



CNA Webinar Series: Progress in Practice

Who is the Clinical Nurse Specialist?

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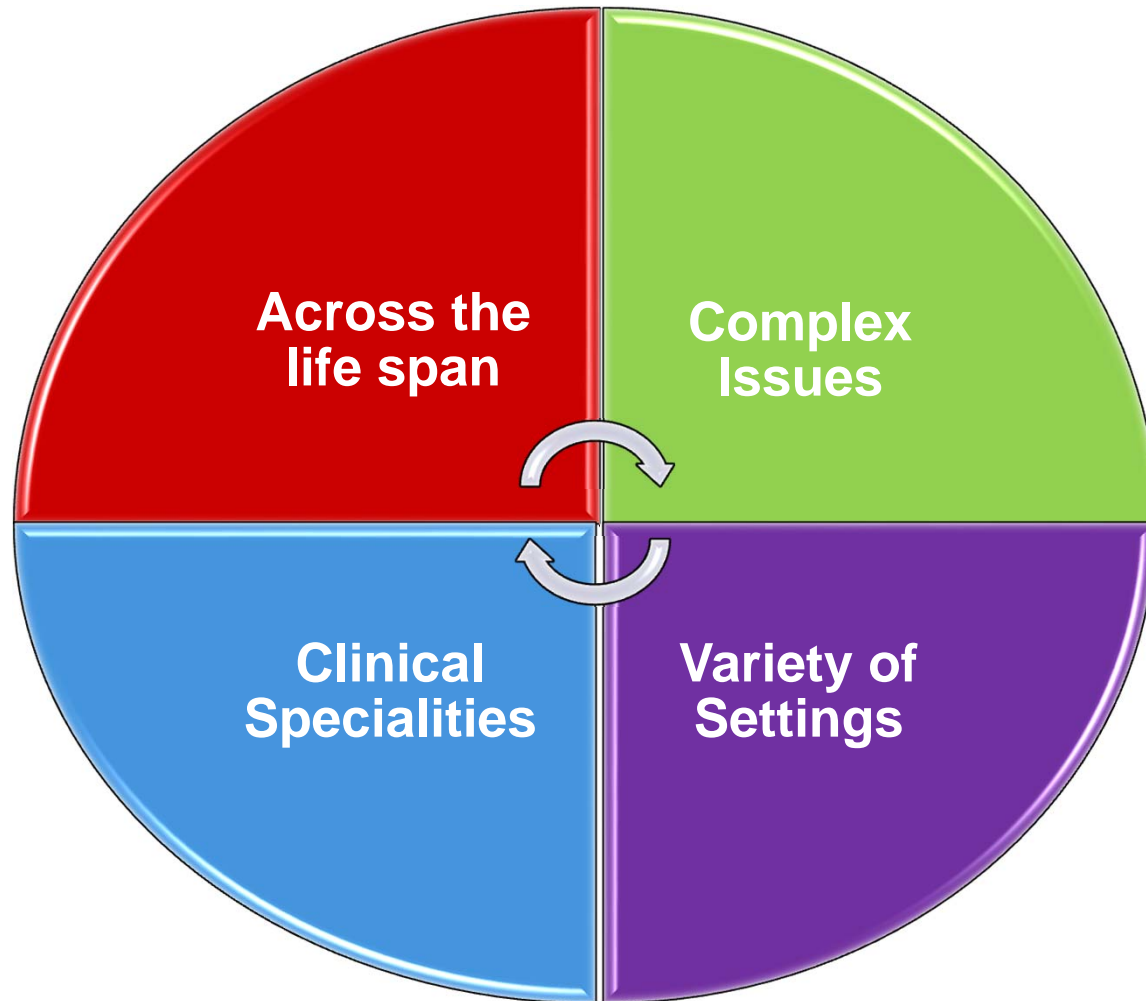


The Clinical Nurse Specialist

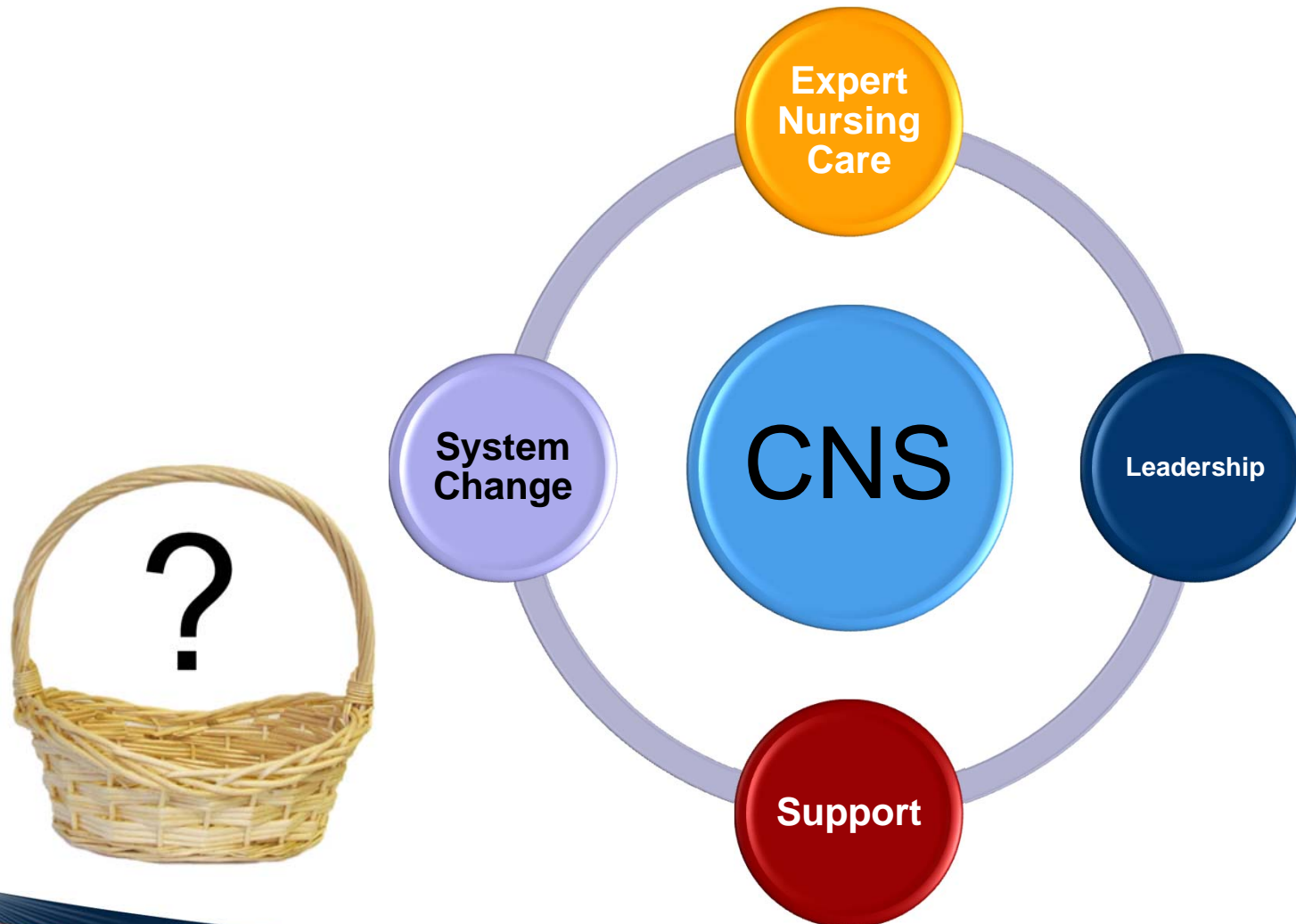
A registered nurse who holds a master's or doctoral degree in nursing with expertise in a clinical nursing speciality (CNA, 2008).



CNS Practice



What does the CNS bring to the health system?



Competencies

Nursing Knowledge



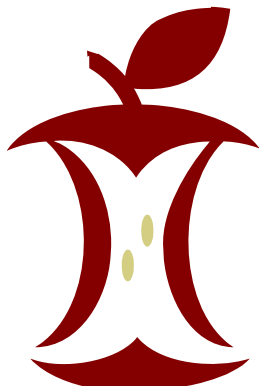
Theory



Research



Clinical Experience



The Pillars



Clinical

Research

Leadership

**Consultation and
Collaboration**



Why

- Uses expert knowledge, skills and competencies to enhance continuous quality improvement and quality care.

CNSs

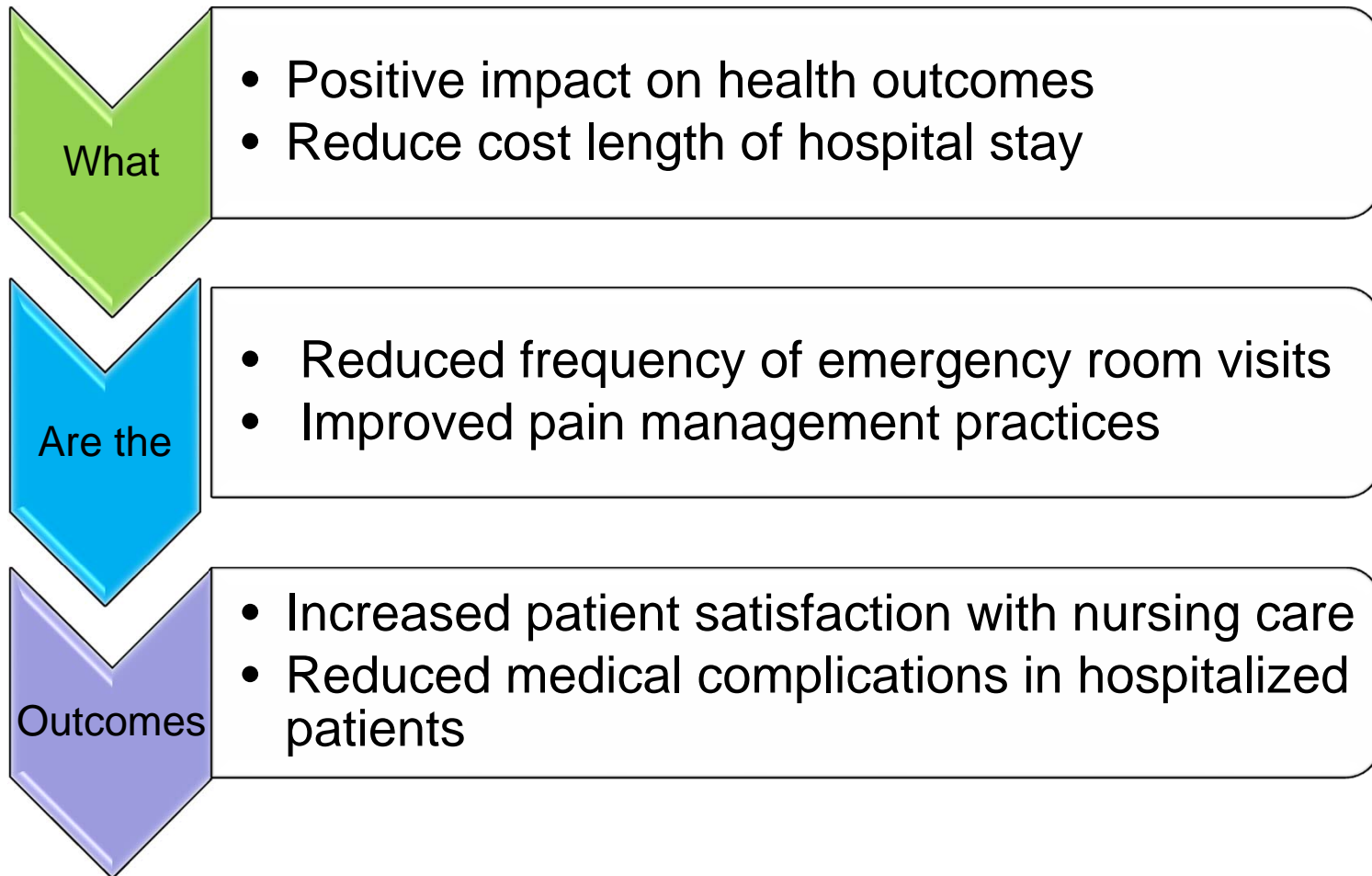
- Utilize competencies to influence system changes resulting in positive outcomes for clients, providers, professionals, stakeholders and organizations.

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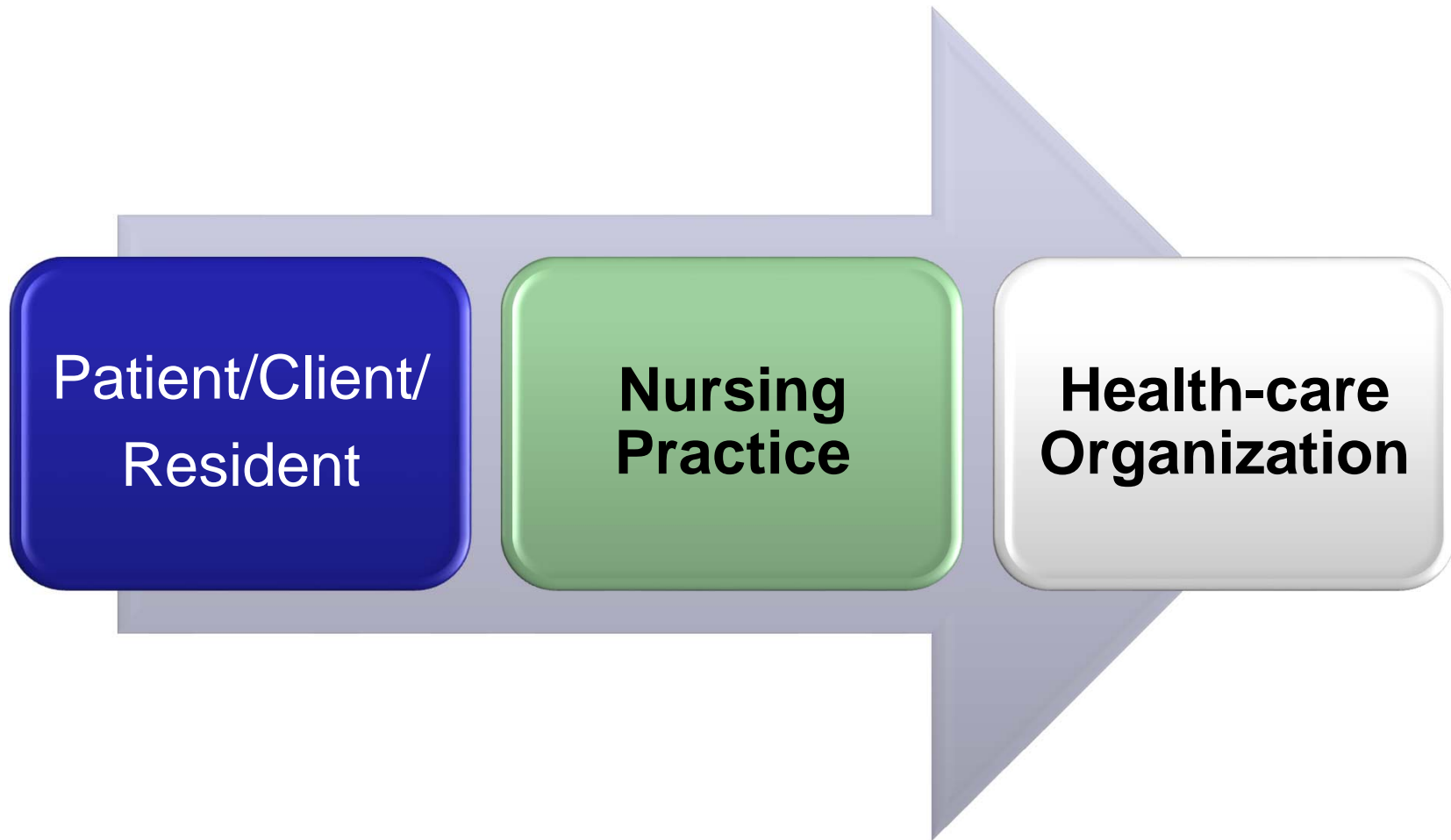
- Evidence shows that CNSs clinical practice results in cost effectiveness, quality of care, and client satisfaction.



Practice Outcomes



Influence on Practice



Barriers to

- Role Ambiguity
- Job Expectation
- Role Implementation
- Reporting Structure

Practice

- Education
- Provincial & Territorial Nursing Associations
- Organizational Structure



My Personal Experience

- Communities
- Provincial Health Systems
- Community Health Planning

- Families
- Individuals
- Communities

Linkages/
Collaboration

CQI &
Improved
Access to
Services

CNS

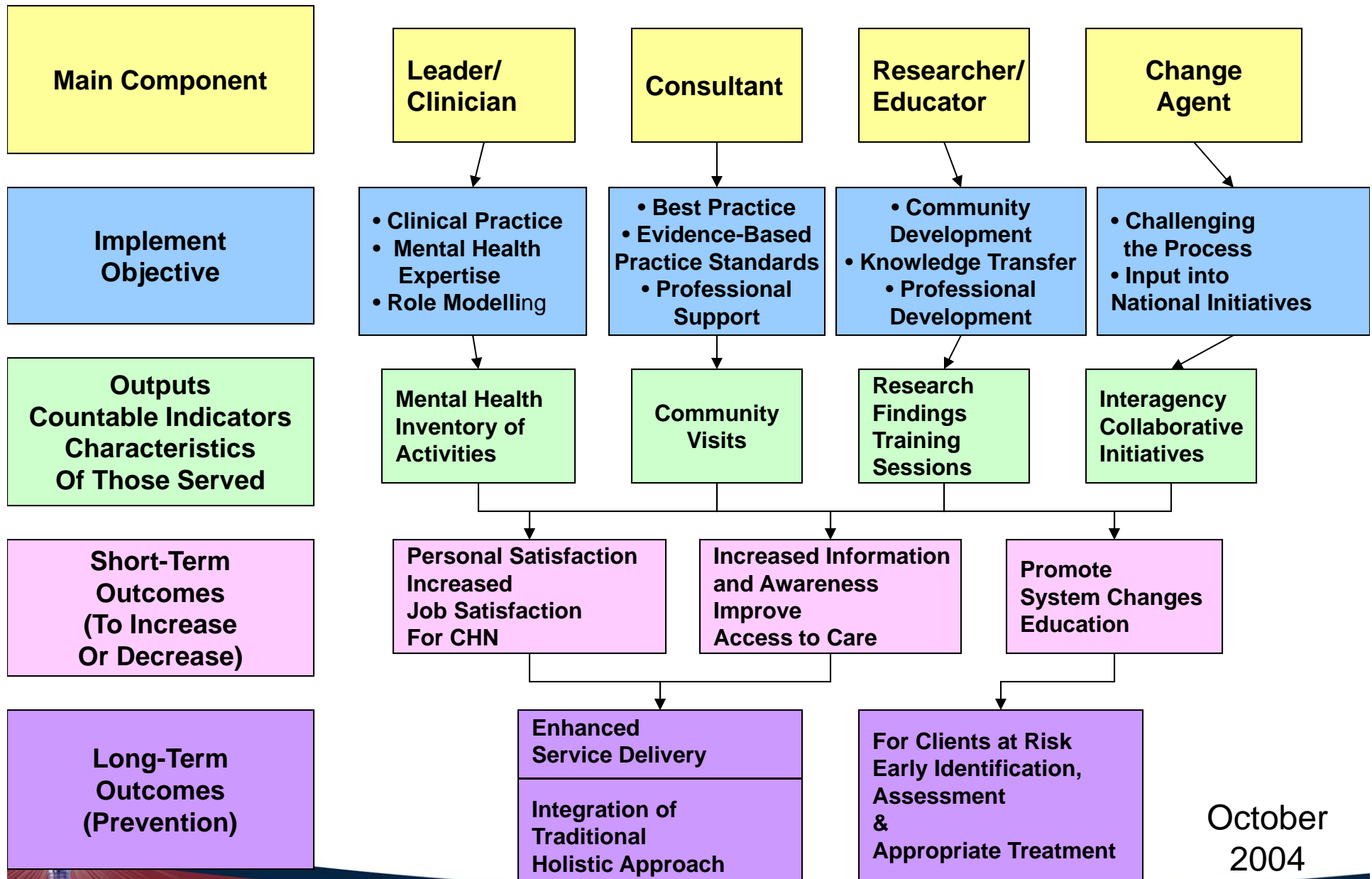
Consultations/
Connections
Internal &
External

Change Agent
&
Activities

- Community Health Nurses
- Mental Wellness & Addiction Workers
- Health Directors
- Other Health Staff

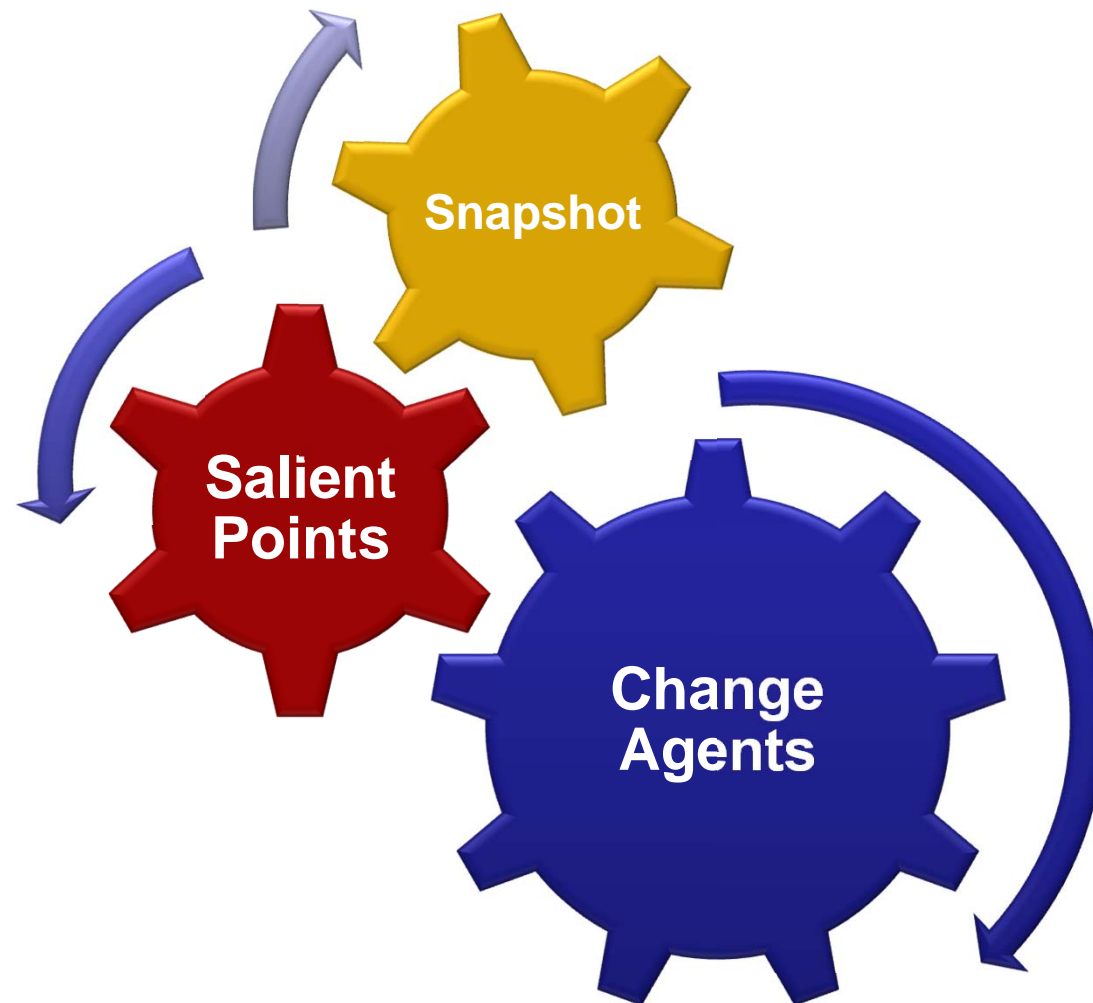
- Promoting Mental Wellness
- Advocacy
 - Education/Mentoring
 - Knowledge Transfer
 - Crisis Intervention

CNS Role Implementation Logic Model



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Summary



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