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# Quaternary prevention, the art of “primum non nocere”

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# Let's discuss patient doctor relationships,



Adriaen Brouwer 1533

time line

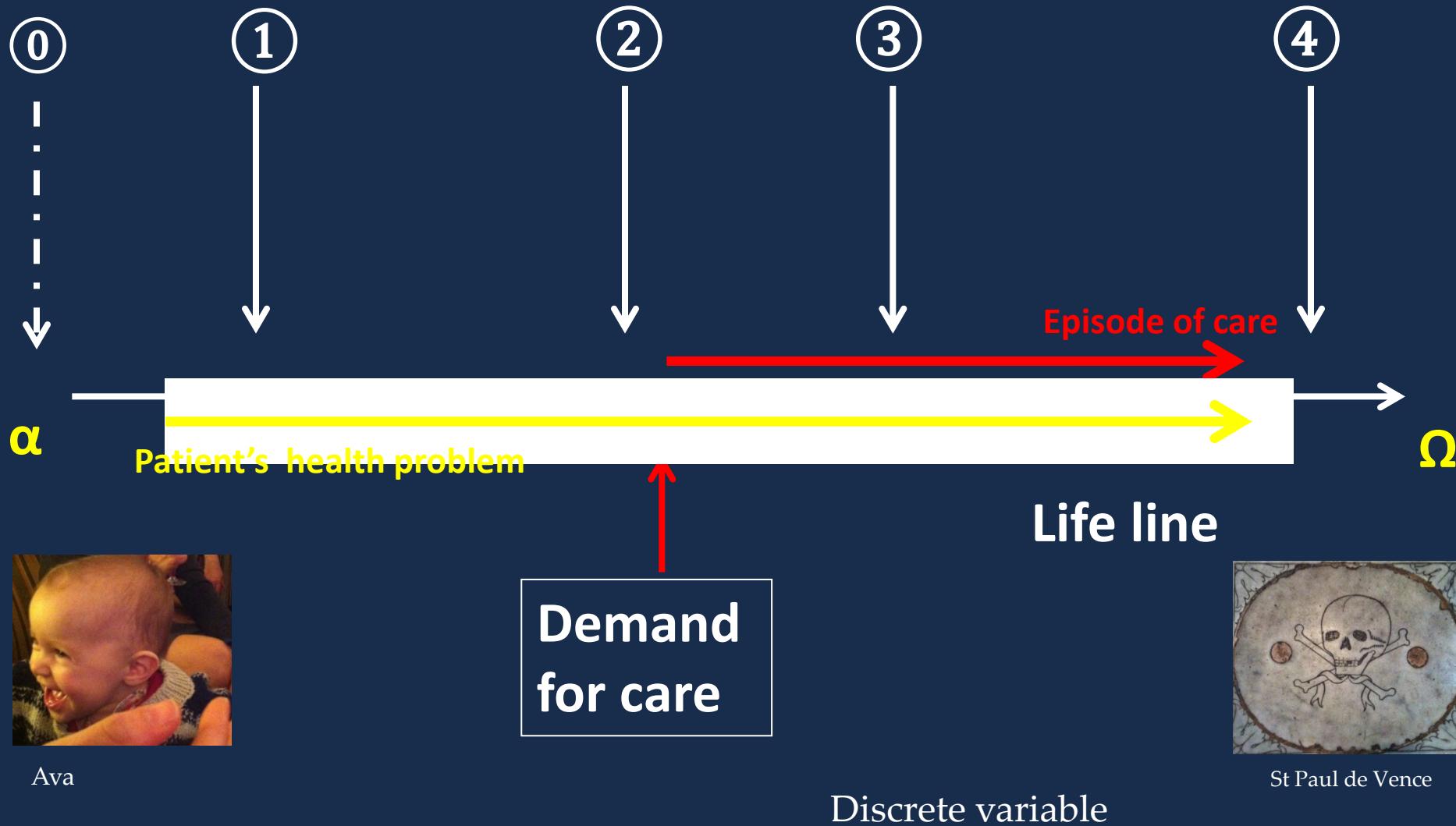
and

doctor's duty



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# Prevention ; chronological view



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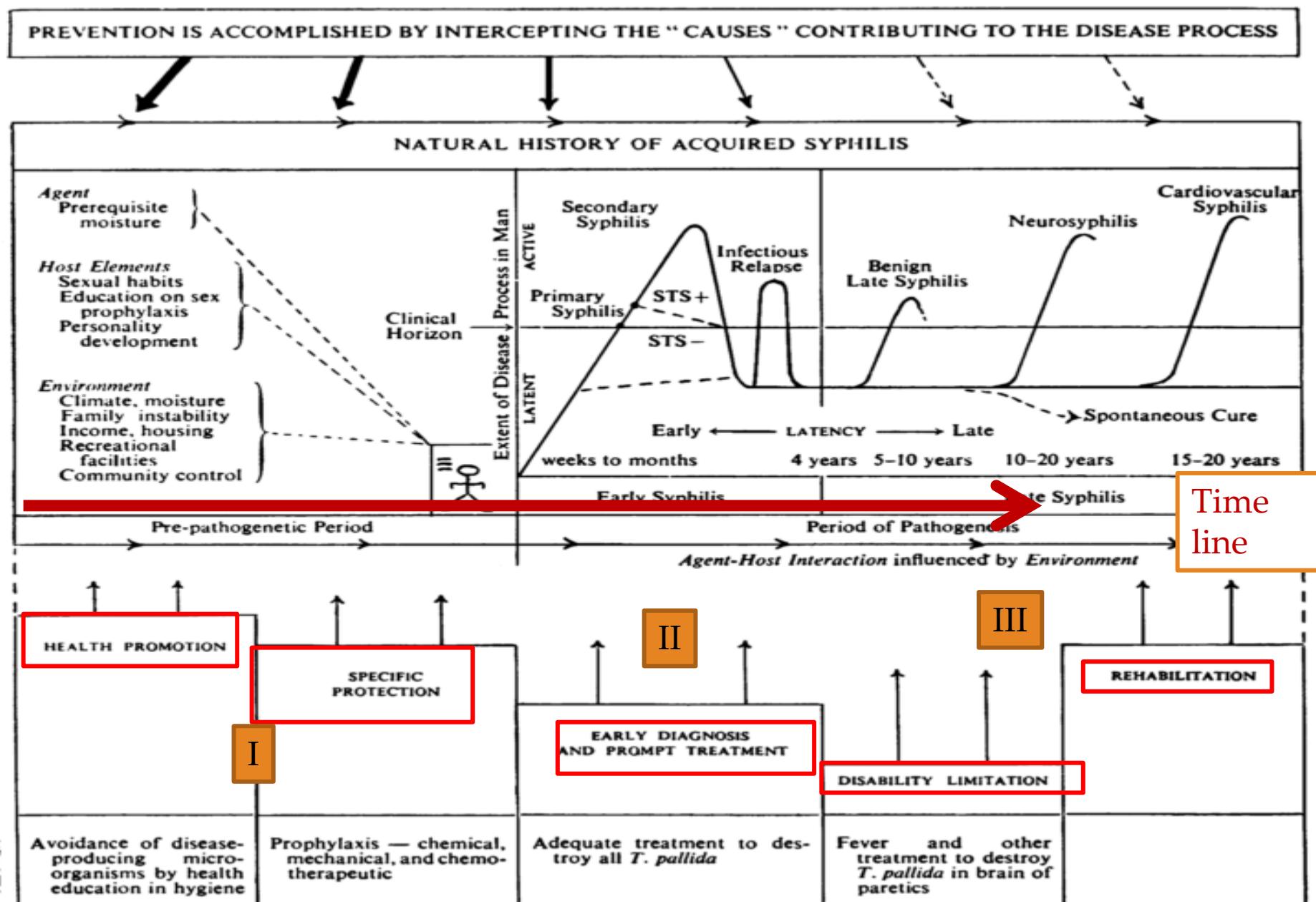
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# Birth of the clinical prevention

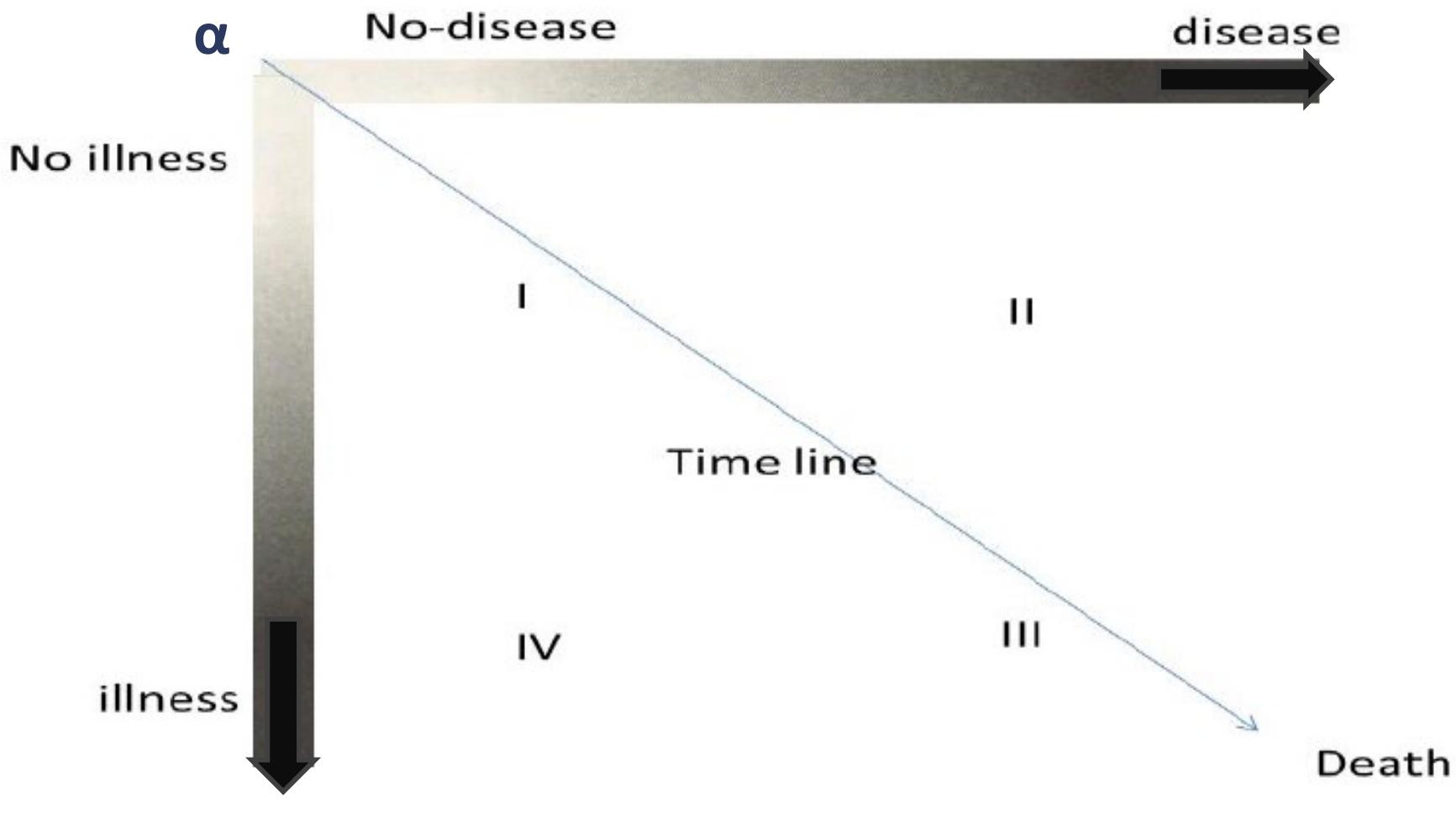
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Prevent disease  
**Continuous variable**



# Change the paradigm

- Let see the health problem through the Patient doctor relationships, each with their own agenda, fears, expectations and explanatory models.
  - The doctor has been trained to find disease
  - The patient has some reasons to approach the doctor, feeling well or ill
  - Crossing those views change the insight
  - Let's take the model of the four fold table
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Fuzzy limits in provider (disease) versus patient (illness) situations.  
 Crossing gives nebulous and not clear cut fields

Reality is  
sometimes more  
complicated than  
schema

Draw by  
Antonio Pedro

Museum  
Soares do Reis,  
Porto  
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Conscience or patient's feeling	Doctor's knowledge Disease natural evolution	
	Absent	Present
well being feeling	I <b>Primary prevention</b> Action taken to avoid or remove the cause of a health problem in an individual or a population before it arises. Includes health promotion and specific protection (e.g. immunization)	II <b>Secondary prevention</b> Action taken to detect a health problem at an early stage in an individual or a population, thereby facilitating cure, or reducing or preventing its spreading or its long-term effects (e.g. methods, screening, case finding and early diagnosis)
	IV	III <b>Tertiary prevention</b> Action taken to reduce the chronic effects of a health problem in an individual or a population by minimizing the functional impairment consequent to the acute or chronic health problem (e.g. prevent complications of diabetes). Includes rehabilitation.

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No more prevention but action

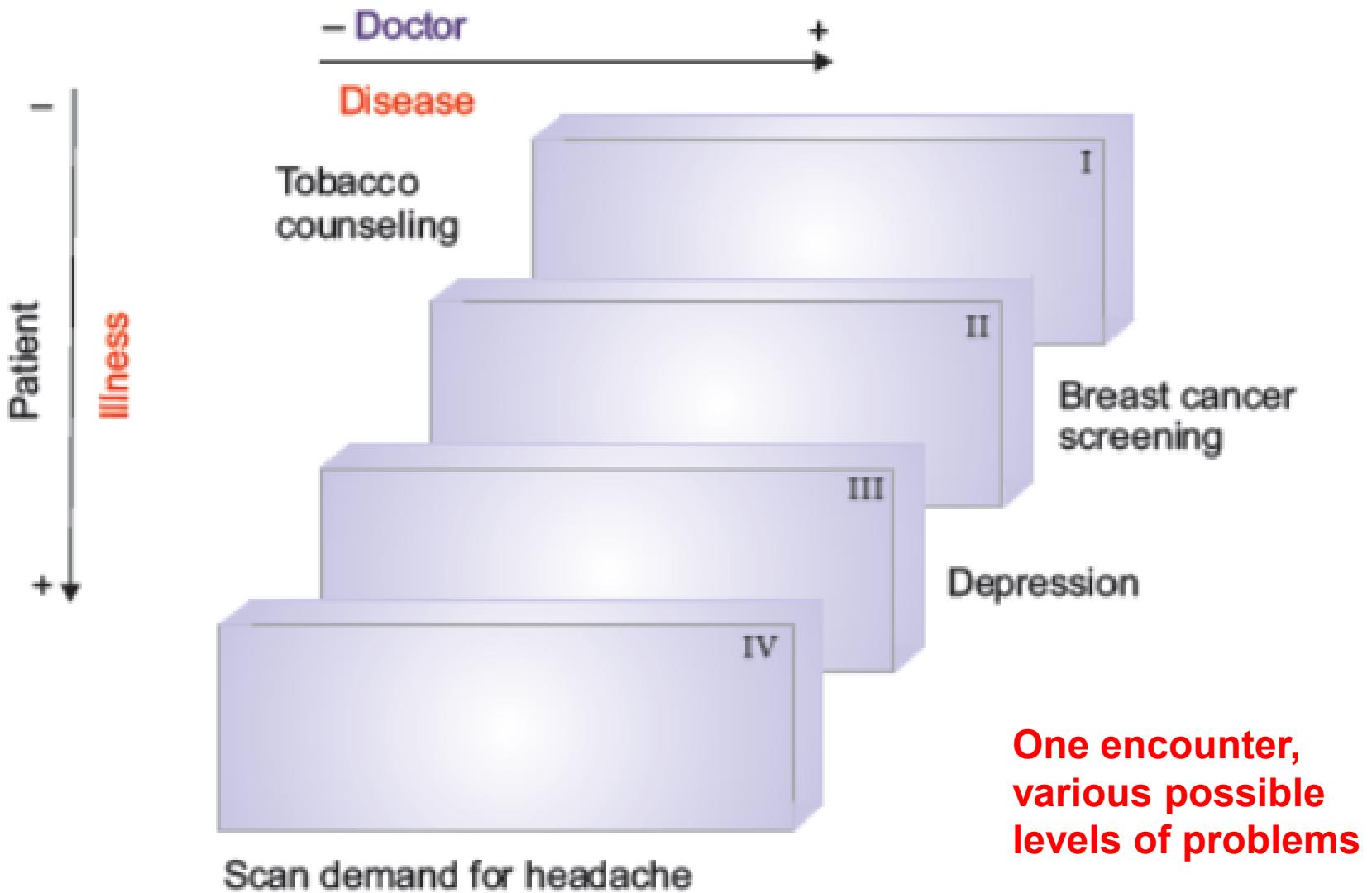
¿what change?

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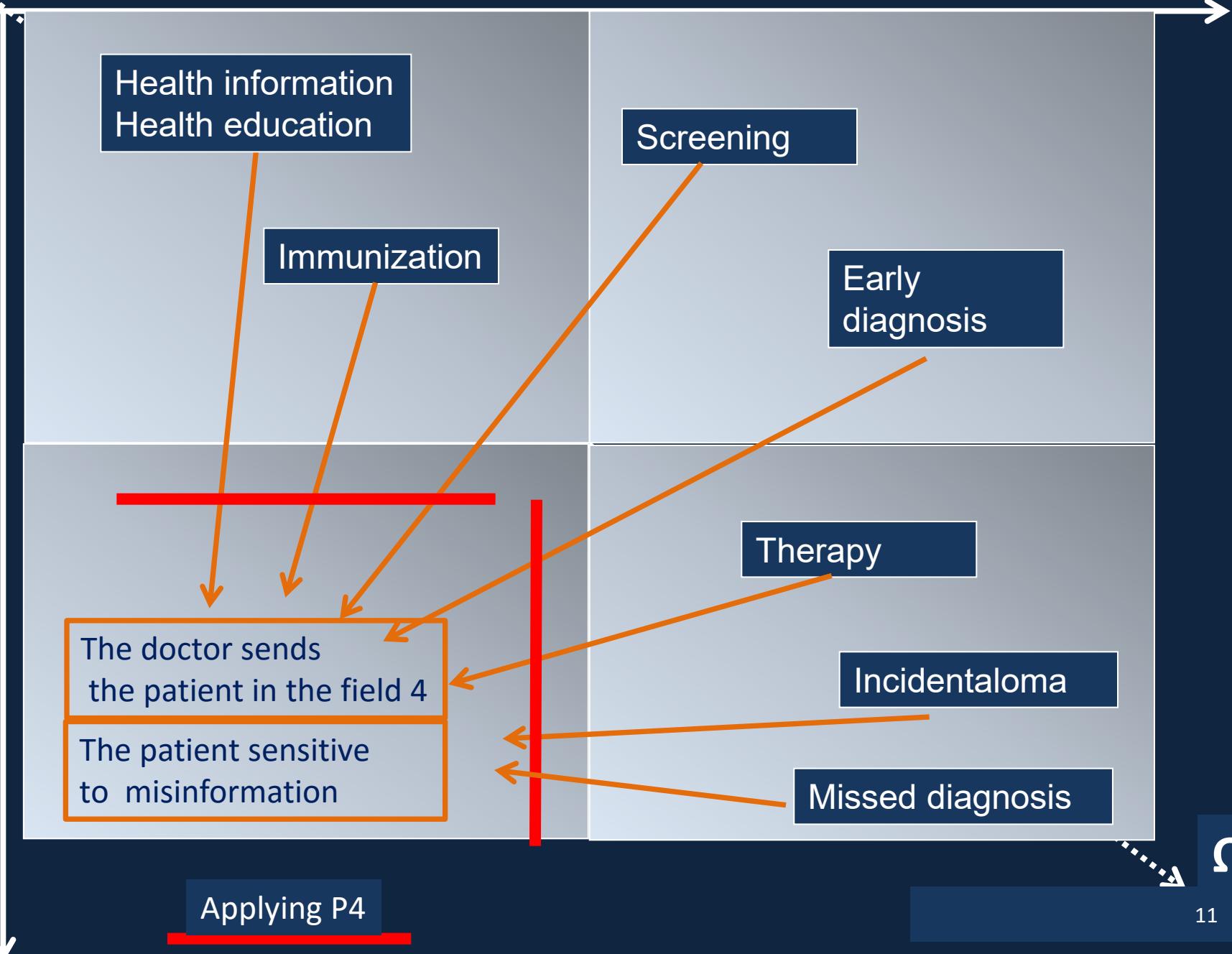
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Action taken to identify a patient or a population at risk of overmedicalisation, to protect them from invasive medical interventions and provide for them care procedures which are ethically acceptable.

Description of the practice of Family Medicine including the prevention of medicine itself



patient's view





Over-information



overmedicalization



overscreening

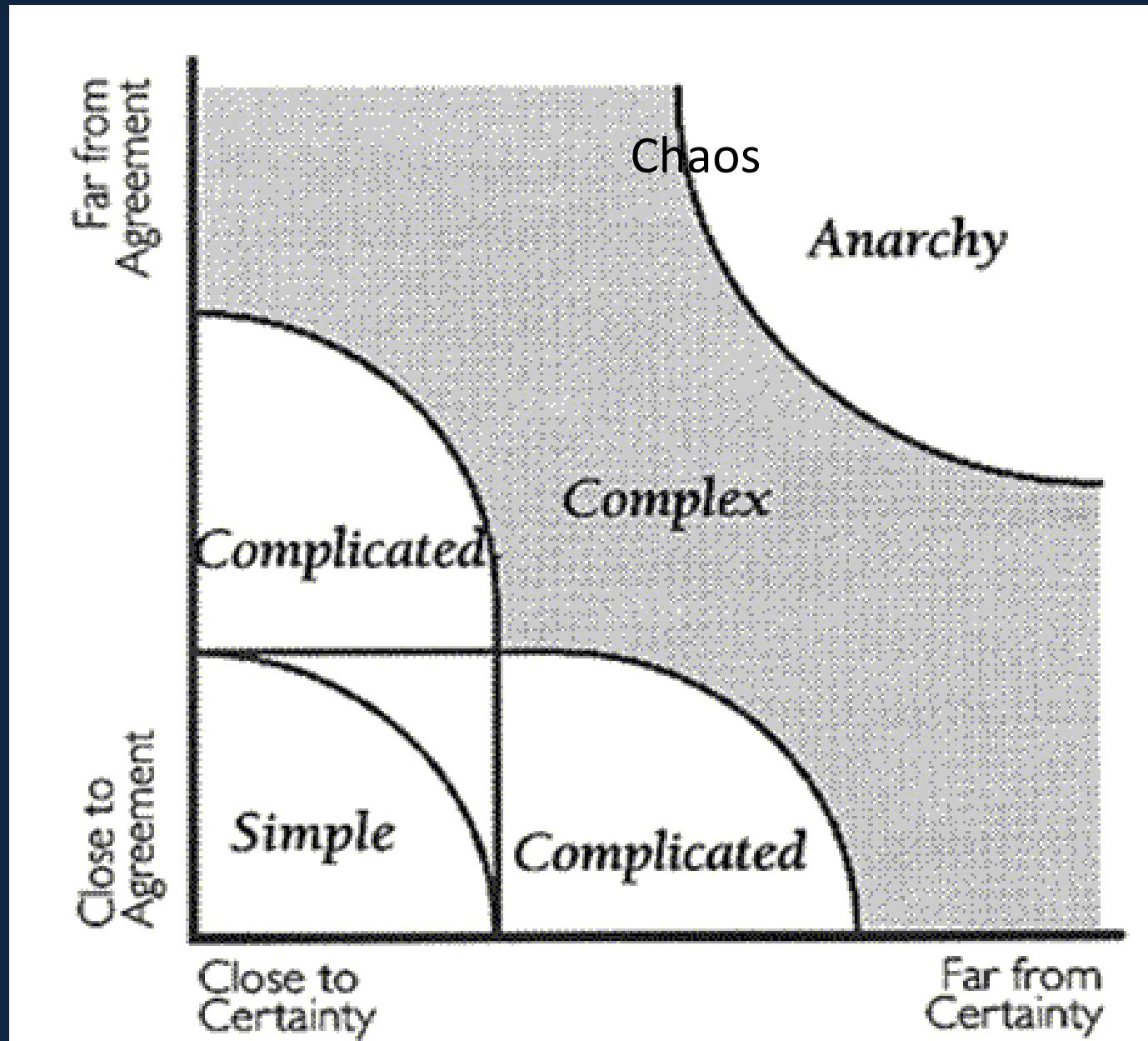


overdiagnostic/ overtreatment



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Stacey  
diagram



Pared. SubTe.  
Buenos Aires

Quaternary prevention involves the need for close monitoring by the doctor himself, a sort of permanent quality control on behalf of the consciousness of the harm they could do, even unintentionally, to their patients.

Quaternary prevention is also about understanding that medicine is based on a relationship, and that this relation must remain truly therapeutic by respecting the autonomy of patients and doctors."



Vincenzo Manenti  
Virgine St Ana (detail) 1634  
Rietti Museum, Italy



Lattanzio Nicoli  
Angeli musicanti 1640  
Rietti, museum , Italy

The general conclusions of various seminars were that quaternary prevention is not a technique but an attitude, an active thought about the facts and about the doctor himself in action

Fast worldwide spread  
of the concept since 2008  
P4 groups and friends:

- ✓ Brazil
- ✓ China
- ✓ Uruguay
- ✓ Argentina
- ✓ Chile
- ✓ Peru
- ✓ Paraguay
- ✓ Bolivia
- ✓ France
- ✓ Germany
- ✓ Switzerland
- ✓ Spain
- ✓ Portugal
- ✓ Thailand
- ✓ Vietnam
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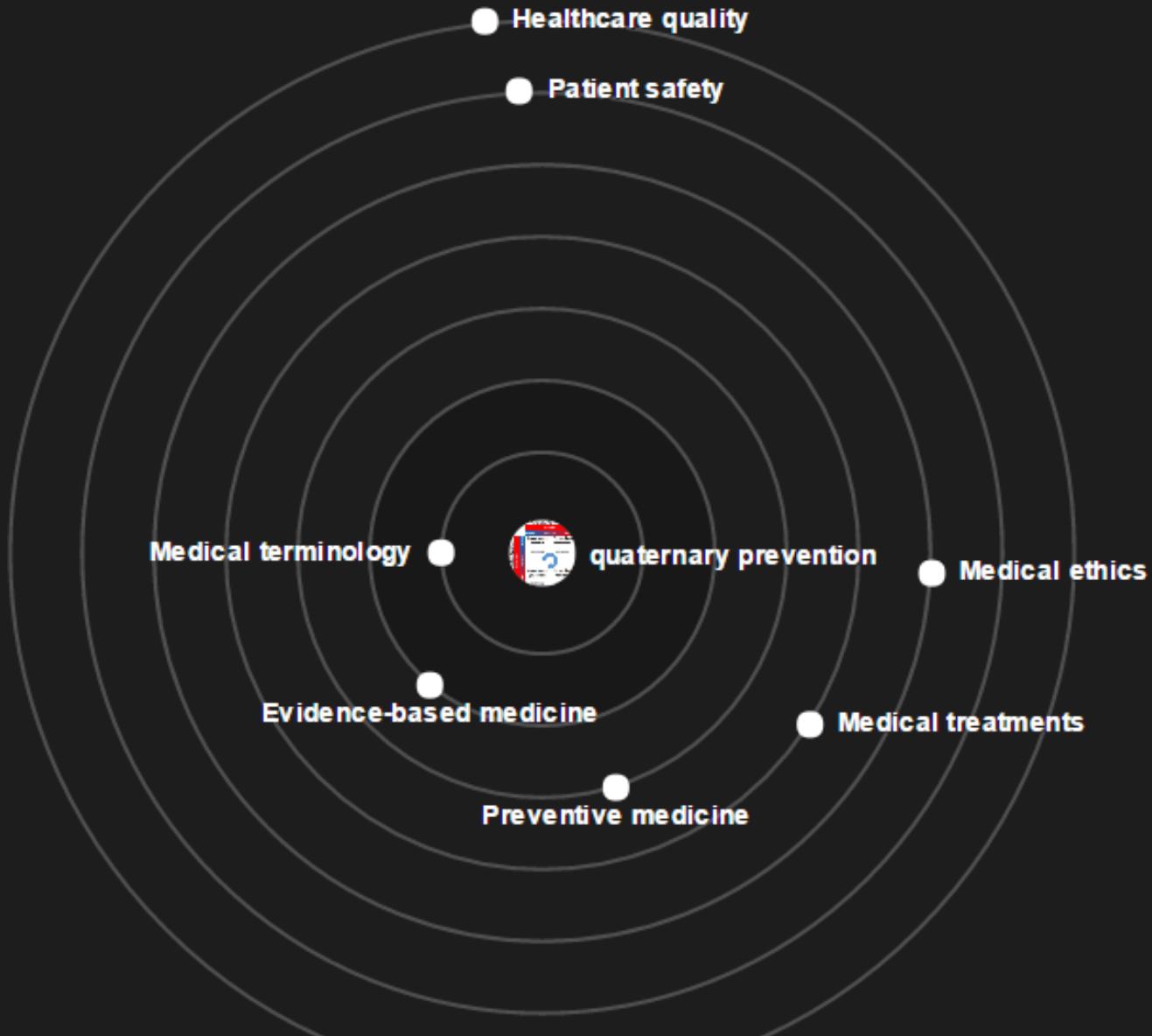


El grupo P4 en Rio, Noviembre 2016, Nacimiento del Wonca P4 SIG

## P4 manifesto 2016

*"Health is a resistance. Resistance to disease itself. Also resistance to violence and harassment, resistance to drugs, resistance to exploitation, resistance to junk food, resistance to pollution, resistance to disastrous housing conditions, resistance to the pharmaceutical market, including resistance to mercantilization of health care and, therefore, sometimes resistance to medicine itself. As healthcare professionals, we are trying to help them resist."*

Consider  
the P4  
semantic  
network



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*merci*



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