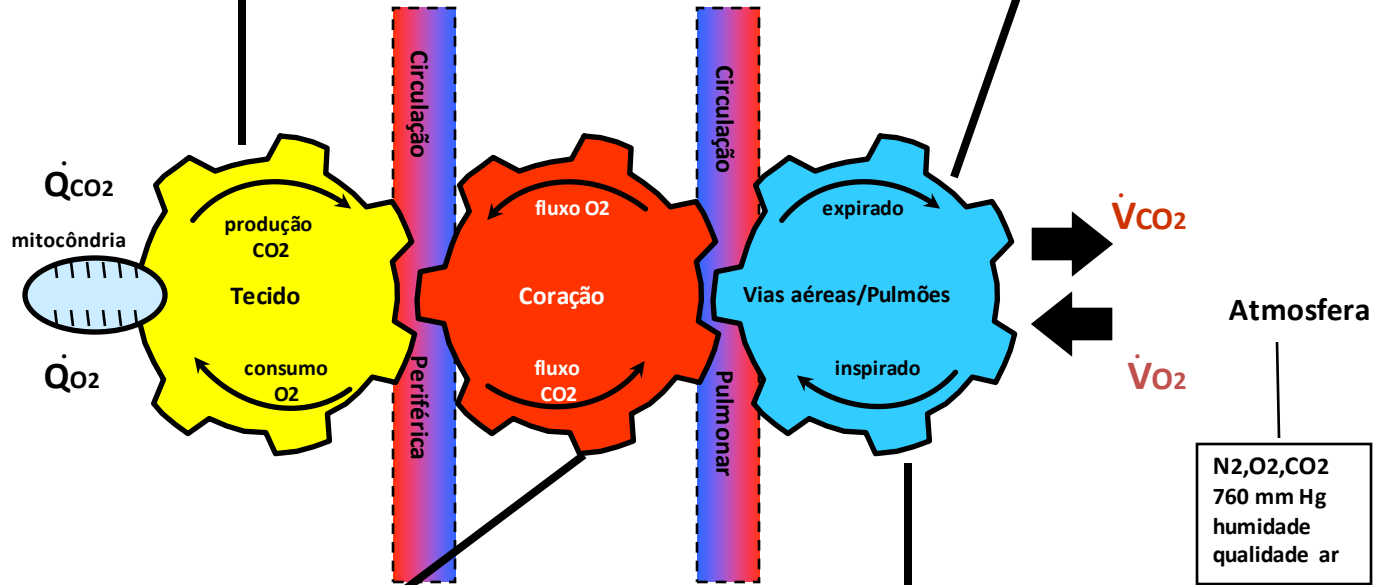


Instruments and Measures



Temperature

Respiratory rate
Arterial blood gases
Spirometry



Heart rate
Blood Pressure
maximal or submaximal tests

Chest Mobility and Compliance
Inspiratory muscle strength

Physiotherapy Process

It is essential that the physical therapist identifies those factors that threaten or contribute to impaired oxygen transport so that the physical therapist can distinguish which impairments are amenable to physical therapy intervention and which are not, or how treatment should be modified.

There are 4 categories of factors that threaten or impair oxygen transport:

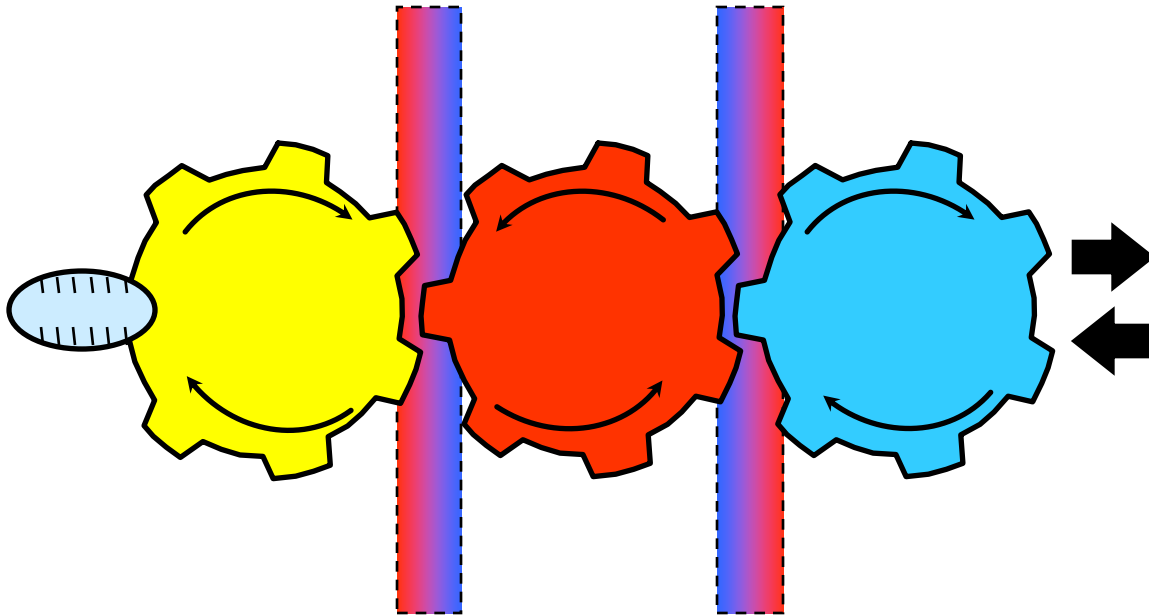
- Underlying pathophysiology,**
- The effects of recumbency and restricted mobility,**
- External factors directly related to the patient's care**
- Intrinsic factors directly related to the patient**

Identifying the steps of
STO2 that are
compromised

Recognize when the
risks outweigh the
benefits of
intervention

Identifying what factors
are dependent on the
intervention of the
physiotherapist.

Choose the appropriate
intervention to the
context



- An ability to analyze the contribution or threat of these factors to oxygen transport will ensure that intervention is directed at the underlying impairments, hence, treatment is maximally beneficial and cost effective, and constitutes the least risk and is least costly.

Intervention targets

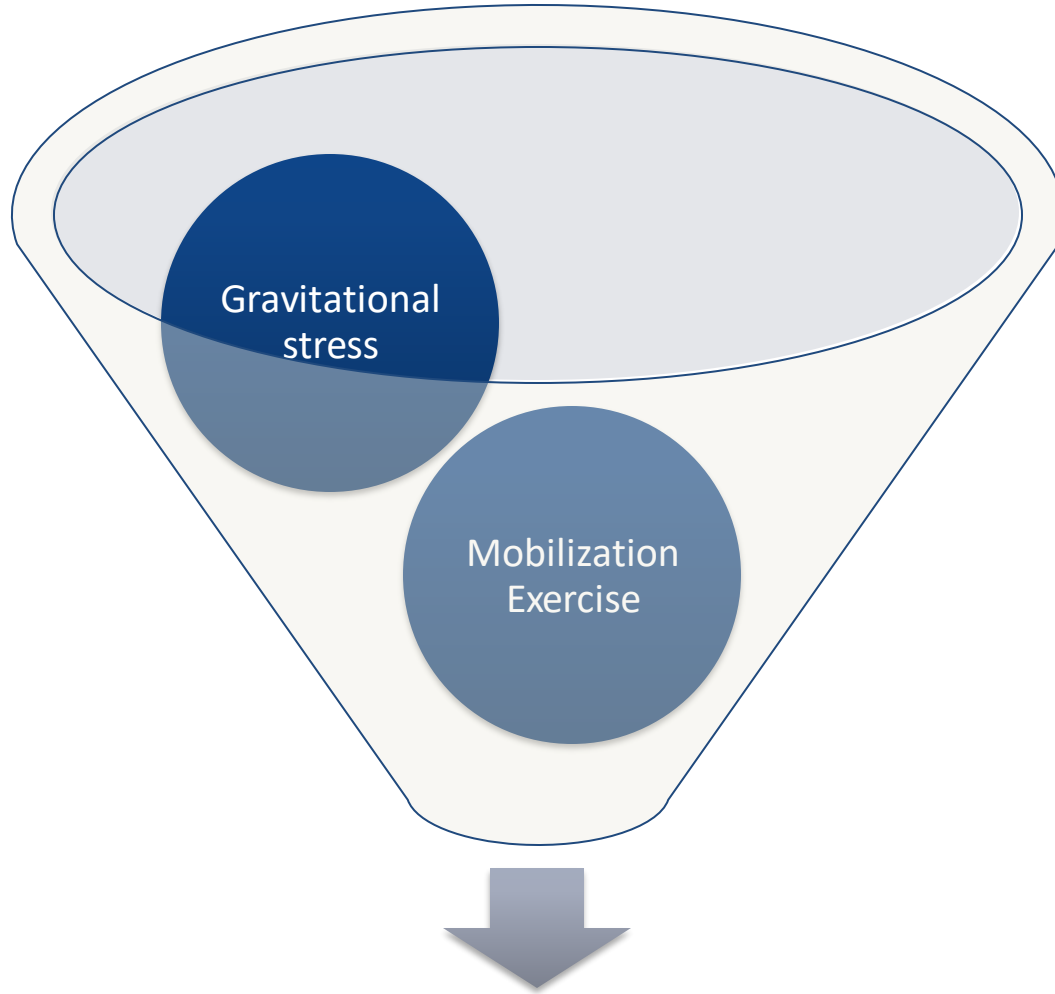
- **Oxygen transport system optimization:**
 - Increase lung volumes and compliance
 - Increase of mucus clearance
 - Increase of respiratory muscle strength and chest mobility

Avoid the effects of recumbency and restricted mobility

Promote Daily Living activities



INTERVENTION STRATEGIES



Recumbency and restricted mobility

Consequences of recumbency and restricted mobility

- orthostatic intolerance resulting from the shift of body fluids into the thorax from the extremities and the loss of the stimulus of gravity needed to maintain hemodynamic status in the upright position;
- loss of muscle strength;
- monotonous tidal ventilation
- airway closure, atelectasis, secretion retention
- interstitial fluid accumulation

1 ° Premise



The position of optimal physiological function is being upright and moving

2 º Premise

Intensifica a
capacidade
de transporte
de oxigénio



Induz a maior
adaptação
sem provocar
deterioração



**Estimulo
Óptimo**

“The best stimulation is one that enhances the oxygen-carrying capacity of the individual and produces the greatest adjustment without causing damage.”

Dean's Hierarchy for Treatment of Patients With Impaired Oxygen Transport



- Mobilization and Exercise
- Body Positioning
- Breathing Control Maneuvers
- Coughing Maneuvers
- Relaxation and Energy Conservation Interventions
- ROM Exercises (Cardiopulmonary Indications)
- Manual Techniques
- Suctioning

Dean & Frownfelter (2006)

Mobilization and Exercise



In the context of Cardiopulmonary Physiotherapy the Mobilization refers to a low-intensity exercise

Goal: To elicit an exercise stimulus that addresses one of the three effects on the various steps in the oxygen transport pathway, or some combination:

- A. Acute effects**
- B. Long-term effects**
- C. Preventative effects**



REVIEW MEDICAL BACKGROUND

- Past medical history or recent symptoms of cardiovascular/respiratory dysfunction
- Medications which may affect response to mobilisation
- Previous level of mobility and exercise capacity

IS THERE SUFFICIENT CARDIOVASCULAR RESERVE?

- Resting heart rate < 50% age predicted maximal heart rate
- Blood pressure < 20% variability recently
- ECG normal (i.e. no evidence of MI or arrhythmia)
- Other major cardiac conditions excluded

NO

Defer mobilisation or discuss with senior physiotherapist or medical staff

UNSURE

Discuss with senior physiotherapist or medical staff

YES

IS THERE SUFFICIENT RESPIRATORY RESERVE?

- PaO₂/FIO₂ > 300, SpO₂ > 90% and < 4% recent decrease in SpO₂
- Respiratory pattern satisfactory
- Mechanical ventilation able to be maintained during treatment

NO

Defer mobilisation or discuss with senior physiotherapist or medical staff

UNSURE

Discuss with senior physiotherapist or medical staff

YES

ARE ALL OTHER FACTORS FAVOURABLE?

- Haemoglobin stable and > 7 grams/dL
- Platelet count stable and > 20,000 cells/mm³
- White cell count 4,300–10,800 cells/mm³
- Body temperature < 38°C
- Blood glucose level 3.5–20 mmol/L
- Patient appearance, pain, fatigue, shortness of breath, emotional status acceptable
- Stable conscious state
- No other neurological contraindications
- No orthopaedic contraindications
- No recent SSG / flap to lower limbs or trunk
- Medically stable if DVT and/or PE
- Excessive weight able to be safely managed
- No attachments that contraindicate mobilisation
- Safe environment, appropriate staffing and expertise
- Patient consent

NO

Defer mobilisation or discuss with senior physiotherapist or medical staff

UNSURE

Discuss with senior physiotherapist or medical staff

YES

SELECT APPROPRIATE MODE AND INTENSITY OF MOBILISATION, MONITORING EQUIPMENT AND PROCEED

The safety of mobilisation and its effect on haemodynamic and respiratory status of intensive care patients

Kathy Stiller,
Anna C. Phillips
Paul Lambert

Physiotherapy Theory and Practice, 20,
2004

Fig. 1 Overview of safety issues prior to mobilizing acutely ill in-patients (from Stiller and Phillips, 2003).

Body Positioning



Positioning refers to the manipulation of the effect of gravity on cardiovascular and cardiopulmonary functions in order to optimize the transport of oxygen.

Dean (1996)

Body Positioning

Goal: To elicit a gravitational stimulus that simulates being upright and moving as much as possible (ie, active, active assisted, or passive)

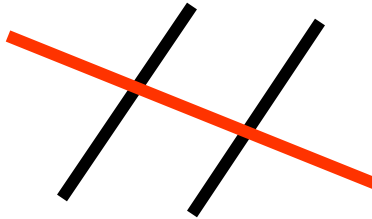
- Hemodynamic effects related to fluid shifts;
- Cardiopulmonary effects on ventilation and its distribution, perfusion, ventilation, and perfusion matching and gas exchange;

Dean (2006)



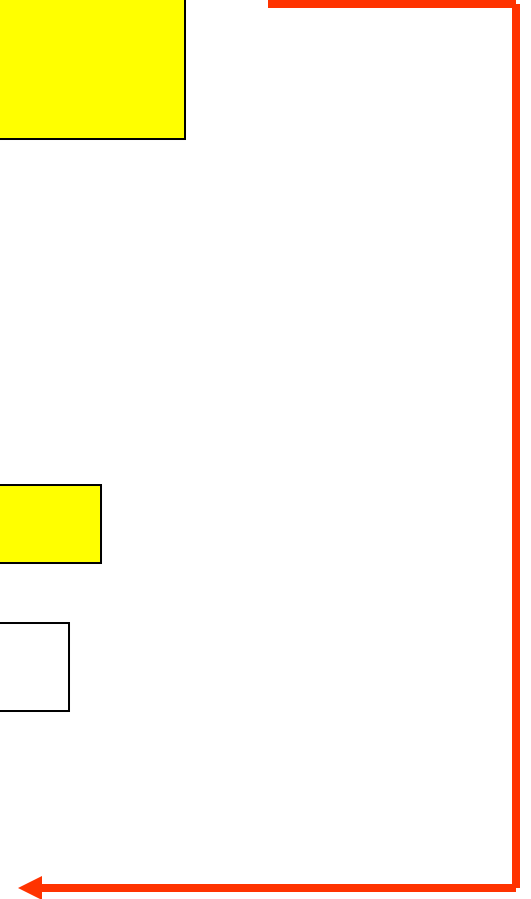
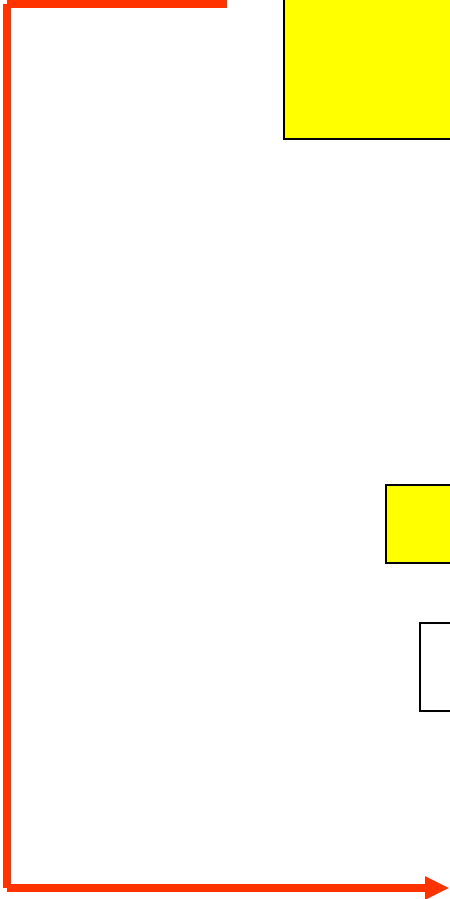
Effect -dependent response

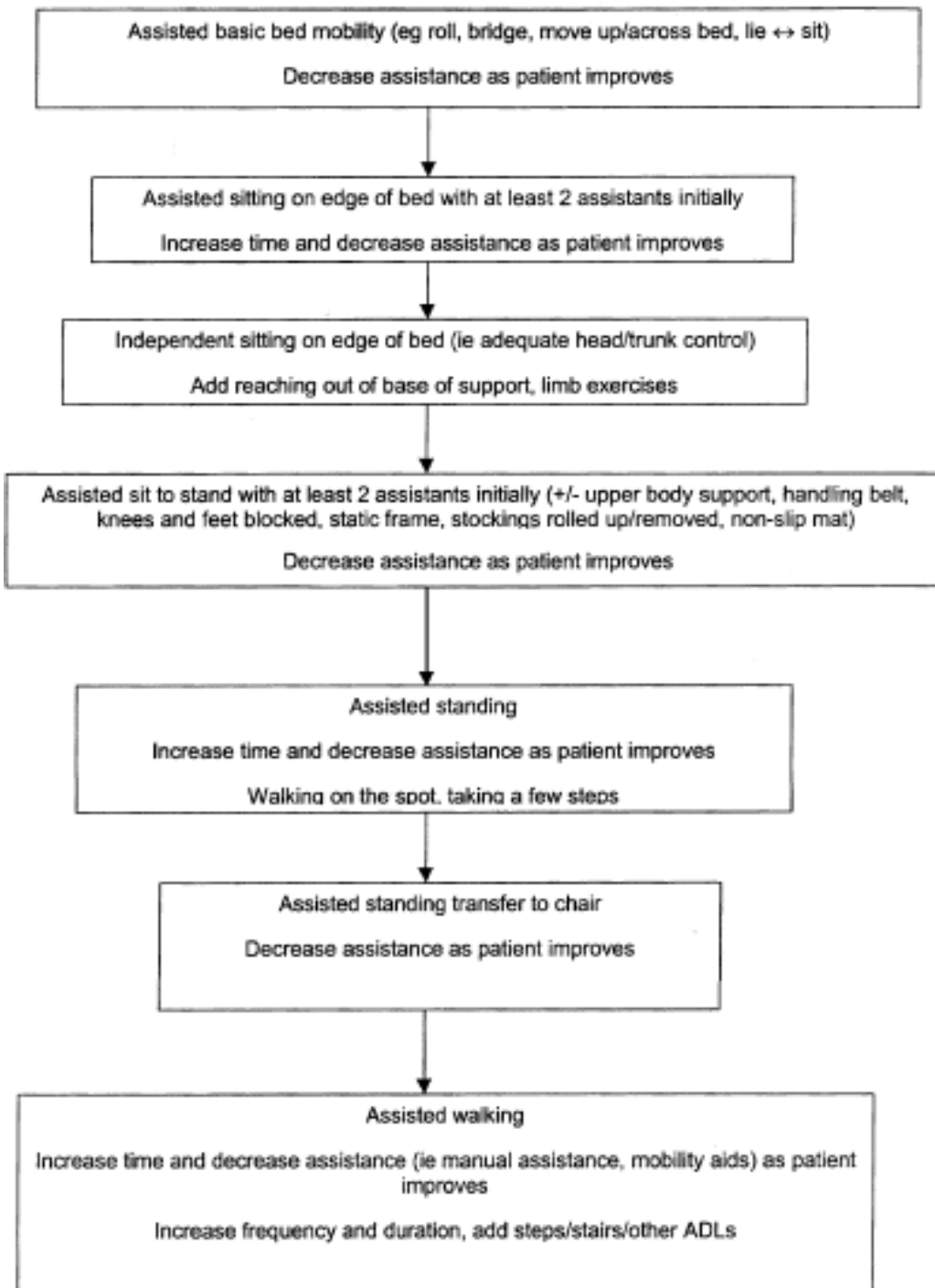
Prescribed
Body Positioning



Routine Body Positioning

Time -dependent response





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Body Positioning



Body Positioning



Breathing Control Maneuvers



Goal: To augment alveolar ventilation, facilitate mucociliary transport, and stimulate coughing

- A. Coordinated breathing with activity and exercise
- B. Spontaneous eucapnic hyperventilation
- C. Maximal tidal breaths and movement in three dimensions
- D. Sustained maximal inspiration
- E. Pursed lip breathing to end-tidal expiration
- F. Incentive spirometry

Coughing Maneuvers



Goal: To facilitate mucociliary clearance with the least effect on dynamic airway compression and adverse cardiovascular effects:

- A. Active and spontaneous cough with closed glottis
- B. Active assist (self-supported or by other)
- C. Modified coughing interventions with open glottis (eg, forced expiratory technique, huff)

Relaxation and Energy Conservation Interventions

Goal: To minimize the work of breathing, of the heart, and oxygen demand overall

- A. Relaxation procedures at rest and during activity
- B. Energy conservation (ie, balance of activity to rest, performing activities in an energy-efficient manner, improved movement economy during activity)
- C. Pain control interventions

ROM Exercises (Cardiopulmonary Indications)



Goal: To stimulate alveolar ventilation and alter its distribution

- A. Active
- B. Assisted active
- C. Passive

Manual Techniques



Goal: To facilitate airway clearance in conjunction with specific body positioning:

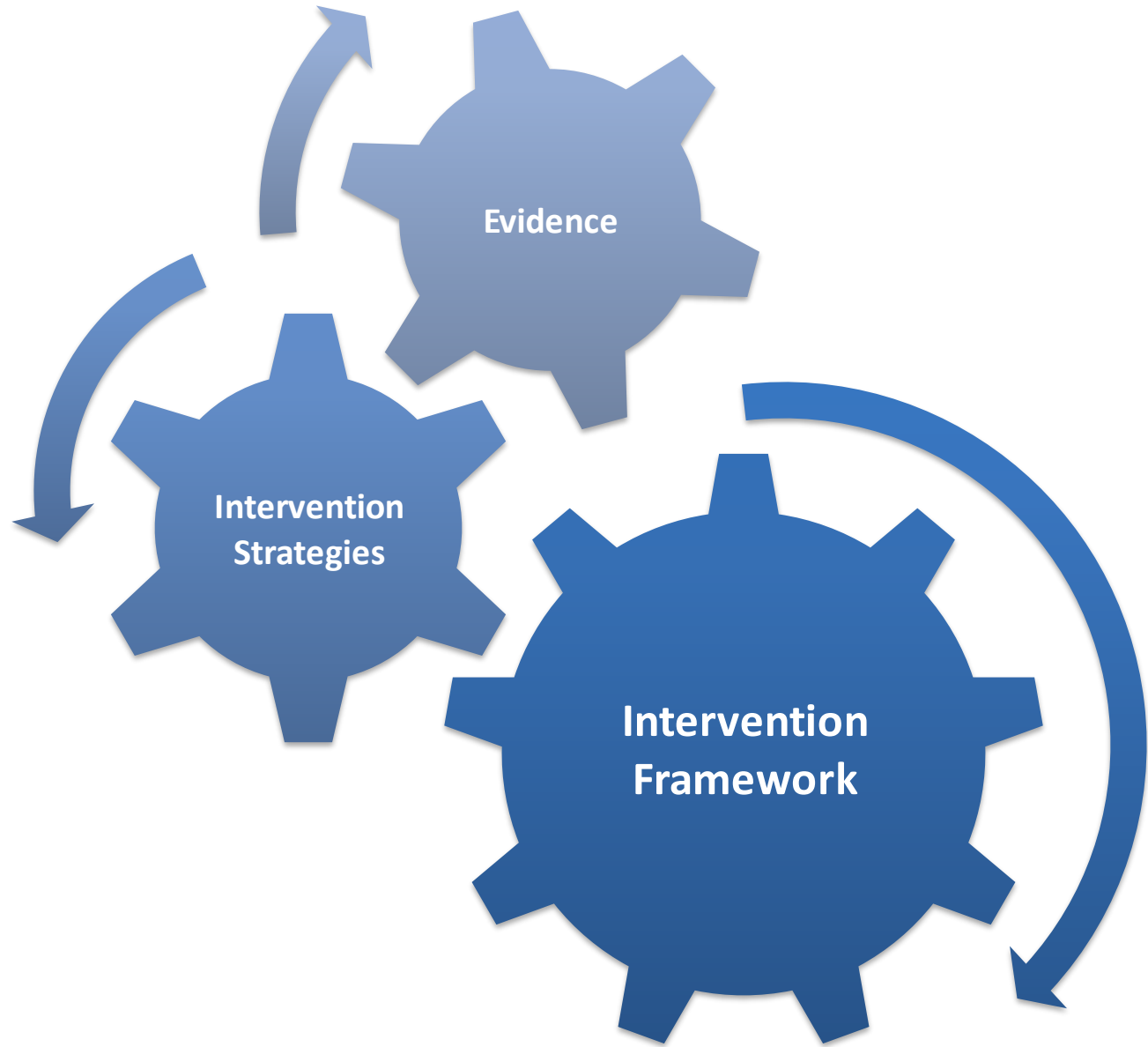
- A. Autogenic drainage
- B. Manual percussion ???
- C. Shaking and vibration ???
- D. Deep breathing and coughing

General Guidelines

- **Set the duration of the intervention based on the patient's response (changes in the measures and indices of STO₂) instead of in time.**
- **Repeat interventions as many times as possible based on the beneficial effects and tolerance of the patient.**
- **Increase the intensity of the stimulus Mob / Exer. and duration of the operation or both, depending on where the patient's ability to maintain an optimum transport of oxygen and maintenance of variables monitorable pre-defined within the margin of safety.**











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