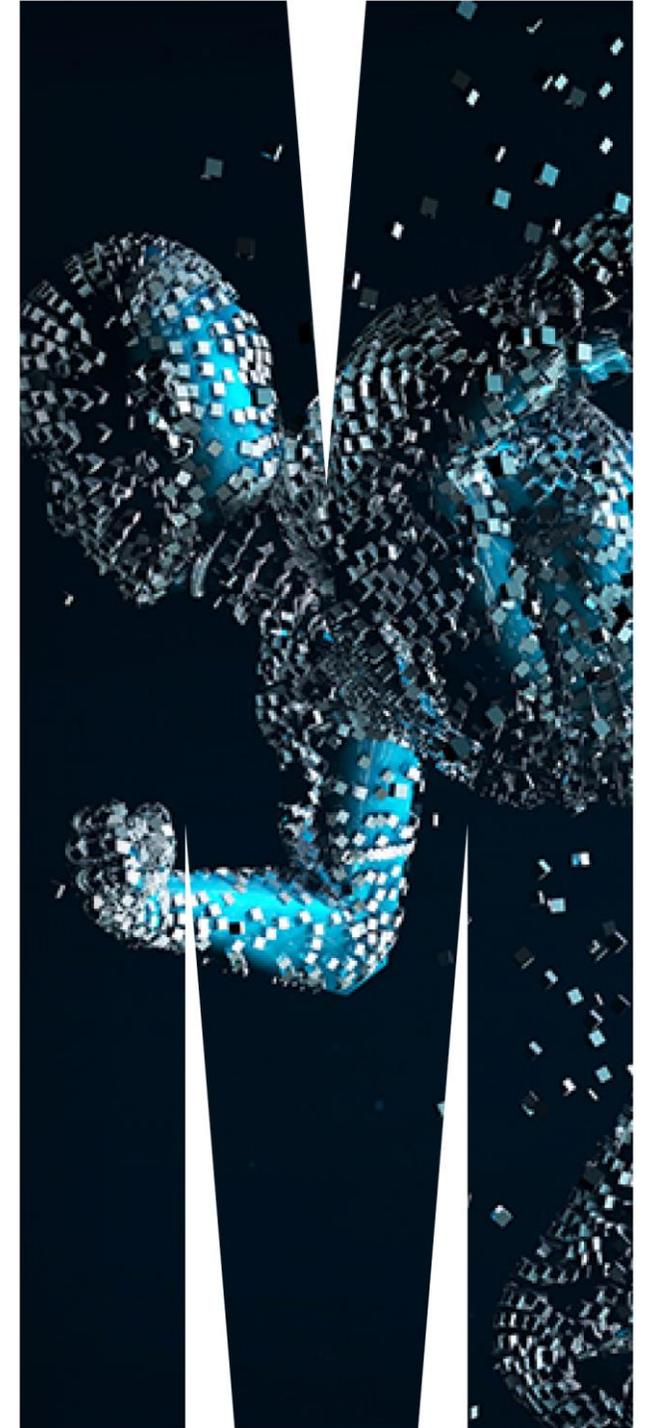


# Identity Shape Shifting: How basic science teaching practices can foster identity transformation from medical student to medical professional.

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*I wish to acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and Bunurong People of the Kulin Nations, on whose land I am gathered today. I pay my respects to their Elders, past and present.*



# Introductions & Perspectives

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- Aspiring educator



Where have we been, where are we now...

Where are we *going* and who *will we be*?



Past



Present

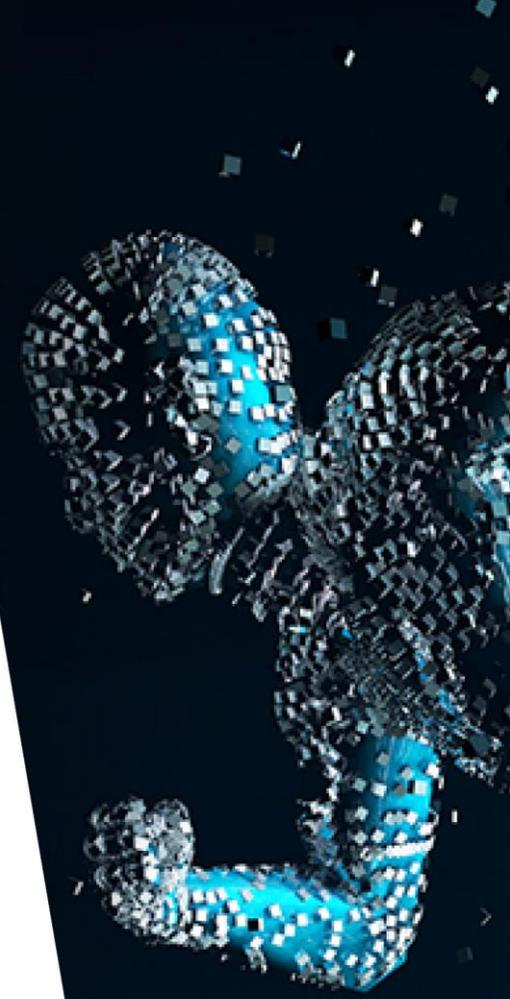


Future

# How do we define professional identity?

*“How we perceive ourselves as professionals based on our attributes, beliefs, values, motives and experiences in relation to our profession, providing us with ethical frameworks and values.”*

– Rees & Monrouxe, 2018



# How do we define professional identity?

- Example of how Dr Clem (Emergency Physician) defines her professional identity



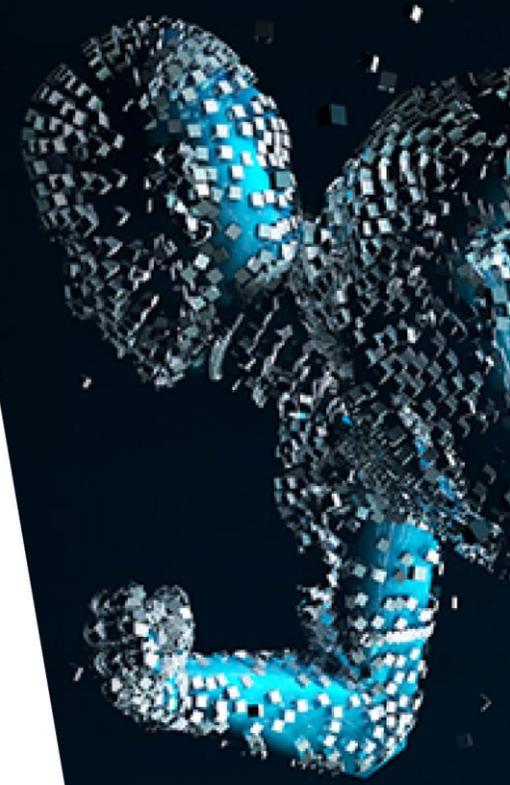
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*"[I am] captain of the ship"*

*"[I] take care of really sick patients... I help make their lives better"*

*"[I] review any patients in the emergency department... I go back and check the labs, other tests, and x-rays to give the patient's information and a plan."*

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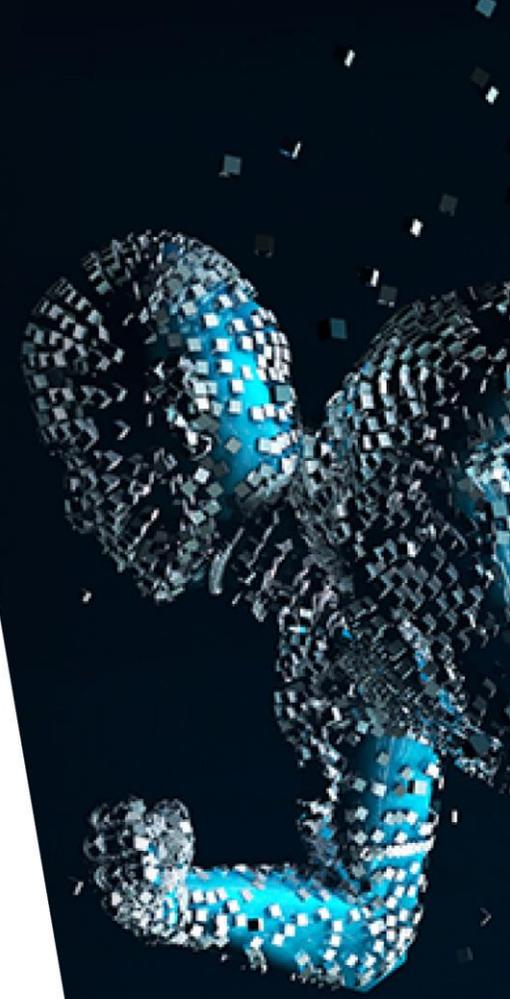
What we do influences how we view ourselves  
= Professional Identity

Pratt et al., 2006

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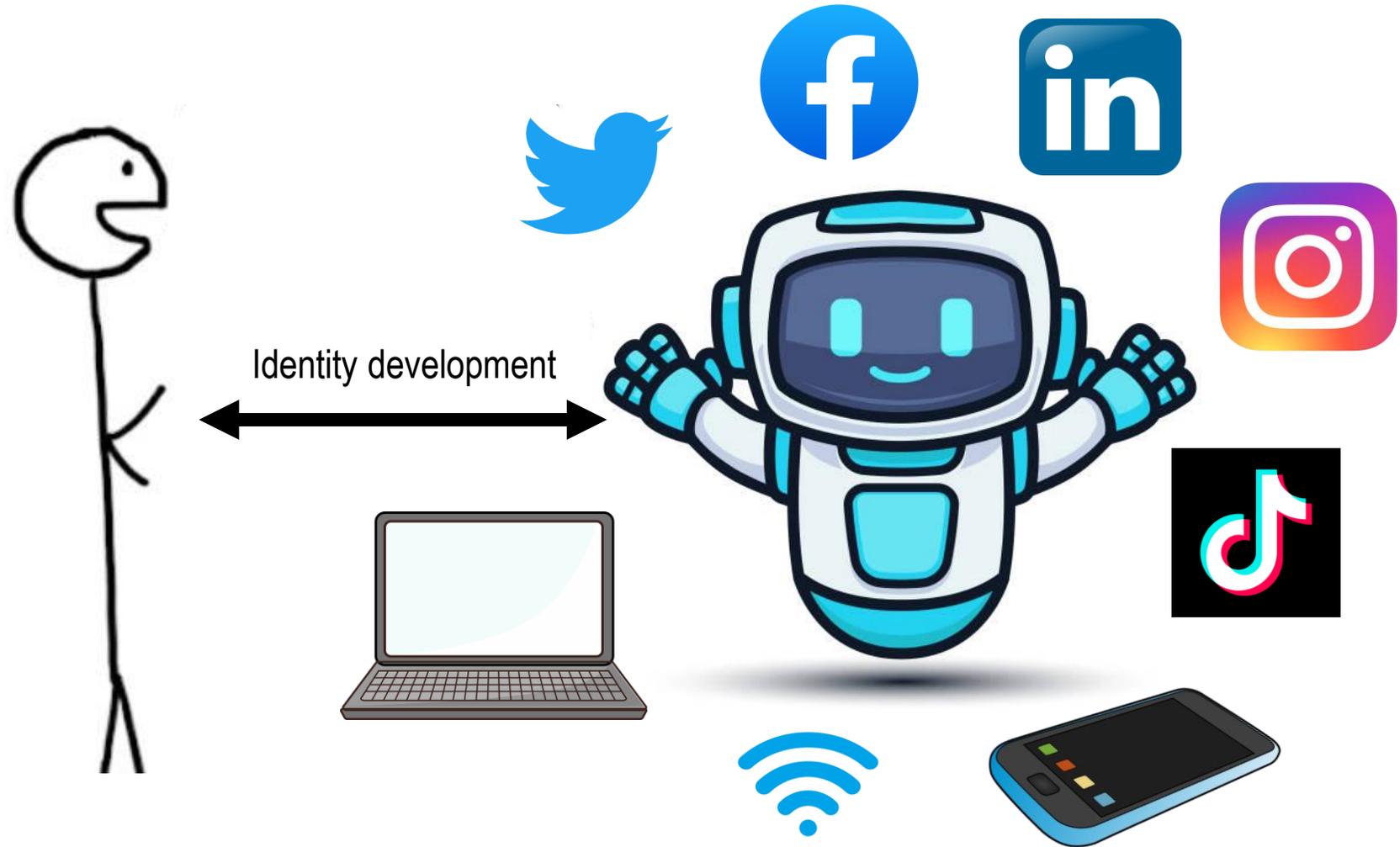


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# Evolution of Identity (Personal & Professional)

- Our identities are formed from, and develop through, social interactions
  - E.g. everyday interactions with people in our environment



Cruess et al., 2015

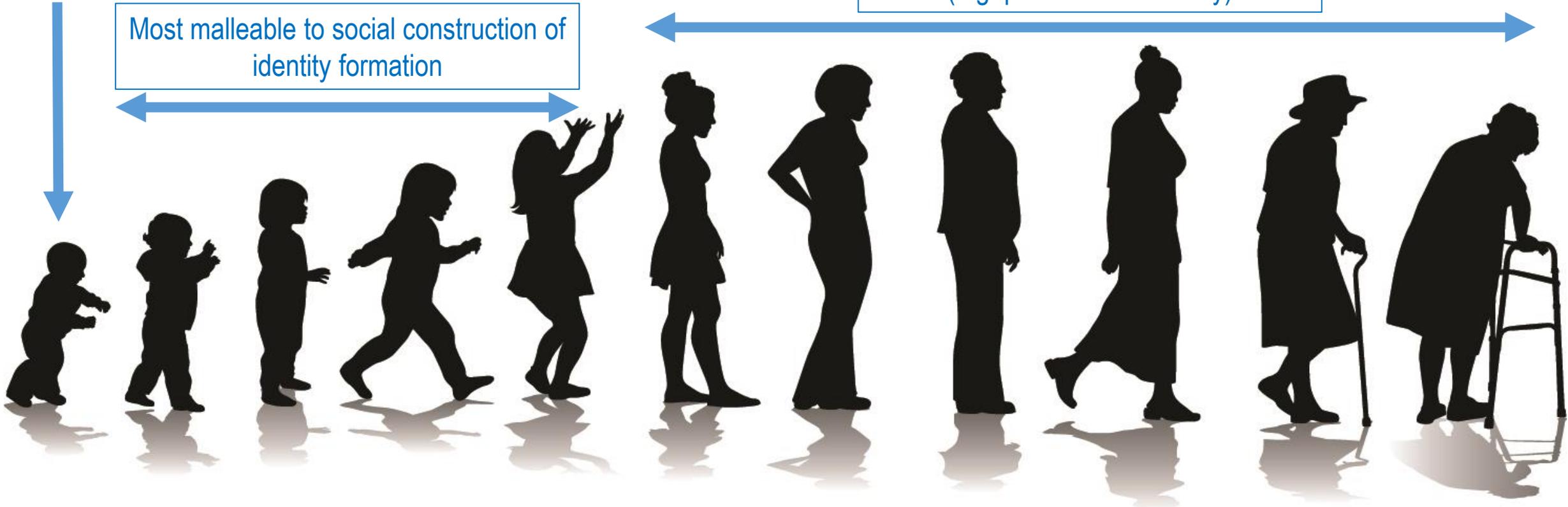


# Evolution of Identity (Personal & Professional)

Pre-determined (e.g. genetics)

Dynamic social construction of identity (e.g. professional identity)

Most malleable to social construction of identity formation

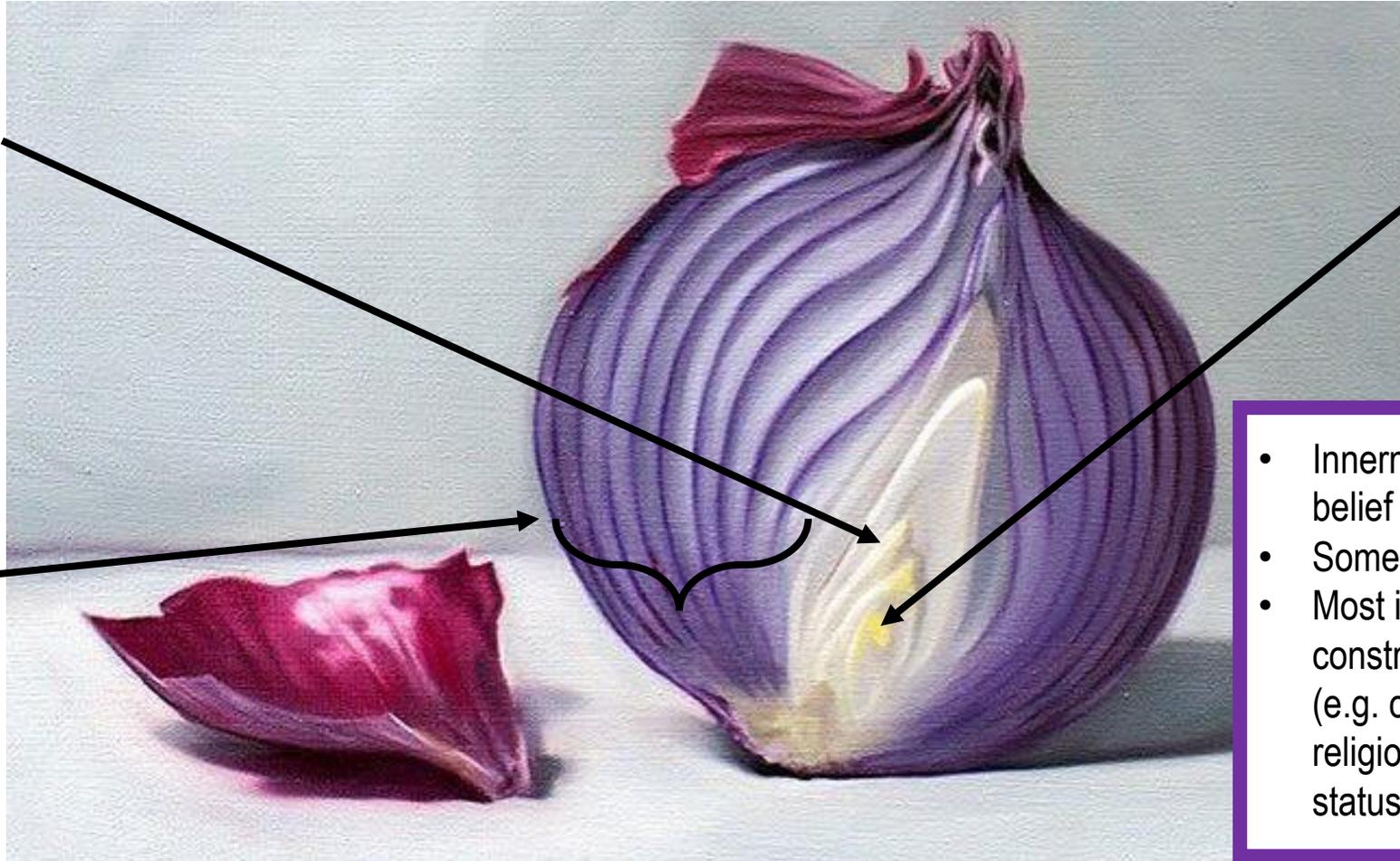


Monrouxe, 2010

# How to integrate Personal and Professional Identity

Inner layers (early constructed identity that we identify as our internal identity as we grow older)

Outer layers (constructed identity)

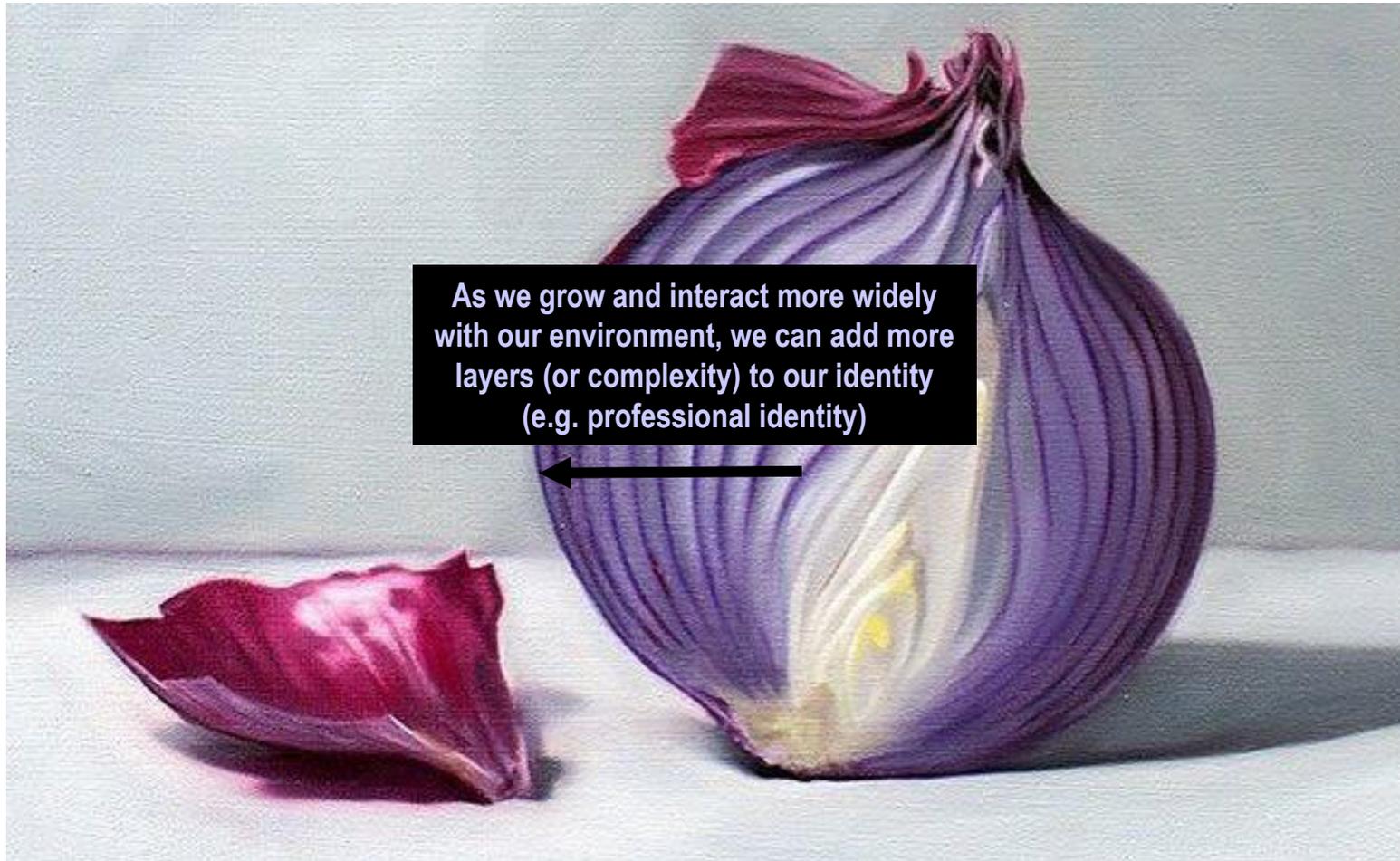


Onion core (internal identity)

- Innermost values and belief systems
- Some is pre-determined (genetics)
- Most is socially constructed through interactions (e.g. culture, religion, socioeconomic status, personal relationships)

Monrouxe & Poole, 2013

# How to integrate Personal and Professional Identity



Monrouxe & Poole, 2013



# How to integrate Personal and Professional Identity



Outer layers mould  
to onion core



Clash = identity dissonance



Monrouxe & Poole, 2013



# What happens when the ingredients are wrong?

When Professional and Personal Identity don't mix?



# What happens when the ingredients are wrong?



Longitudinal study (6 years)



Semi-structured interviews

- 0, 6-8 and 12 months into training
- At the end of residency

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## CONSTRUCTING PROFESSIONAL IDENTITY: THE ROLE OF WORK AND IDENTITY LEARNING CYCLES IN THE CUSTOMIZATION OF IDENTITY AMONG MEDICAL RESIDENTS

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Through a six-year qualitative study of medical residents, we build theory about professional identity construction. We found that identity construction was triggered by work-identity integrity violations: an experienced mismatch between what physicians did and who they were. These violations were resolved through identity customization processes (enriching, patching, or splinting), which were part of interrelated identity and work learning cycles. Implications of our findings (e.g., for member identification) for both theory and practice are discussed.

Medical residents ( $n=29$ )



**Primary care**



**Surgery**



**Radiology**



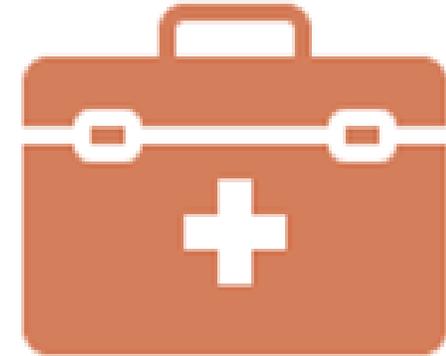
Pratt et al., 2006



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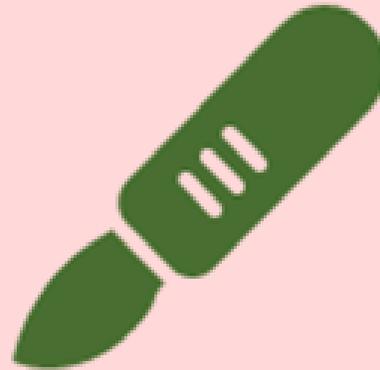
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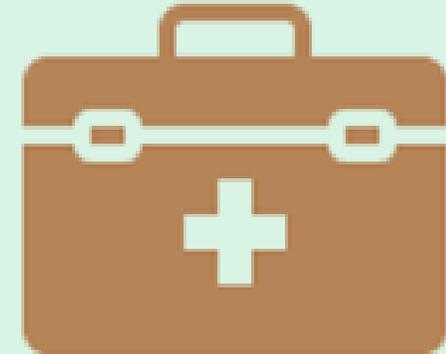
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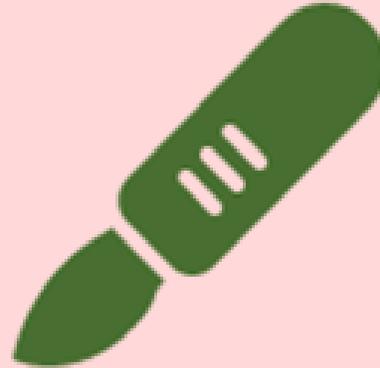
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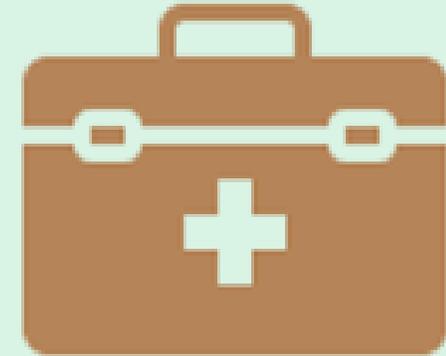


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### IDENTITY ENRICHING

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# What were the take-home messages from the Pratt *et al* (2006) study?

1. The work of radiology, surgery and primary care residents differs
2. Residents' professional identities were entwined with their work
3. Identity-integrity violations facilitated the development of residents' professional identities

Pratt et al., 2006

# What is the ideal cooking environment for professional identity formation?



- The right environment
- The right people



Cruess et al., 2019; Brown et al., 2021; Goldie, 2012

**The role of basic science educators is to generate a five-star review of our future healthcare professionals.**



Dr. Nicole N. Woods  
Cognitive Psychologist

<https://staff.ki.se/kiprime-podcast-episode-6-nicole-n-woods>



# What does the basic science ingredient play in the recipe?

I have been getting intense pain (points to upper right side of abdomen) after eating. It lasts for 4 hours, and nothing seems to help.

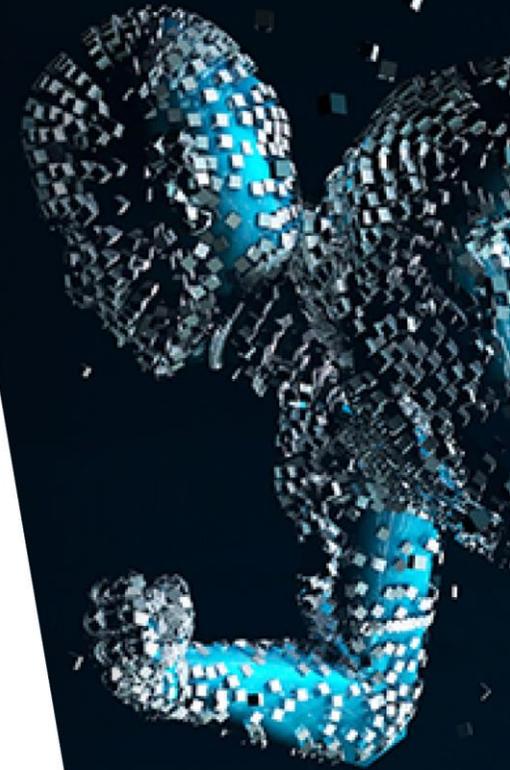


A spoonful of sugar....



# The Basic Science Educator is “Chef”

How do you get to the diagnosis with “abdominal pain” starting point?



# What is the role of foundational sciences in PID in modern medical education?



# Contemporary and future medical professional identity includes technology

What is the identity of a doctor in the future?

*Ken Masters (2019):* “To be a competent doctor, an AI system does not have to be the best doctor in the world. AI [only] **has to be better than the worst graduating student in your class** ... if AI is better than your average student, it is [already] **better than 50% of all doctors**”.

Post-pandemic, many of us are engaging technology in our teaching environment (i.e. restaurant).

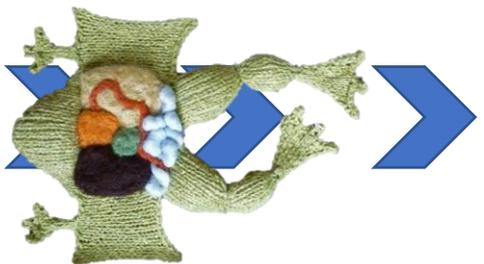
# Anatomy Education as an Exemplar

## Is Anatomy the “Canary in the Coal Mine?”

1600-1550: Egyptians  
Identify Organs



384-322: Aristotle  
distinguishes vascular  
system components  
with animal dissections



400: Hippocrates a med  
school and focuses on  
MSK anatomy



280: Human dissection  
begins and Greeks lead  
the way in anatomy

Anatomy has  
withstood the test of  
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Technology

# Anatomy Education as an Exemplar

## Anatomy has withstood the test of time

Anatomy is maintained in MedEd despite technological & scientific advances

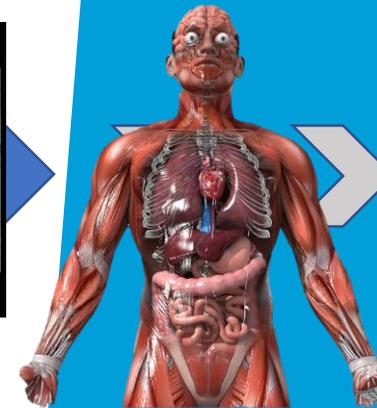
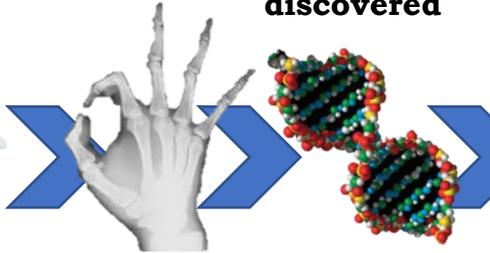
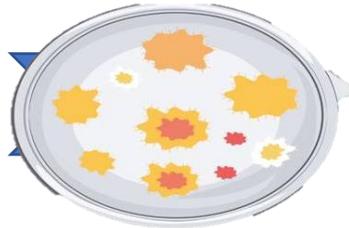
Dissection Limited during Medieval Times, thus surgery becomes critical for anatomy knowledge

1543: "Modern Anatomy" is realized through accurate dissection images with Andreas Vesalius

1839: Cell Theory proposed

1953 DNA discovered

1986: 3D human



1489 da Vinci creates anatomical drawings

1895 X-ray demonstrated

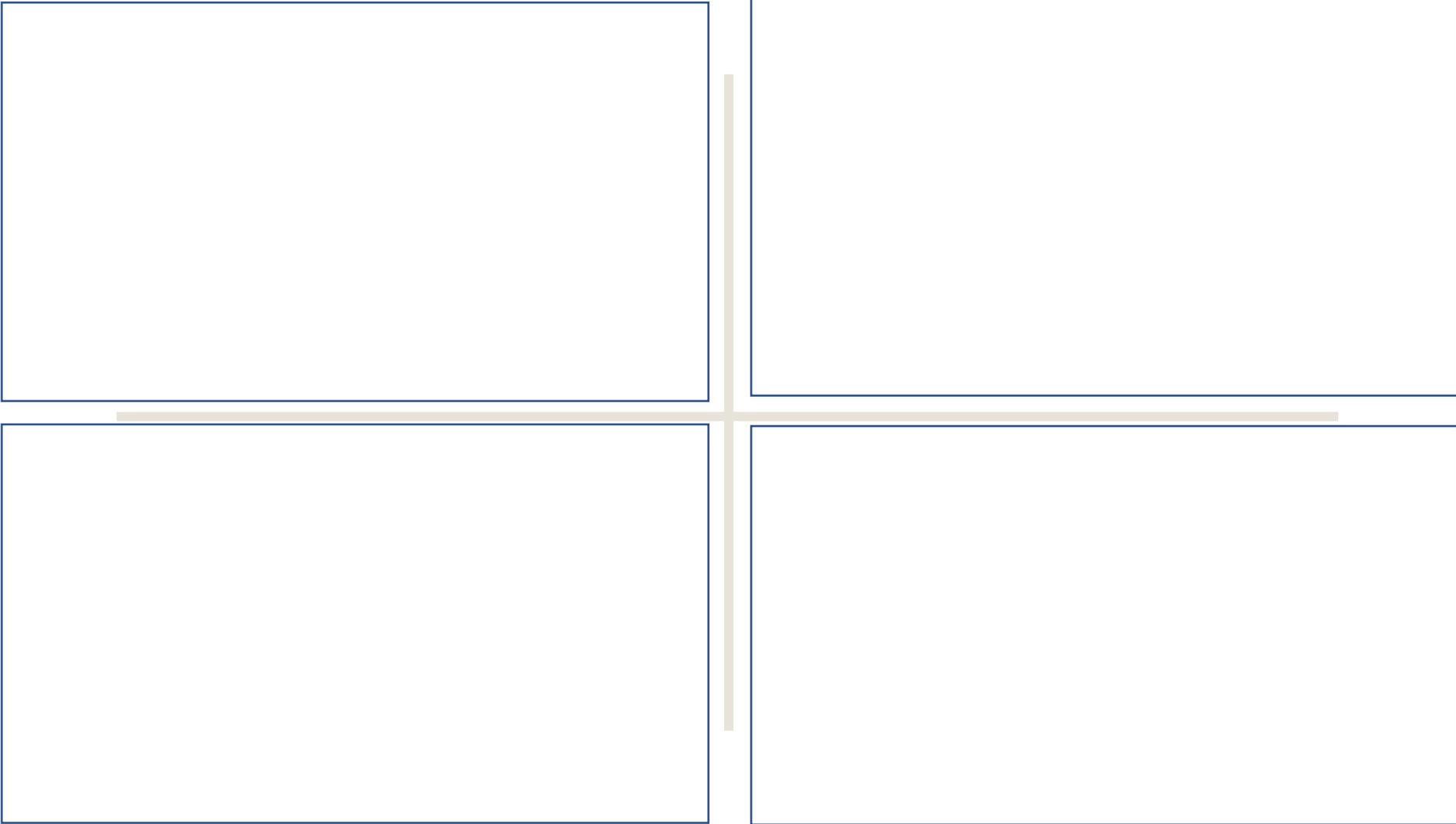
1972: CAT scans discovered

2000s: VR/AR and 3D prints

# Across 27 studies, acquired from 50 years of research, NO effect on Short Term Learning...So Why Teach Basic Science?

Students' short term knowledge gains were equivalent regardless of being exposed to either dissection or another laboratory instructional strategy.

Wilson et al., 2018



# AI is already integrated into teaching



Chatbot artificial intelligence



Chatbot self-learning



Artificial intelligence regulations

## AI & Technology being used for:

- Learning Support
- Student Engagement & Learning Monitoring

## Challenges to PID:

- Inappropriate technology can suggest that knowledge is finite and 'certain'
- Perception that humans are neat categories
- View that healthcare has singular logic and pathways for diagnosis

The future is already here...

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# Psychosocial Skills are Limited in Existing AI

Despite the cost efficiency and potential reliability in practice, there are **limitations** including **transparency** & **trust** of the decision-making process, ability to make **ethical decisions** and maintain **patient privacy**, ability to detect novelty/**tolerate ambiguity**, integration of AI into **clinical workflow** effectively and **financial equality** for integration.

Stewart et al., 2018; He et al., 2019

What is clear is that we need a medical education system which focuses on AI literacy and limitations

# A recipe for PID with AI and humans in the mix

Thermomix won't work on its own...

- Involve ourselves in AI development
- Focus on the human side of education (identifying struggling students, building a sense of community)

- Delivery ratio is greater towards human

**AI/Thermomix can help speed up the process**

- Allows students who are less secure to engage with technology
- Technology developed to reinforce key principles of uncertainty, social justice etc.



# How can teaching practices influence PID in modern medical curriculum?



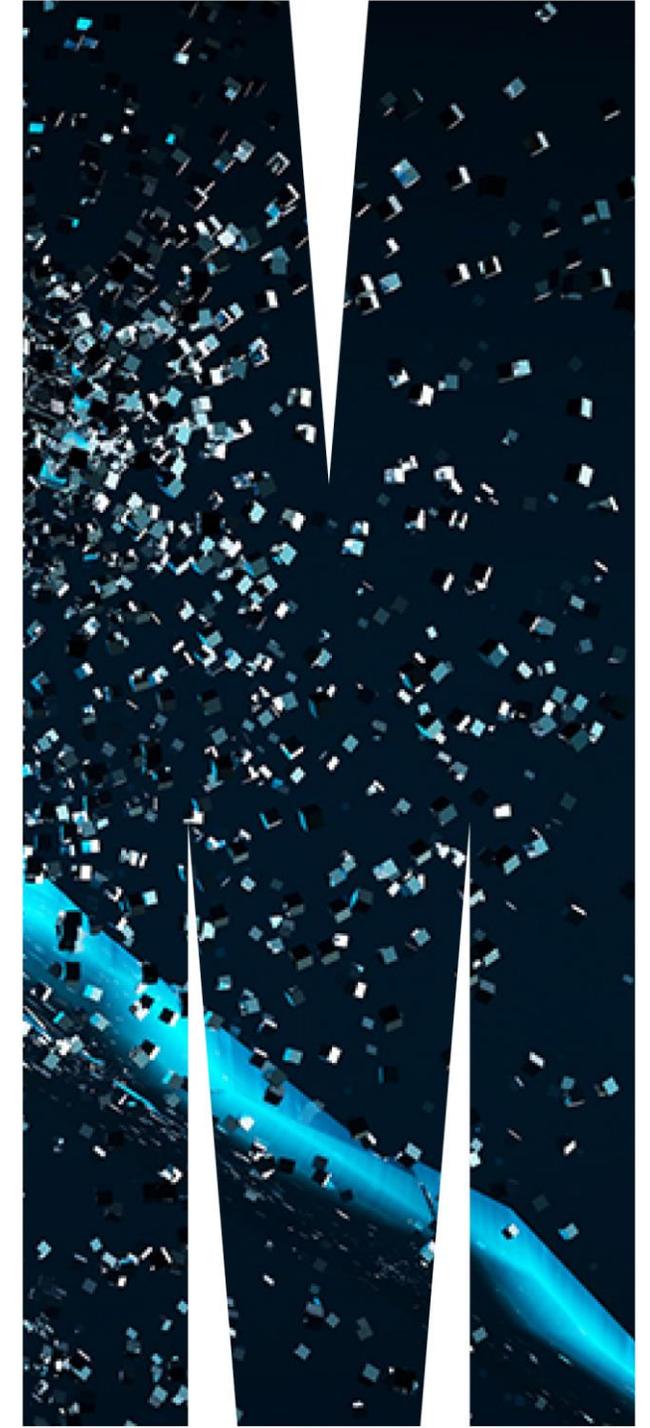
# How Can We Engage Foundational Medical Science with UT/PID?

3 months old baby referred to you with left radial club hand and hypoplastic thumb.

If you planned...	And you found....	Your management becomes:
i. Centralization	i. Type I radius hypoplasia with mild ( $10^\circ$ ) radial deviation	-2 : Strongly contraindicated -1 : Should be reconsidered 0 : Neither more nor less indicated +1 : Indicated +2 : Strongly Indicated

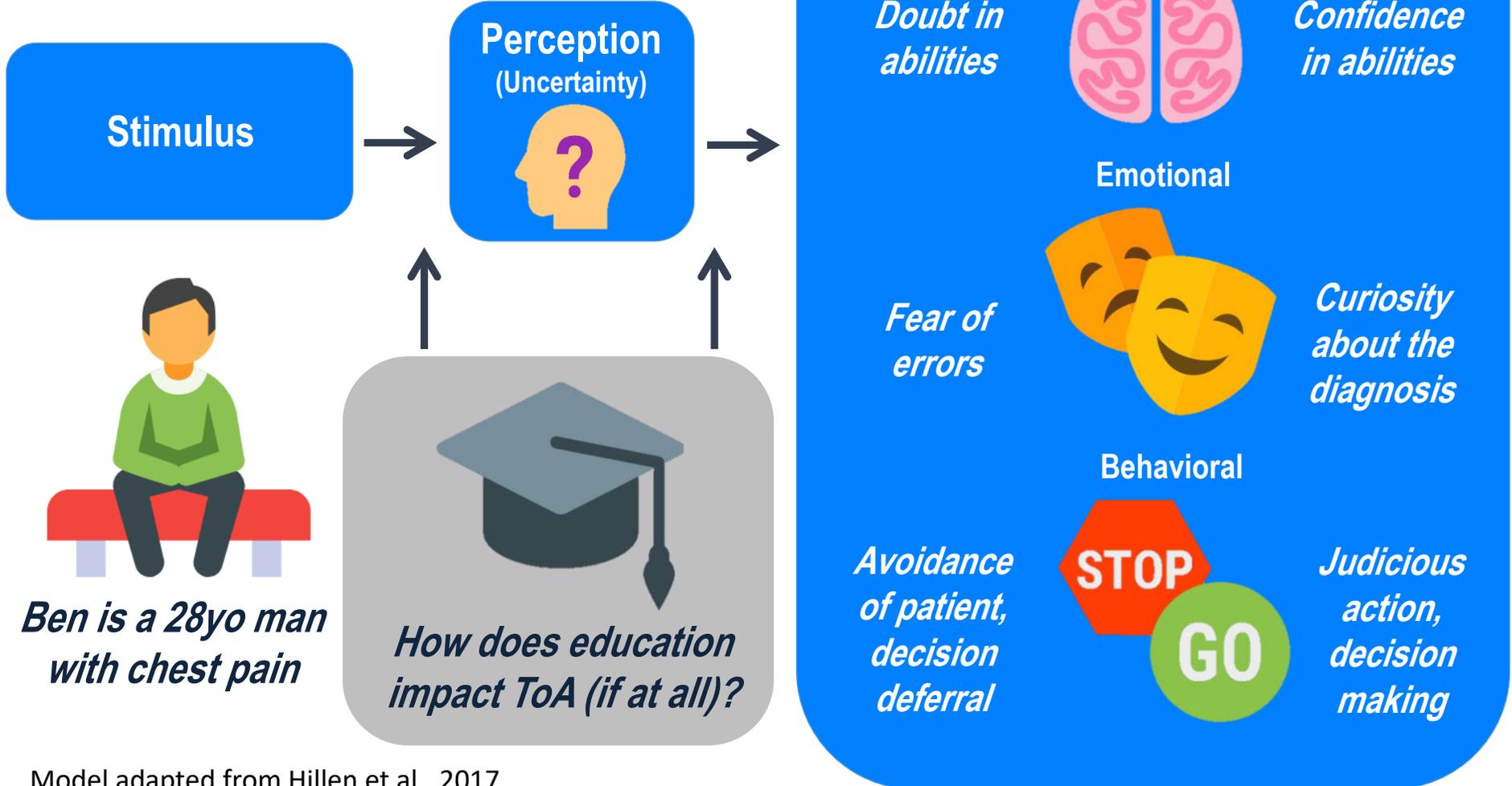
If you planned...	And you found....	Your management becomes:
ii. Pollicization	ii. The hypoplastic thumb has a CMCJ on x-ray	-2 : Strongly contraindicated -1 : Should be reconsidered 0 : Neither more nor less indicated +1 : Indicated +2 : Strongly Indicated

If you planned...	And you found....	Your management becomes:
iii. Surgery	iii. Severe thrombocytopenia on pre-operative workup	-2 : Strongly contraindicated -1 : Should be reconsidered 0 : Neither more nor less indicated +1 : Indicated +2 : Strongly Indicated



# ToA is Managing Novelty Effectively

ToA appears to be impacted by anatomy education



Model adapted from Hillen et al., 2017

# Uncertainty Tolerance, broadly, Benefits the Individual & the Workplace

**Burnout**  
vs.  
**Job satisfaction**



**Difficulty  
problem solving**  
vs.  
**Creative  
solutions**

**Disengagement**  
vs.  
**Judicious action**

**Increased  
costs/supervision**  
vs.  
**Independence**

**What are the role of educators in fostering (or hindering) learners UT?**



# How do you feel here?

Write in the chat...



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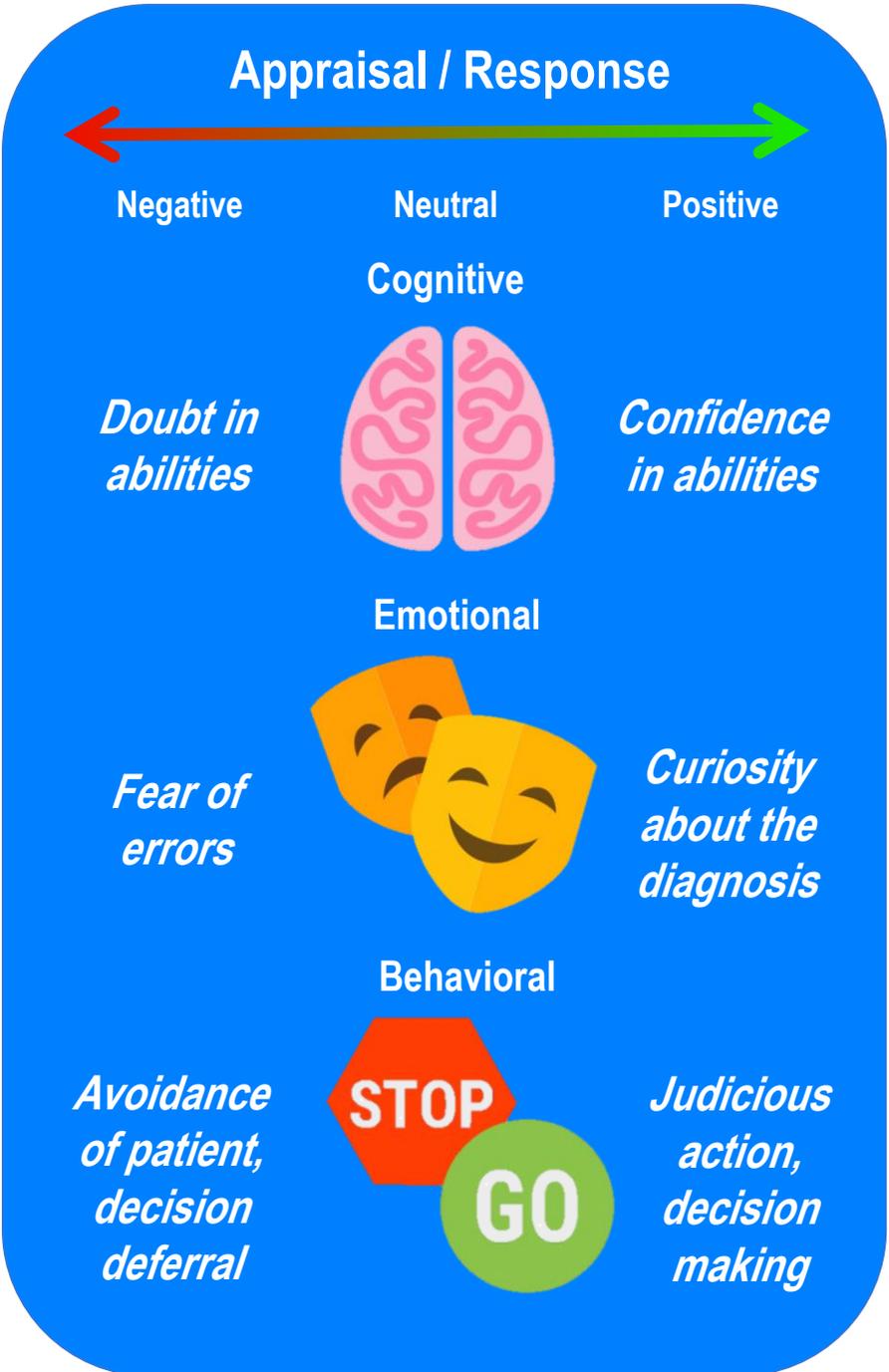
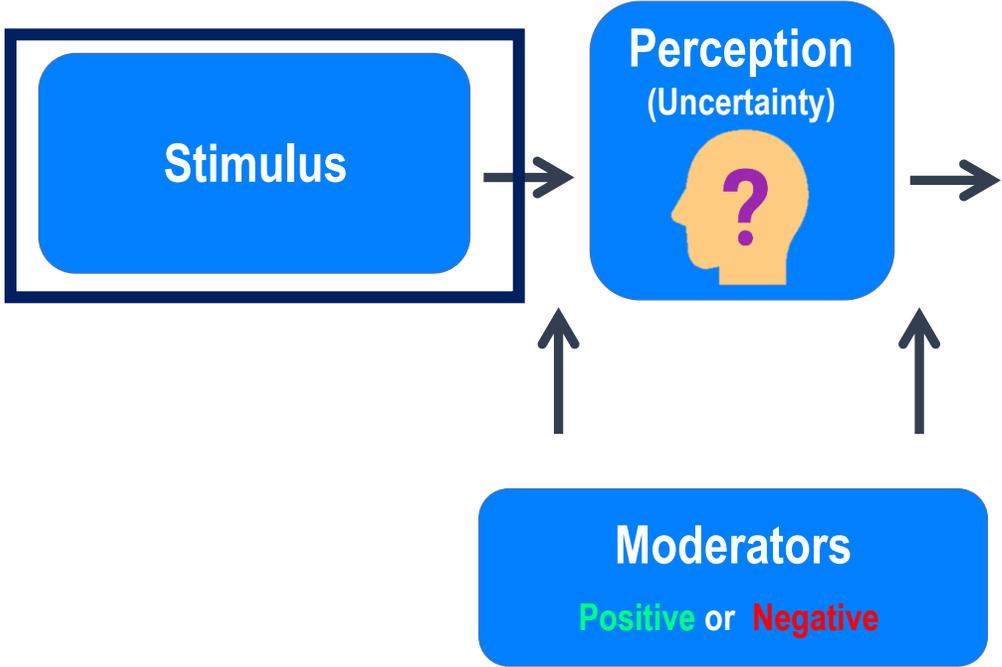
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A photograph of a person standing on a large, moss-covered rock formation inside a dark cave. A bright beam of light from above illuminates the scene, highlighting the person and the moss. The surrounding cave walls are dark and textured.

**Educators & teaching practices need be the light in the dark.**

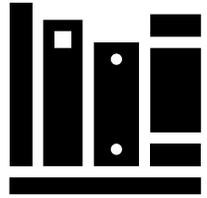
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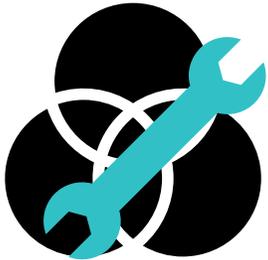


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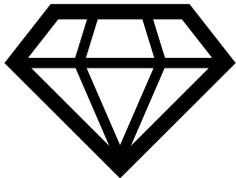
# We Can Stimulate Uncertainty Tolerance in The Classroom



Transferring  
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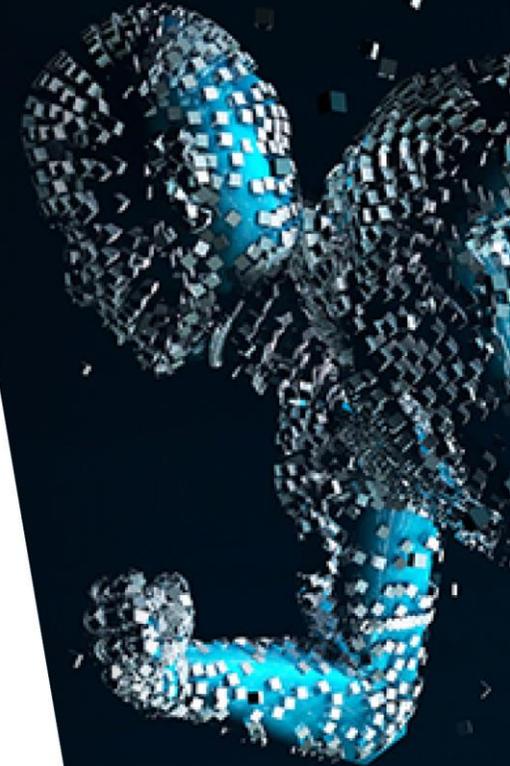
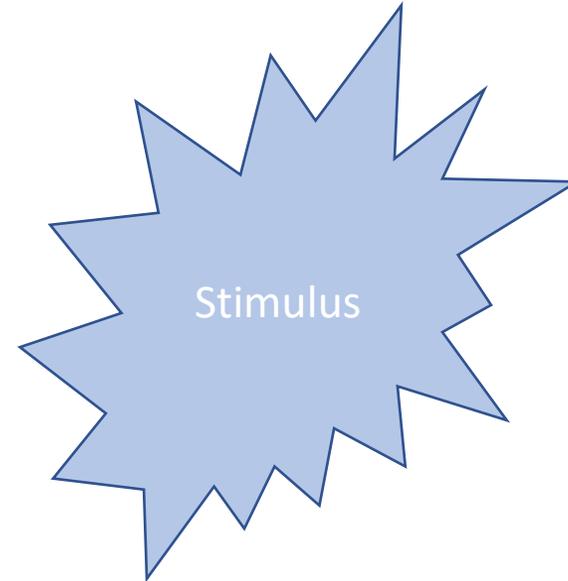
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Multifaceted  
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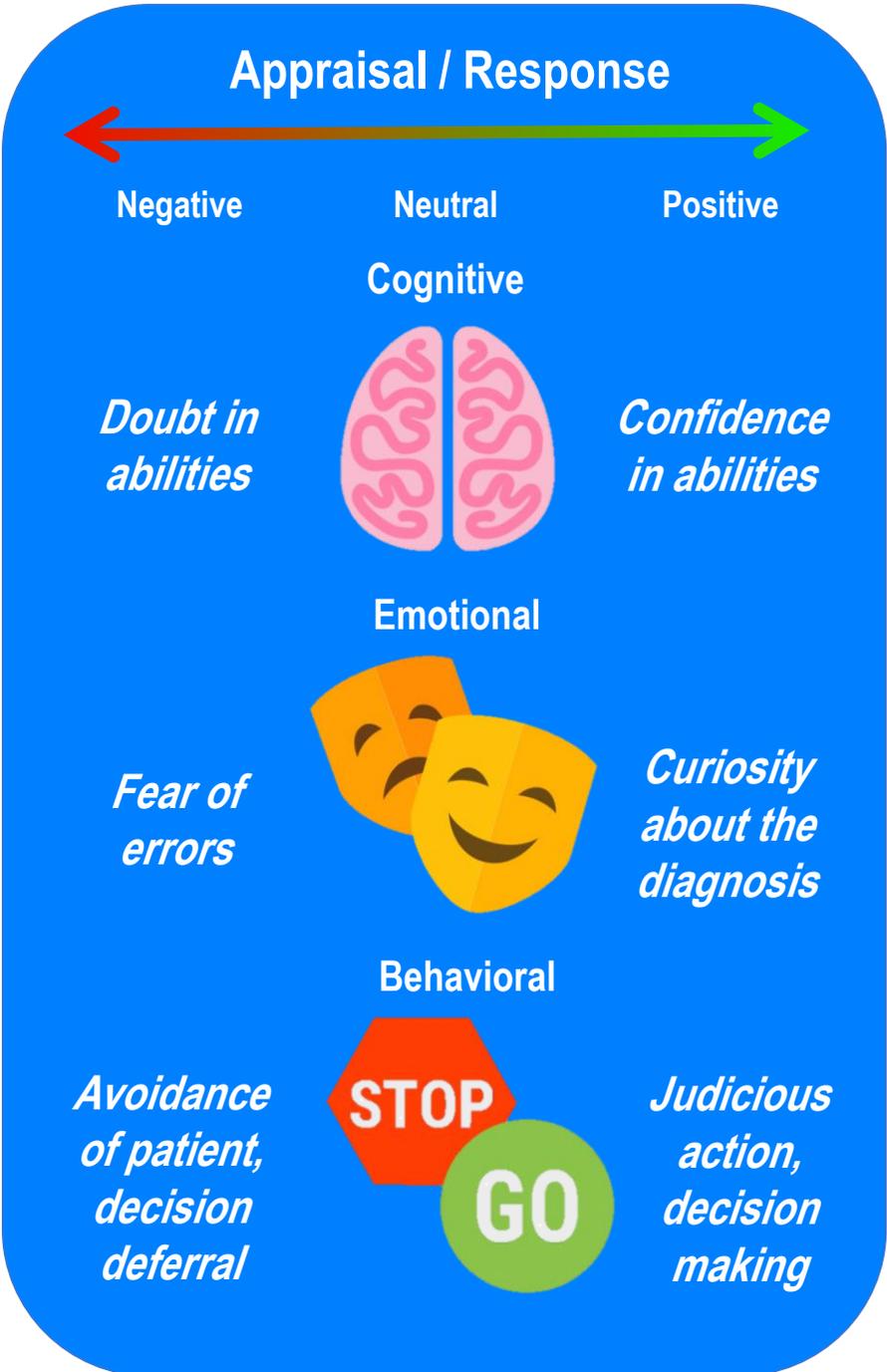
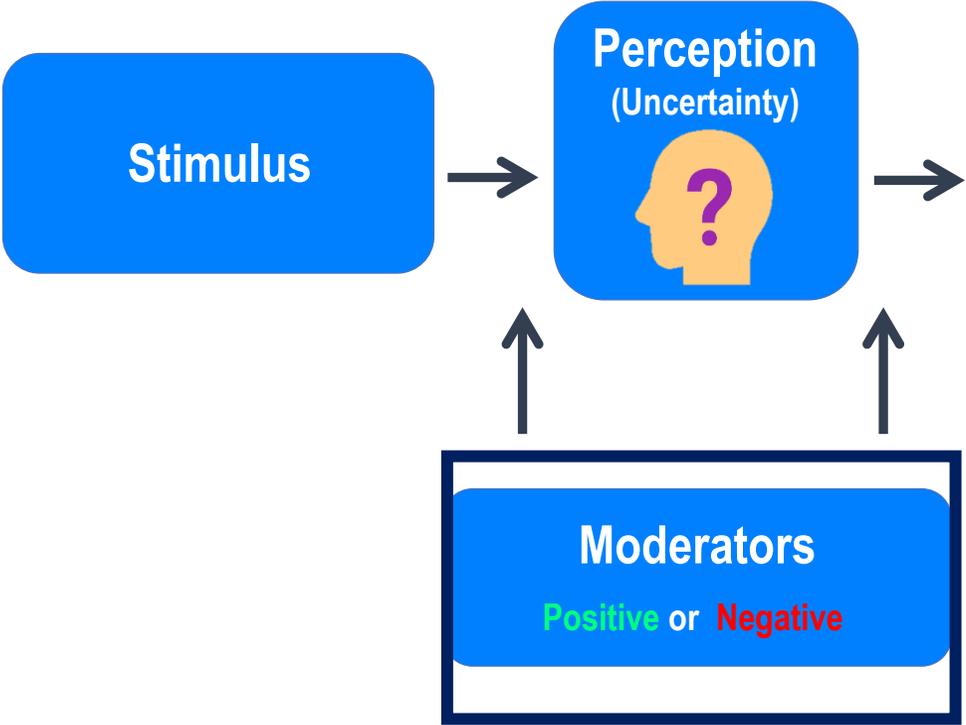


Questioning  
Preconceptions



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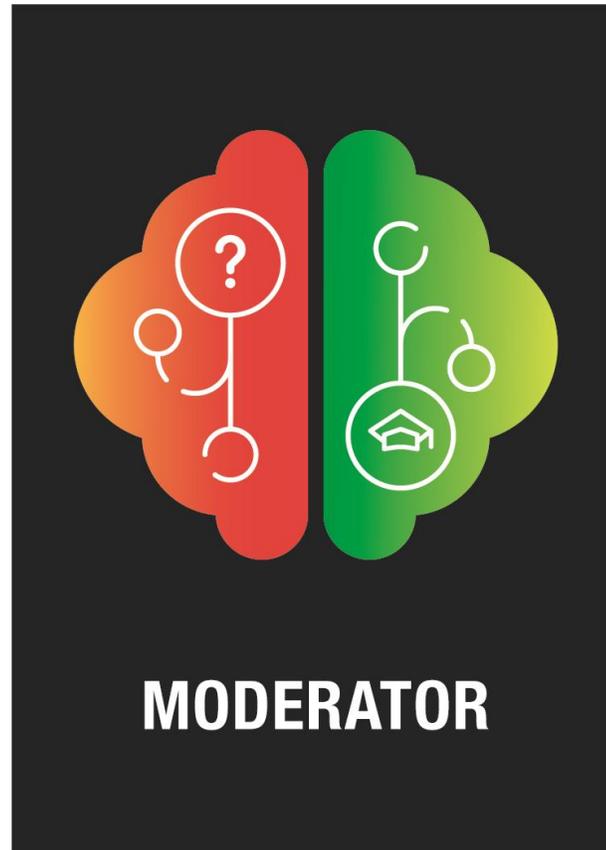
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# Moderators come from students & educators

If we know our students....

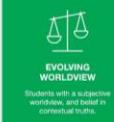


We can better select moderators



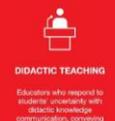
# There are a wide variety of evidence-based teaching practices we can use to foster (or hinder) learner UT

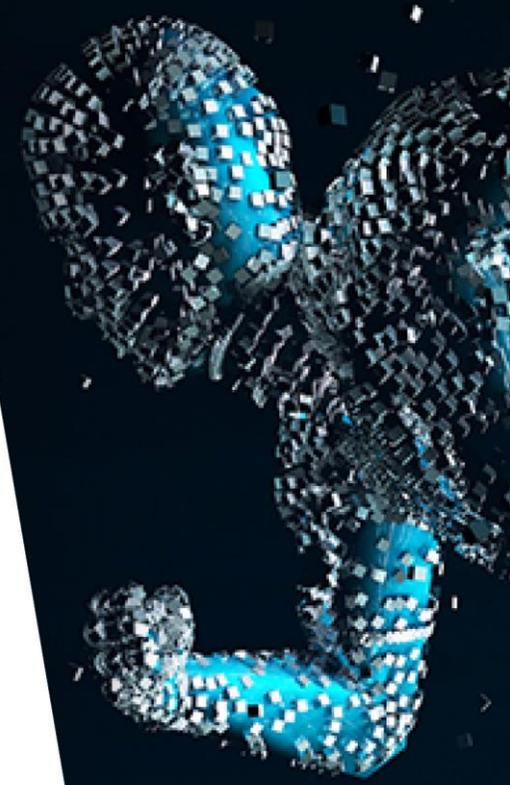
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 <b>MERIT MINDED</b> <small>Students focused on extrinsic motivators (e.g. grades).</small>	 <b>HUMILITY</b> <small>Humility is linked to higher uncertainty tolerance as this trait allows room for alternative views.</small>	 <b>COGNITIVE FLEXIBILITY</b> <small>Students who can think more laterally, and sift through information for relevancy.</small>	 <b>COGNITIVE INFLEXIBILITY</b> <small>Students who have linear thinking, and tend to use "rigid" logic for solving problems and complete tasks and/or assignments.</small>	 <b>SENSE OF PURPOSE</b> <small>Students who can think more laterally, and sift through information for relevancy, students who identify a purpose in their studies.</small>	 <b>COMPARING SELF TO OTHERS</b> <small>Students who compare their own capabilities to others.</small>

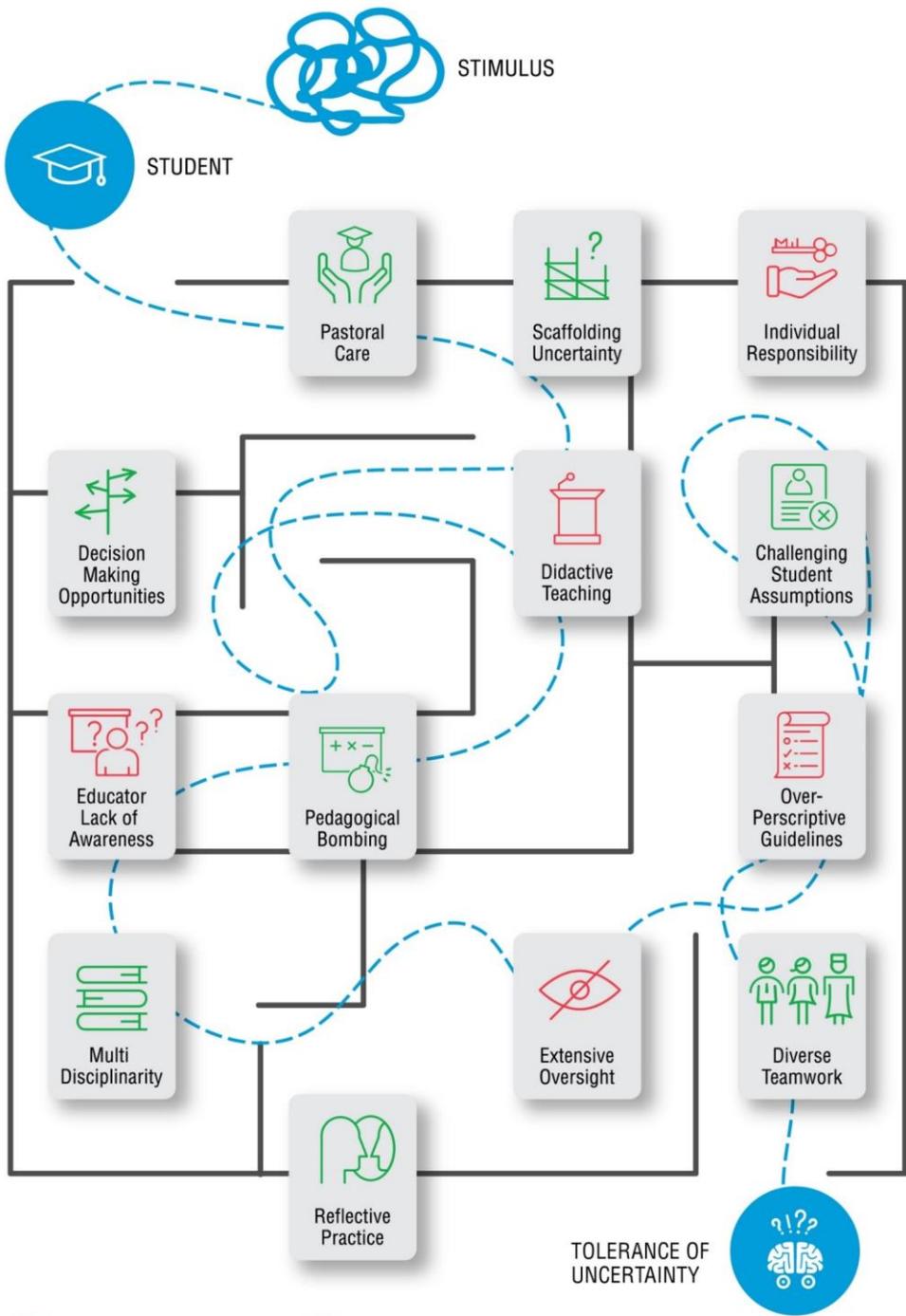
### EDUCATOR-SOURCED

 <b>MODERATOR</b>	 <b>AMBIGUITY EXPOSURE</b> <small>Immersing students in ambiguity through novel experiences has variable effects on uncertainty tolerance depending on the extent to which uncertainty is present both within &amp; outside the classroom.</small>	 <b>SELF-REFLECTION</b> <small>Incorporating self-reflection opportunities about how students thought, felt, and acted in the face of uncertainty.</small>	 <b>OPEN PEDAGOGY</b> <small>Less prescriptive guidelines, flexible assessments, and/or removing summative grading.</small>	 <b>SCAFFOLDING UNCERTAINTY</b> <small>Slowly increasing exposures to uncertainty.</small>	 <b>UNCERTAINTY DRESS REHEARSAL</b> <small>Practicing applying learned knowledge into real-life scenarios (cases).</small>
 <b>DIDACTIC TEACHING</b> <small>Educators who respond to students' uncertainty with didactic knowledge communication, conveying knowledge as facts.</small>	 <b>DIVERSE TEAMWORK</b> <small>Generating teams composed of people from different backgrounds, disciplines, cultures etc, to solve a problem or complete a task.</small>	 <b>SETTING CLEAR EXPECTATIONS</b> <small>State uncertainty pedagogy by explaining the reasoning/justification for this approach, and be transparent about why disciplinary students will experience when participating in uncertainty tolerance curriculum.</small>	 <b>INTELLECTUAL CANDOUR</b> <small>Sharing unvarnished experiences (i.e. vulnerability) with uncertainty to the students, experiencing classroom uncertainty.</small>	 <b>INTELLECTUAL STRETCHING</b> <small>Over-sharing and illustrating that the educator has a great deal of uncertainty (being creativity).</small>	 <b>CLEAR ROLES</b> <small>Defining clear roles for students within a team and/or within a learning activity.</small>
 <b>ORIENTATION</b> <small>Minimize uncertainties unrelated to the learning task (e.g. where to park, who to go to etc).</small>	 <b>FREE ASSESSMENT</b> <small>Generating assessment tasks and exams where more than one approach and/or answer gets full credit.</small>	 <b>SINGLE-BEST ANSWER ASSESSMENTS</b> <small>In assessment questions, single best answer tests tend to decrease student's lateral thinking. If you use alternative question types, the assessment will most likely improve uncertainty tolerance by avoiding these boundaries.</small>	 <b>ANONYMITY</b> <small>Students who are not uncertainly related to their ability to convey knowledge (i.e. anonymous forums).</small>	 <b>RESPONSIBLE FOR KNOWLEDGE</b> <small>Students who feel individually responsible for knowledge (i.e. identifiable when answering questions), this reduces uncertainty tolerance.</small>	 <b>CAREER VALUE</b> <small>Explain the role, and value, of uncertainty in students' future careers.</small>



**So how do we play the  
game of developing  
learner UT through  
curriculum design?**





The key is to “play” your hand well by knowing who is on your team!

# This card game is evidence-based.

## Moderator



# Sometimes we HAVE to “hinder” learner UT



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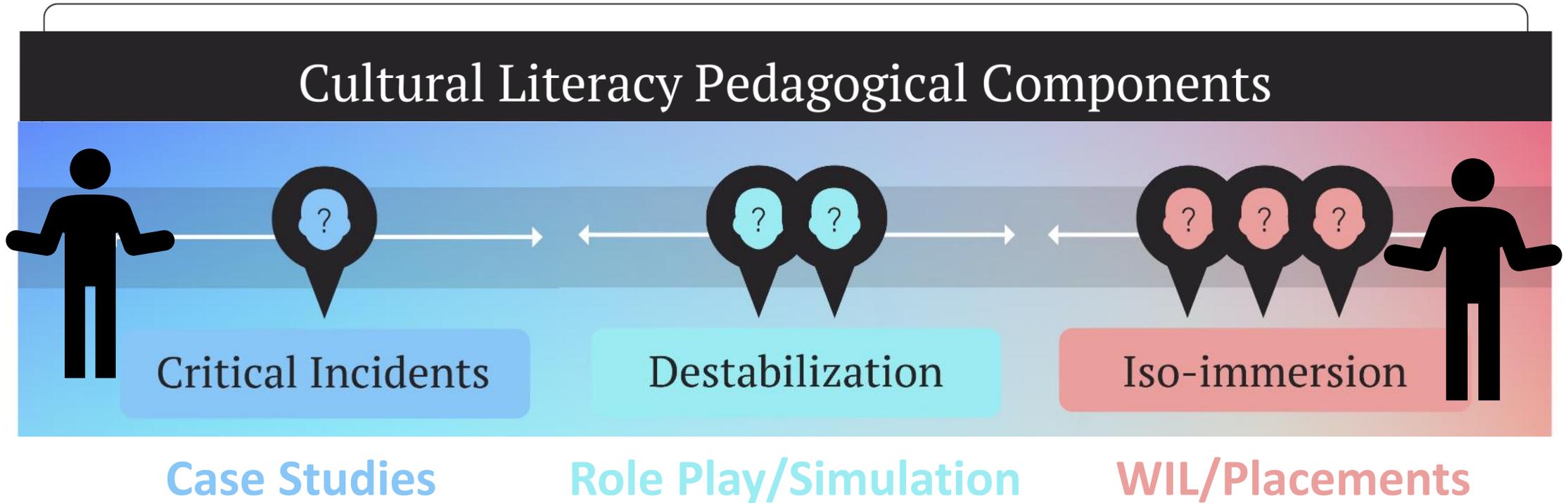
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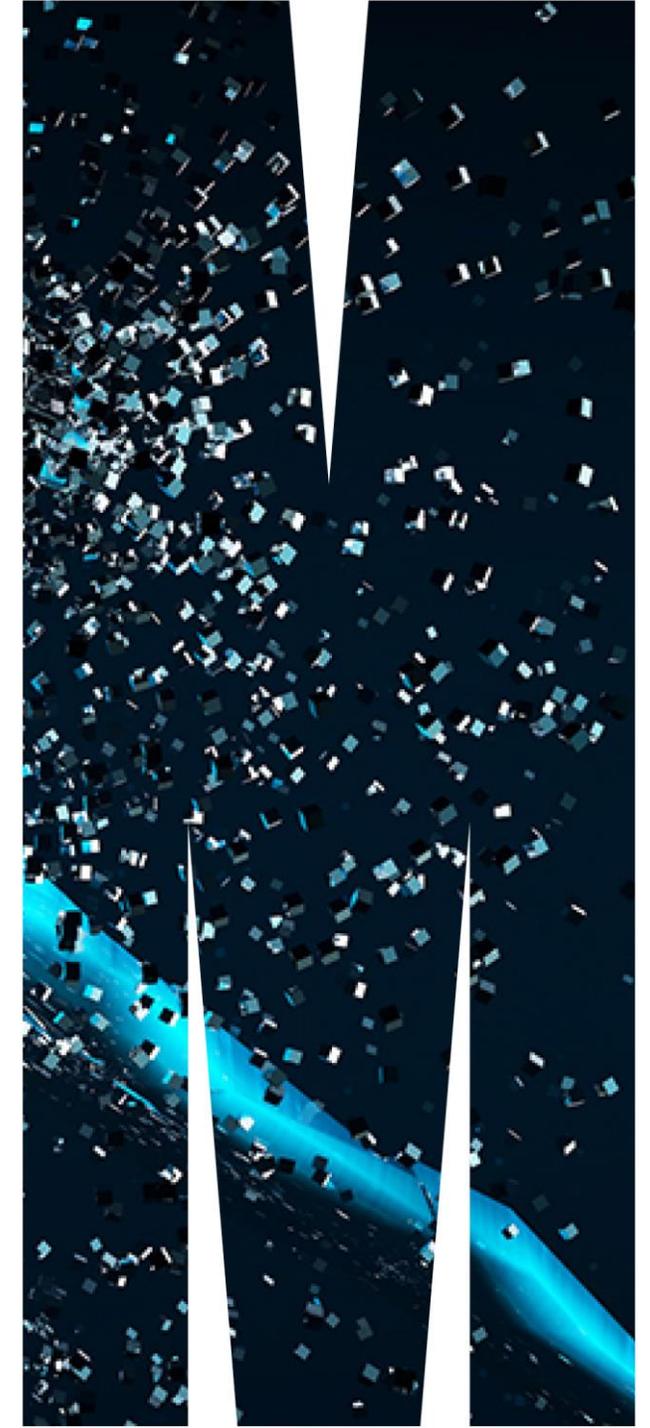
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# Turn to Cultural Literacy Pedagogy to Foster UT imbued PID



# So why do we need science specialists at all?

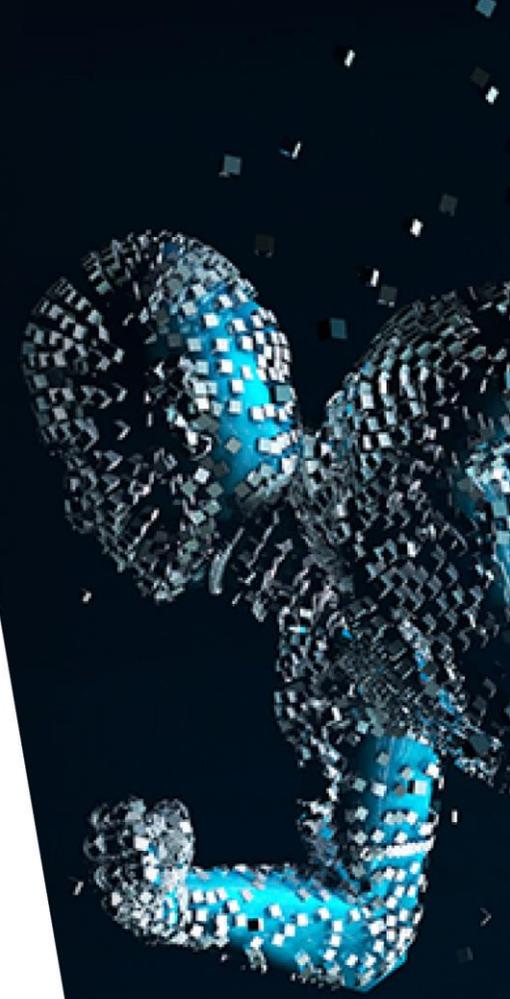


# Effective teaching requires pedagogical content knowledge (PCK)

Teaching psychosocial skills without the sciences leads to 'empty capsules' and ultimately ineffectual integration between the skills and the knowledge – both required for PID



Deconstructed Medical Knowledge....Is this what we want?



# Take Aways?



# Why Build Science Curriculum with PID in mind?

## More prepared for the realities of their future careers

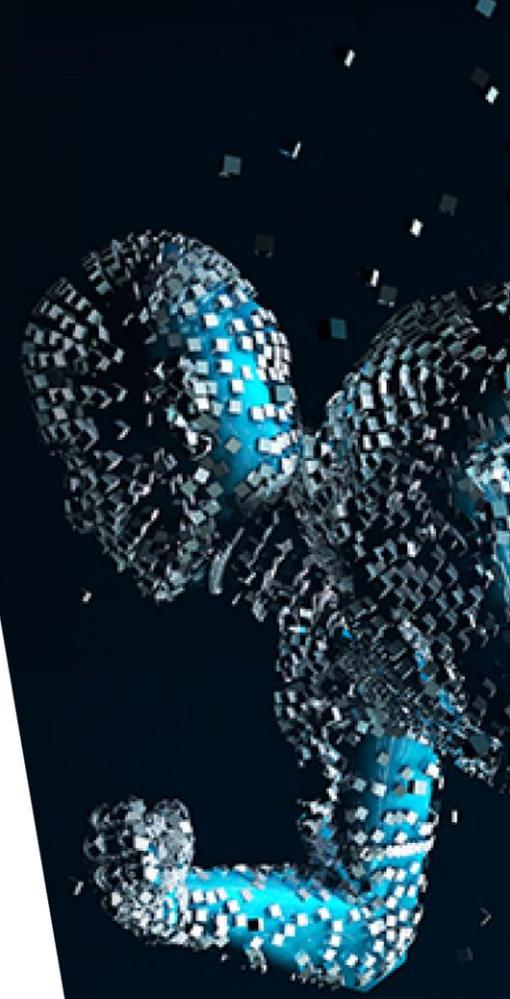
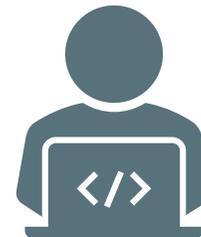
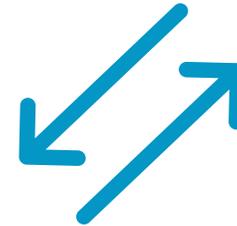
- There seems to often be a mis-match between how we teach basic science, how students think basic science is used in careers, and the reality of basic science knowledge in clinical practices

## Eases Transitions

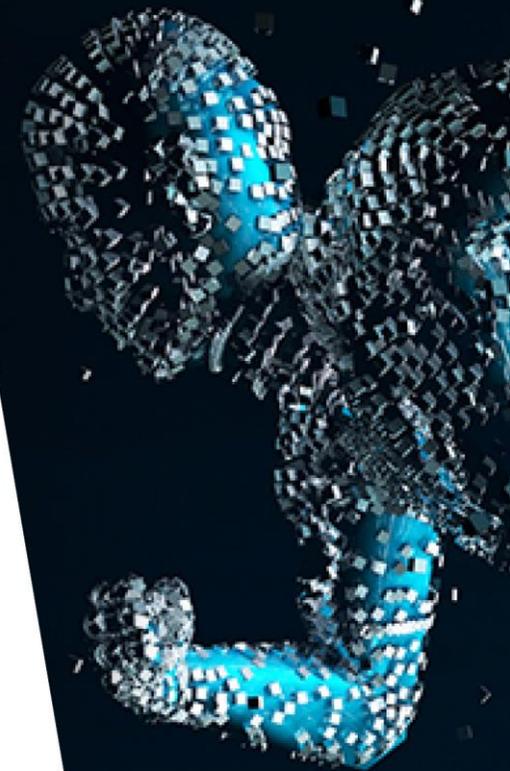
- Creating a classroom fostering UT, helps students manage future transitions to work/study/practice.

## Future Protecting

- In many areas, AI is unable to replicate humans' ability to tolerate uncertainty and detect novelty, thus this skill is future protecting
- Routine tasks will be done by AI, and UT will be more and more prevalent in future



**What questions do you have?**





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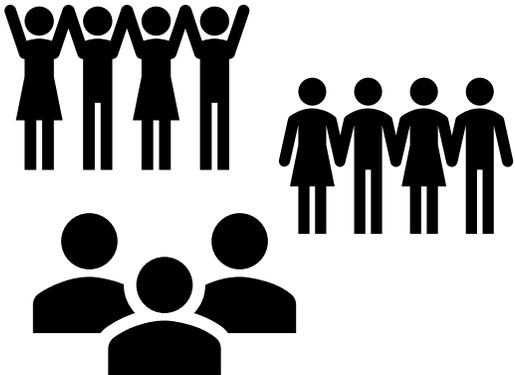
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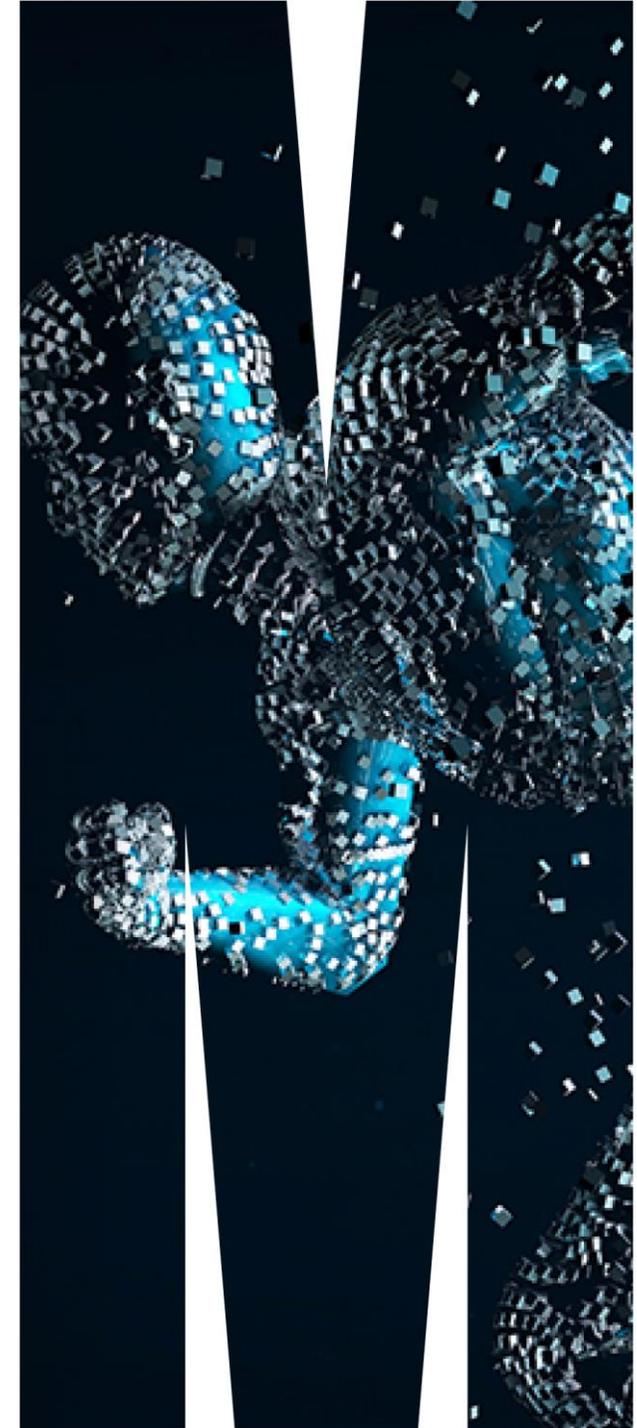
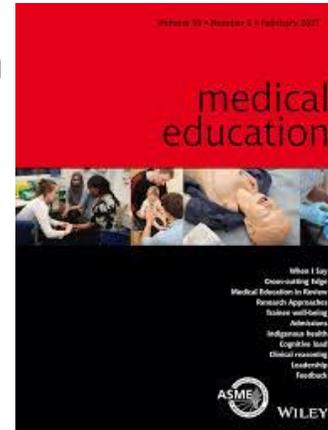


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