

The healthcare sector's roles and responsibilities around social drivers of health

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Systematic data collection

Social & economic risk screening tool	PRAPARE: Protocol for Responding to and Assessing Patient Assets, Risks, and Experiences	CMS Accountable Health Communities Screening Tool
Total # of questions	21	10
Housing	☐	☐
Food	☐	☐
Clothing	☐	
Utilities (phone, gas, electric)	☐	☐
Medicine/health care	☐	
Child care	☐	
Transportation	☐	☐
Neighborhood safety	☐	
Interpersonal violence/safety	☐	☐
Social connections/isolation	☐	
Stress	☐	

Social risk screening tools comparison table:

<https://sirenetwork.ucsf.edu/tools-resources/mmi/screening-tools-comparison>

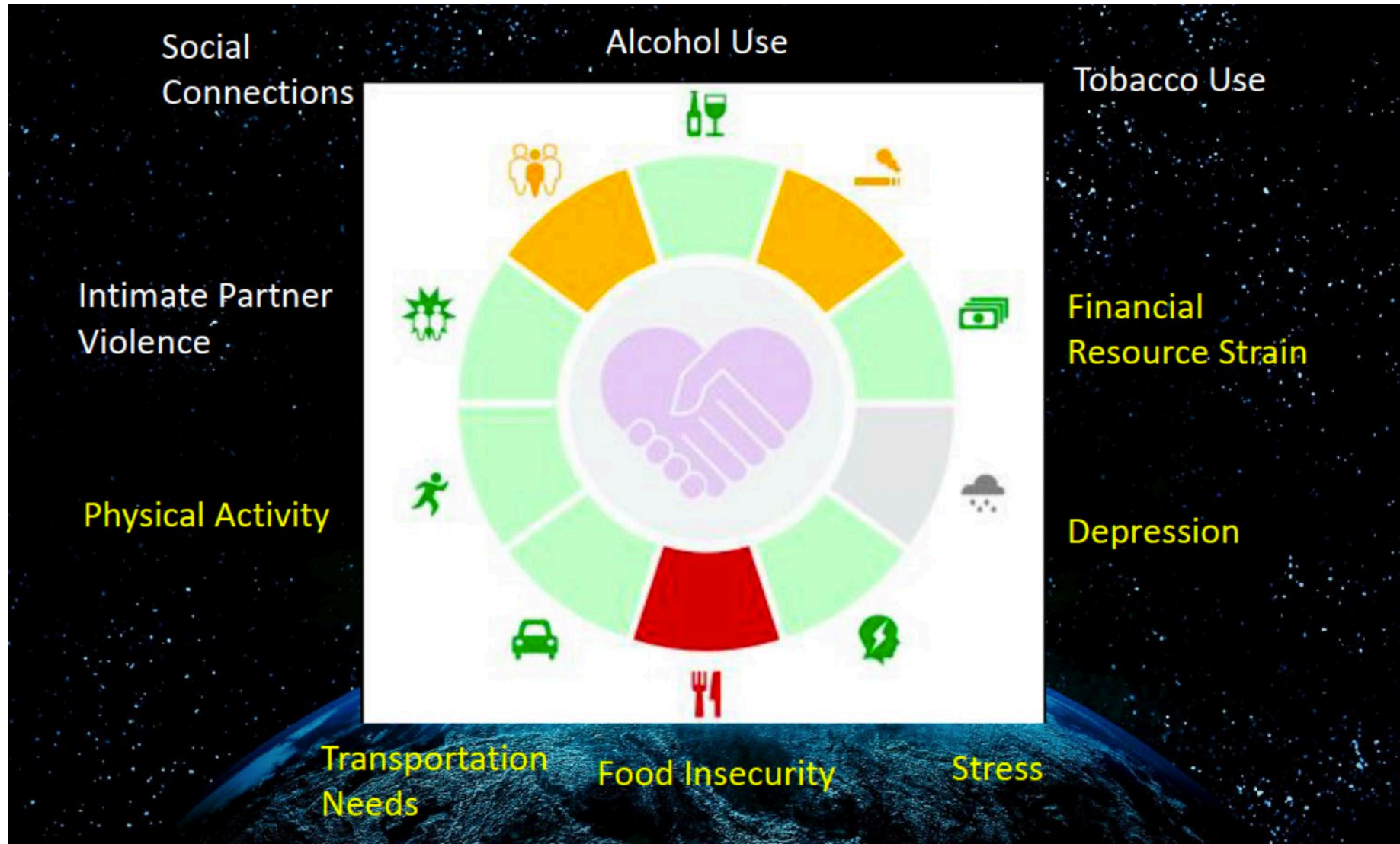


Screening acceptability in patients/caregivers

Key Findings

- The majority of patients/caregivers in studies that assessed screening acceptability thought it was acceptable.
- There were no consistent differences in acceptability by race/ethnicity or gender across studies.
- Participants in 6/9 studies that explored patient concerns raised questions about how social screening data would be documented, shared, updated, and/or used.

Technology might facilitate social risk screening



Payment might facilitate social risk screening: Quality measures

Agency/Org (program)	NCQA HEDIS Measures	CMS IQR Measures
Description	% of members screened at least once	% of patients screened for 5 HRSN (IQR and MIPS); % of screened who report risk (IQR only)
Setting/Population	Health plans / all patients	Hospitals / 18+
Domains	Food, housing, & transportation security	Food, housing, transportation, & utilities security and interpersonal violence

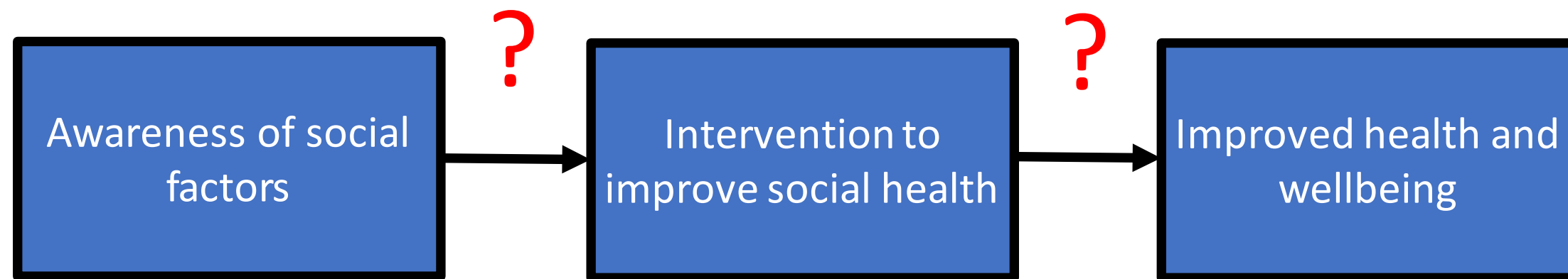
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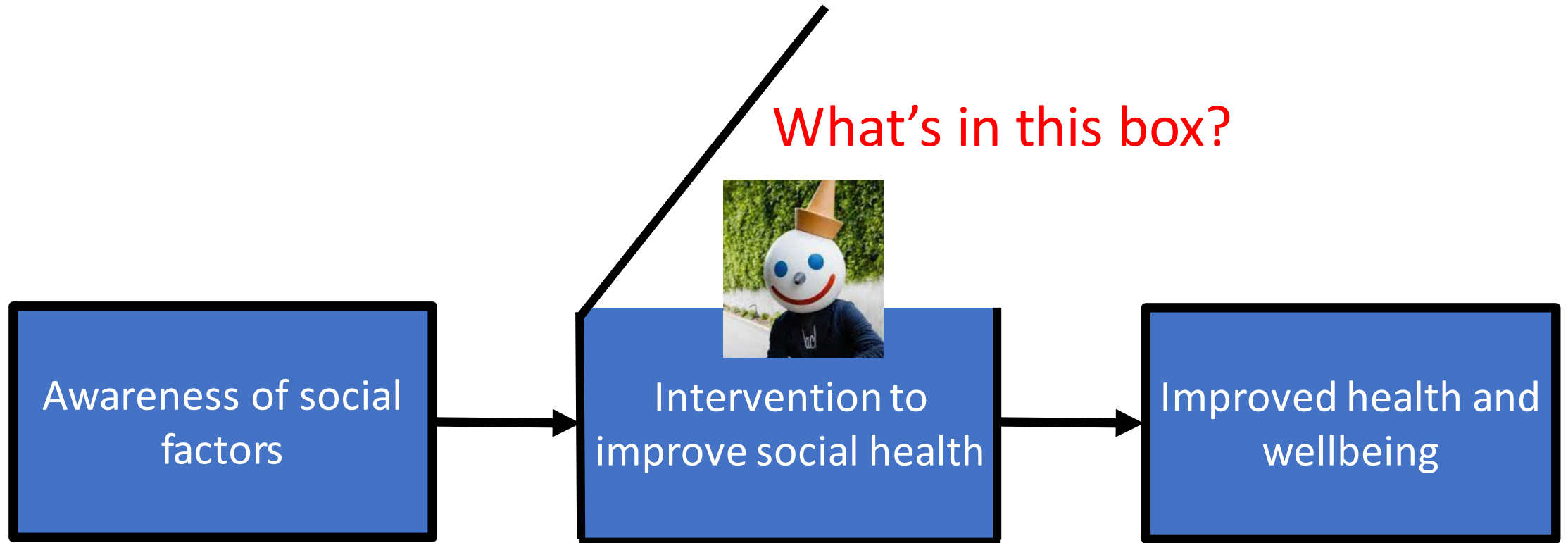
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Change social context, e.g.:

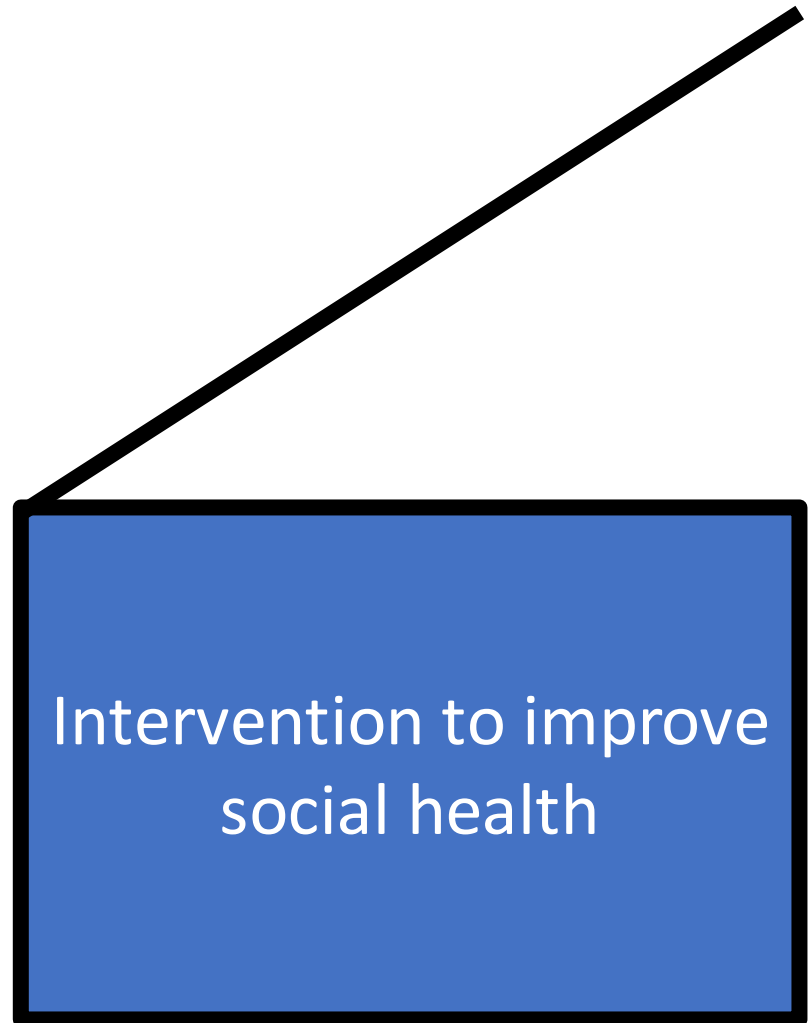
- Food
- Jobs
- Housing



Assistance strategies



Assistance strategies in cancer care

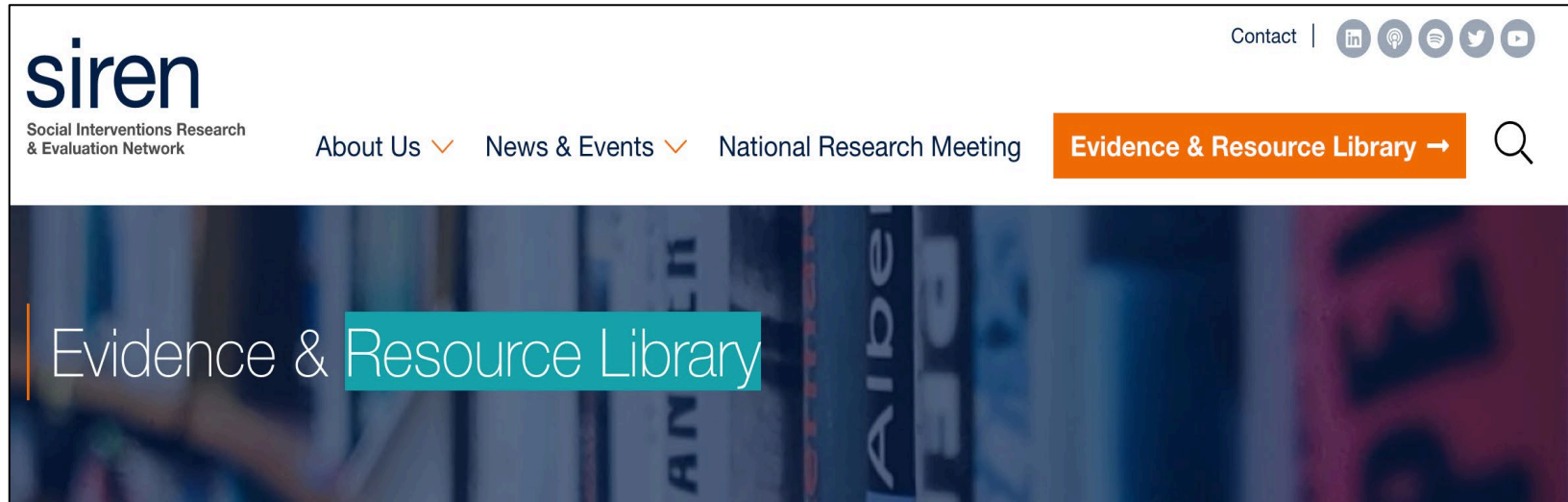


“Although many studies included economic stability measures, no interventions sought to improve participants' economic well-being. *This finding reflects potential missed opportunities among populations with more barriers to care, lower socioeconomic status, or experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity.*”

Korn, *et al.* Social determinants of health and US cancer screening interventions (review). Cancer. 2023.



Places to find more information about the evidence



[Other Evidence Products](#) Completed

An Evidence Map of Social Needs Interventions and Health Outcomes

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Adjustment strategies

Adjust care to social context, e.g.:

- Access
- Diagnostics
- Treatment



Adjustment strategies: Cancer care examples

Clinical decisions influenced by social risk data	Example
Access	Same day screening/scheduling Mobile vans Evening and weekend clinics Phone/video appointments
Diagnostics and treatment planning	Self-sampling screening options Reduced regimen complexity Free/reduced cost for visits/medications Language & literacy adapted materials

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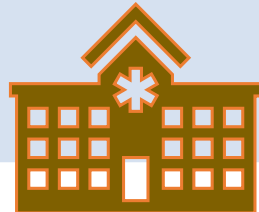
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Leverage business operations

Employment
Procurement
Investment



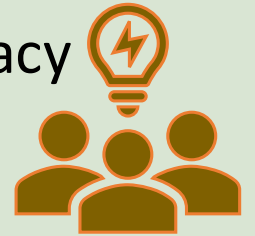
Provide or support local social services and community activities

Grants
Direct service provision
Non-financial support



Collaborate to support systems change

Multi-sector coalitions
Political advocacy



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