



Sustainable Competence
in Advancing Healthcare



TRAINING COURSE ON SAFETY IN BRACHYTHERAPY

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SAFETY INITIATIVES *FROM A MANUFACTURING STANDPOINT*

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SAFETY ASPECTS

Improving safety further through:

- Continuous product improvement
- Better integrated solutions (TPS, OIS, RAL) to further avoid use errors
- Advance Dicom standards for brachytherapy
- Innovation: integrate therapy with live imaging and dose measurement, dose evaluation/summation
- More focus on QA aspects (tools, software)
- Prepare for future regulations and standards

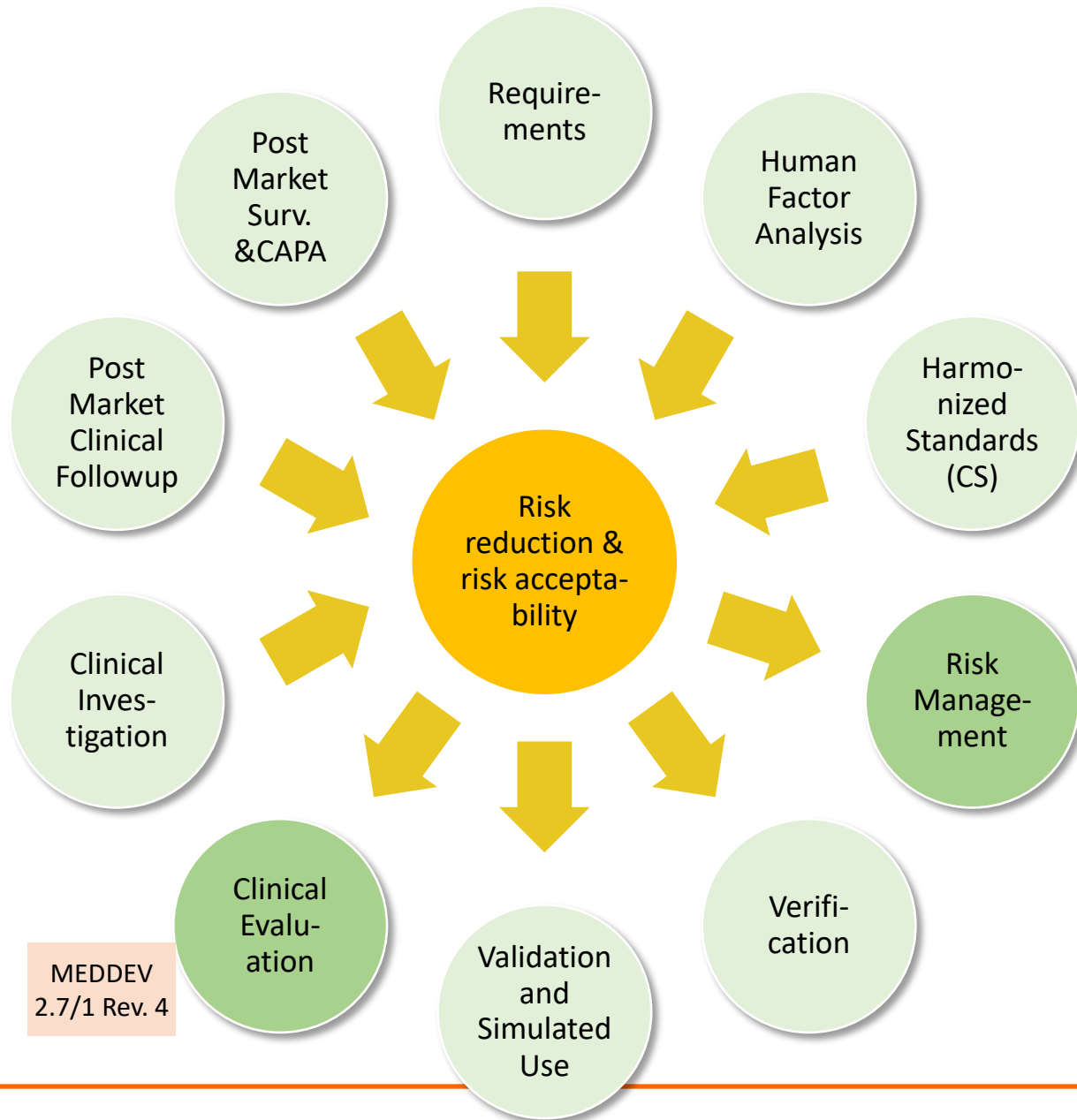




RISKS AND BENEFIT ANALYSIS

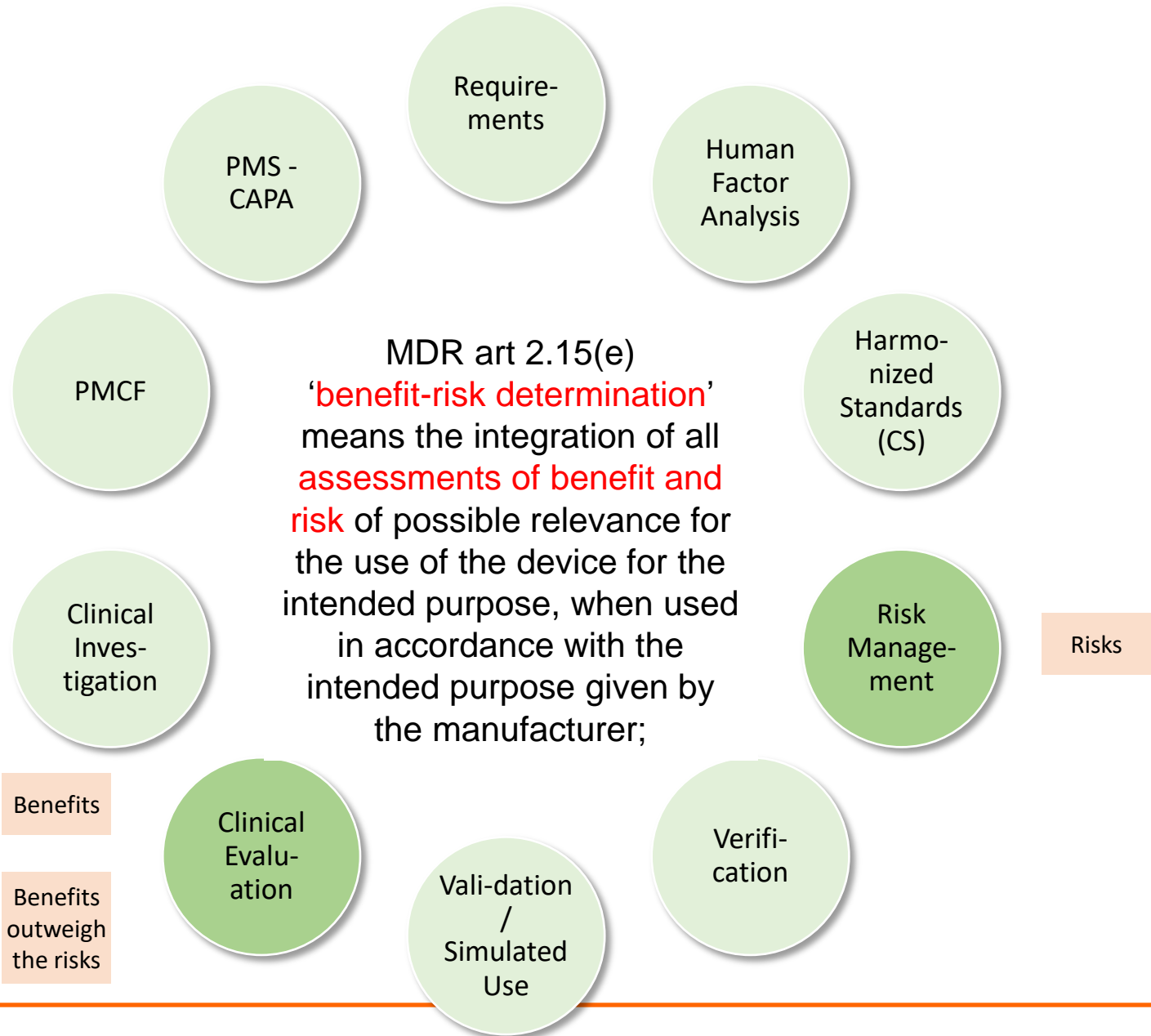
- With the new Medical Device Regulation becoming effective in 2017, there is more focus on risk-benefit analysis and clinical evaluation
- COCIR is actively involved in discussions with the European Commission regarding the impact of this and other regulations on radiotherapy

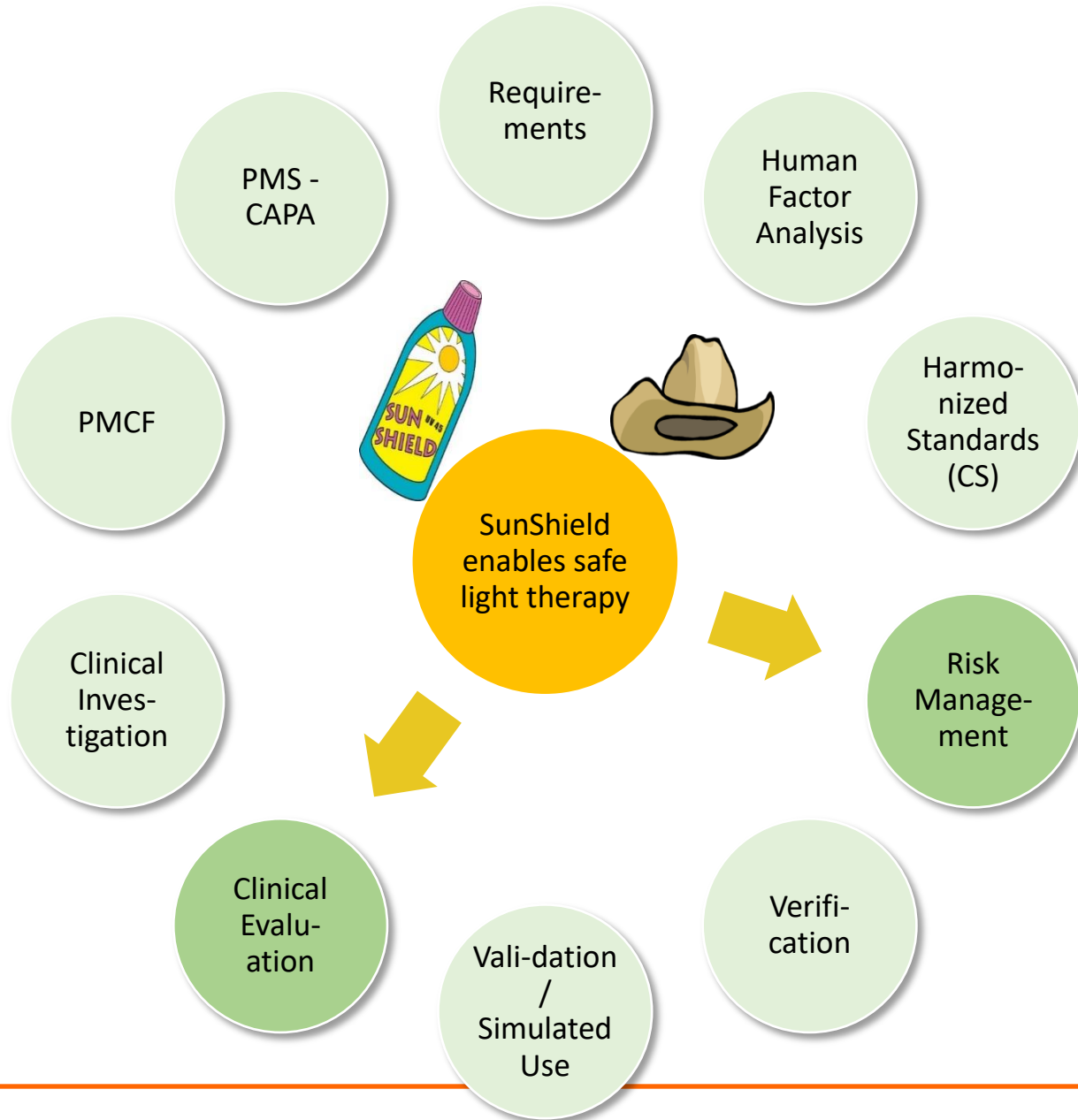


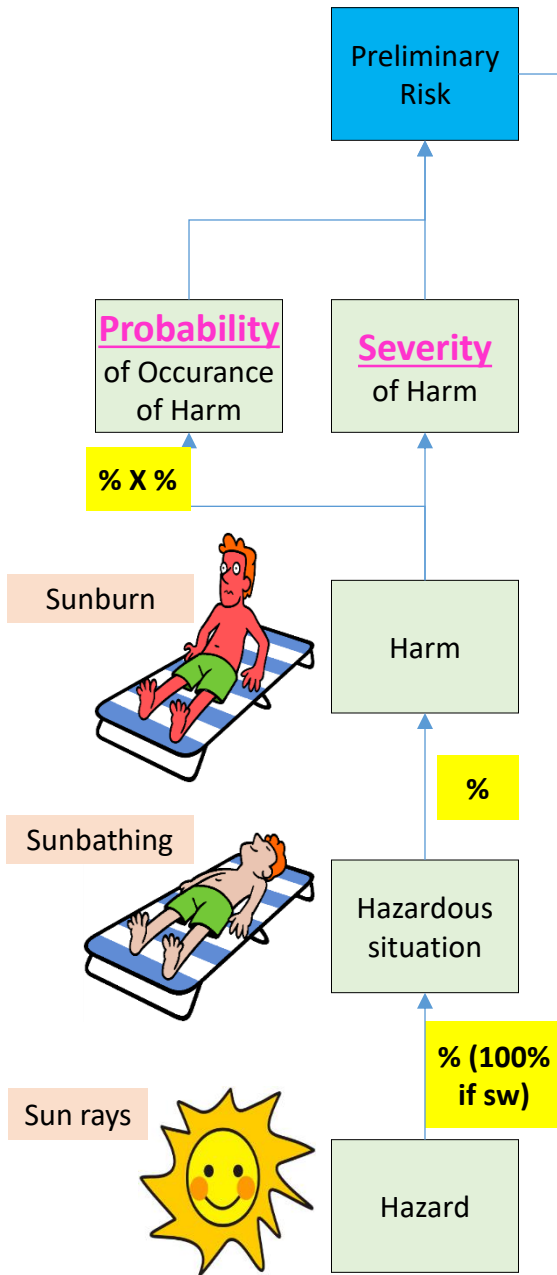


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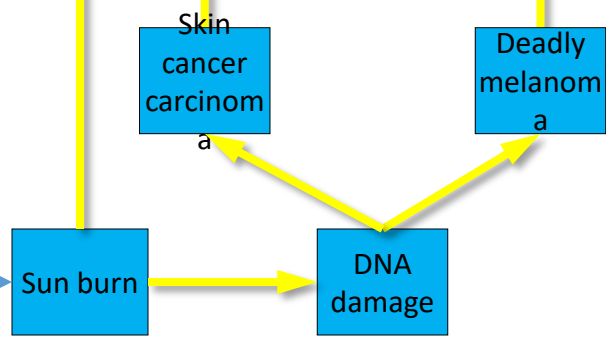
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Severity	Negligible	Minor	Serious	Critical	Catastrophic
Probability					
Frequent					
Probable			Acceptable ?		
Occasional					
Remote					
Negligible					





(GPRS 1, 2, 5 / ISO 14971 / ISO 62366)

Reduce foreseeable risk, use error and undesirable side-effects **as far as possible** & meet **State of the Art**:

1. by safe design and manufacture
2. protection measures, including alarms
3. provide information for safety (warnings/precautions/contraindications) and training to users.

Evaluate effectiveness of **risk control** measures.

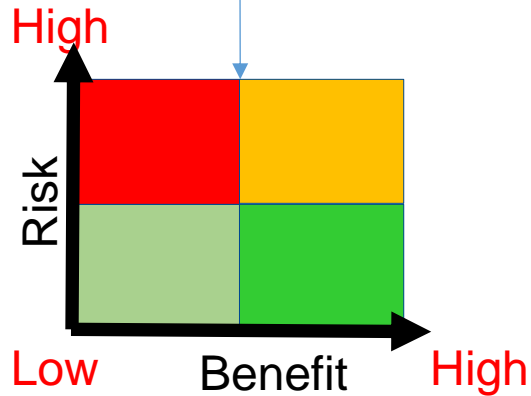
Assure risk control **traceability**.





Clinical Evaluation

Benefit-risk determination



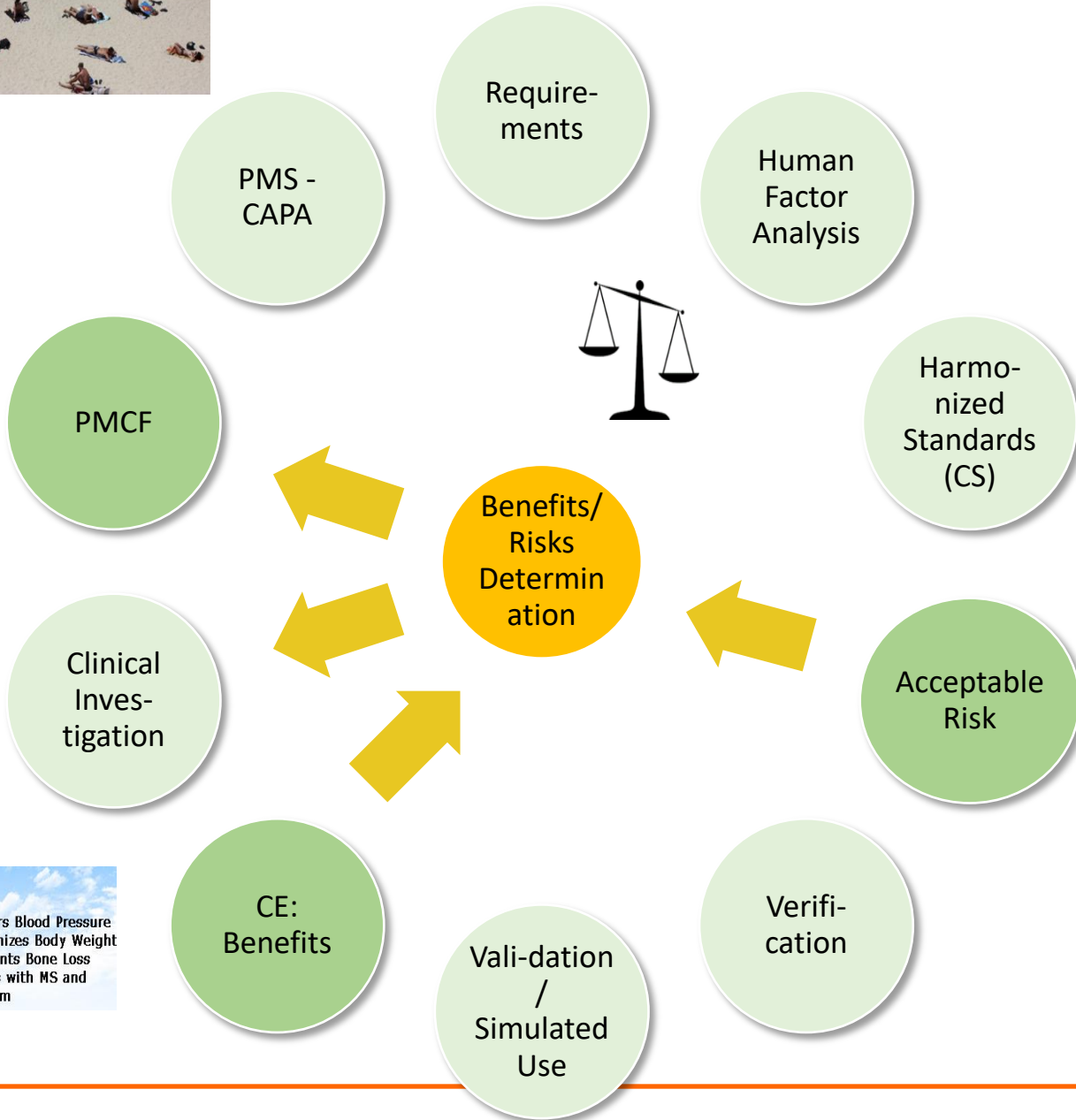
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Clinical Evaluation: Benefits

- Improved clinical outcome
- Improved Quality of Life
- Improved Diagnosis
- Improved public health impact





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CONTROL OF SOURCE LOGISTICS



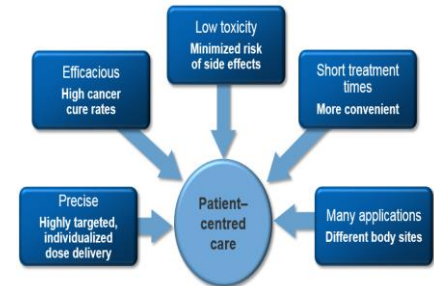
- Transportation of radioactive material is heavily regulated and has to comply with IAEA standards, Hass directive, IATA regulations, etc.
- Storage and security procedures at the hospital are less consistently regulated, as are licenses, e.g. activity limits
- Further improve source logistics, turnaround time
- Secure source supply and manufacturing (reactor)





GROW BRACHYTHERAPY

- Promote brachytherapy to the medical profession and patients for its efficacy, accuracy, minimal side effects, efficiency
- Promote brachytherapy to ministries, health insurance agencies, buying groups as a healthy investment
- Ensure continuity (source delivery, equipment, support, consumables) by adherence to quality standards and regulations



This is only possible when manufacturers, regulators and users work together to keep brachytherapy safe and make it even safer!



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