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The Patient Advocate Perspective



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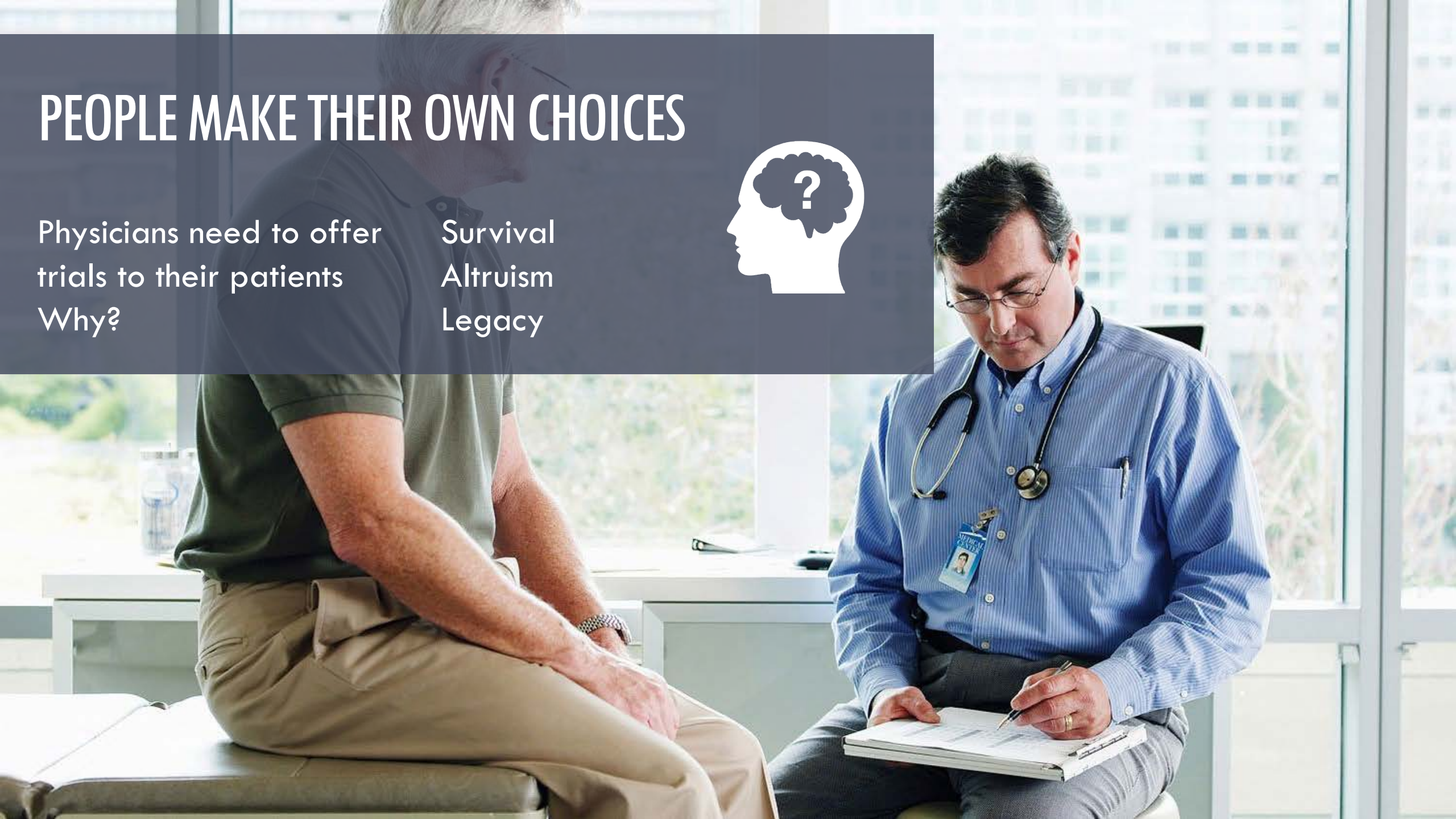
Its meaning comes from
Society &
Personal Experience



PEOPLE MAKE THEIR OWN CHOICES

Physicians need to offer
trials to their patients
Why?

Survival
Altruism
Legacy





TRIAL DESIGN

Enables access

Communicates benefits

Describes side effects
and burdens

Offers support &
encourages adherence





ACCESS

Trials need to go to where the patients are

Patients enroll at an Academic Medical Center but receive treatment in the community

Reduce the burden and cost of

transportation

Establish overnight accommodations

Include travel expenses in budgets

Approach Uber or Lyft to provide free transportation for local travel

RISKS AND SIDE EFFECTS



Loss of independence
Cognitive dysfunction
Loss of sense of self
Co-morbidities and drug interactions

Financial toxicity
PROs
Resilience
Sum of toxicities
Interaction with co-morbidities





SUPPORT SERVICES

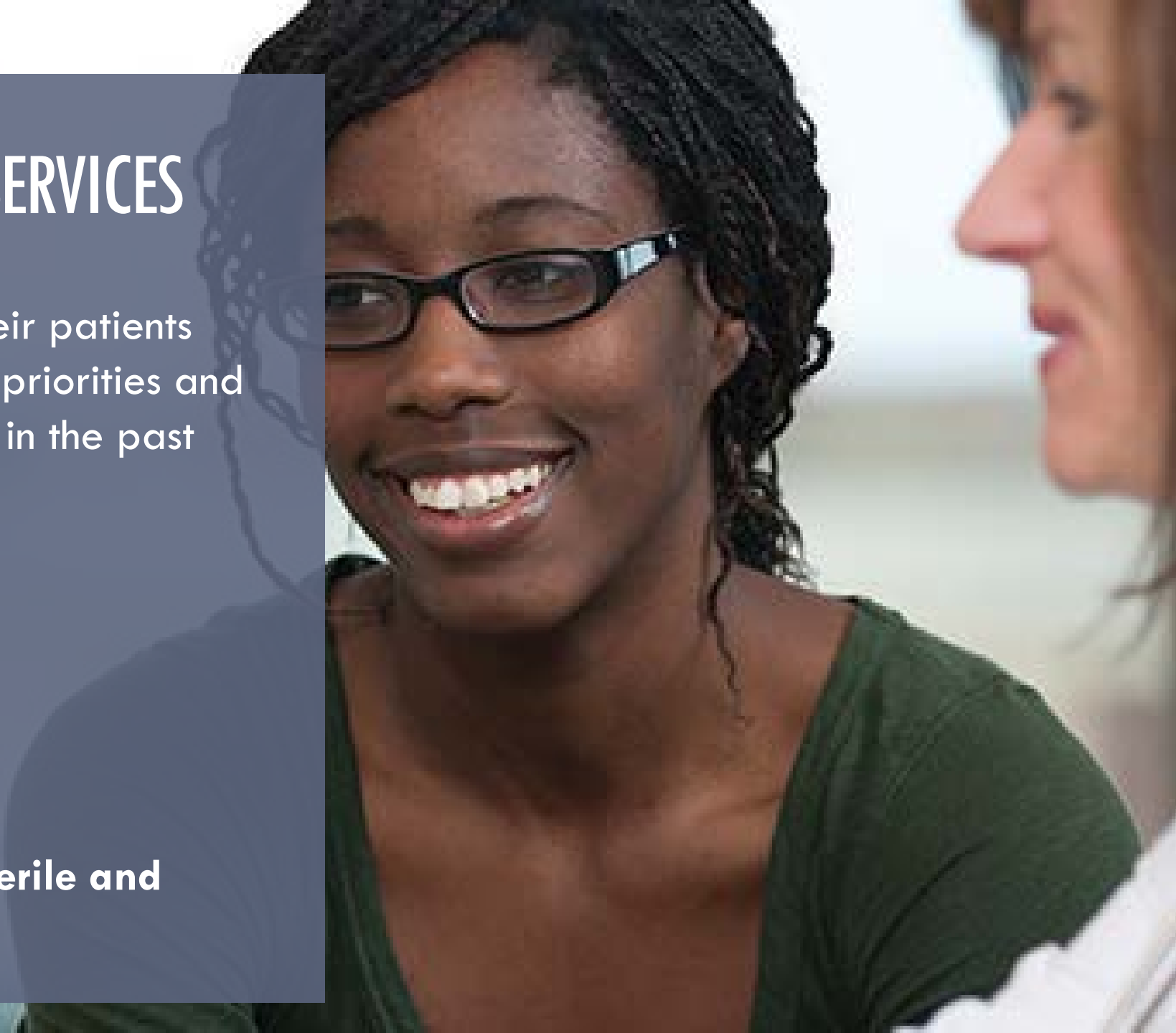
Physicians need to know who their patients are, their life experiences, their priorities and how they have dealt with illness in the past

Phone check-ins

Side effects

Complete questionnaires

Be a human connection in a sterile and scary world





INFORMED CONSENT

Length, language and tone

Payment for care if injured

Continual communication

Drug availability for those
who benefit



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**Thank you
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