



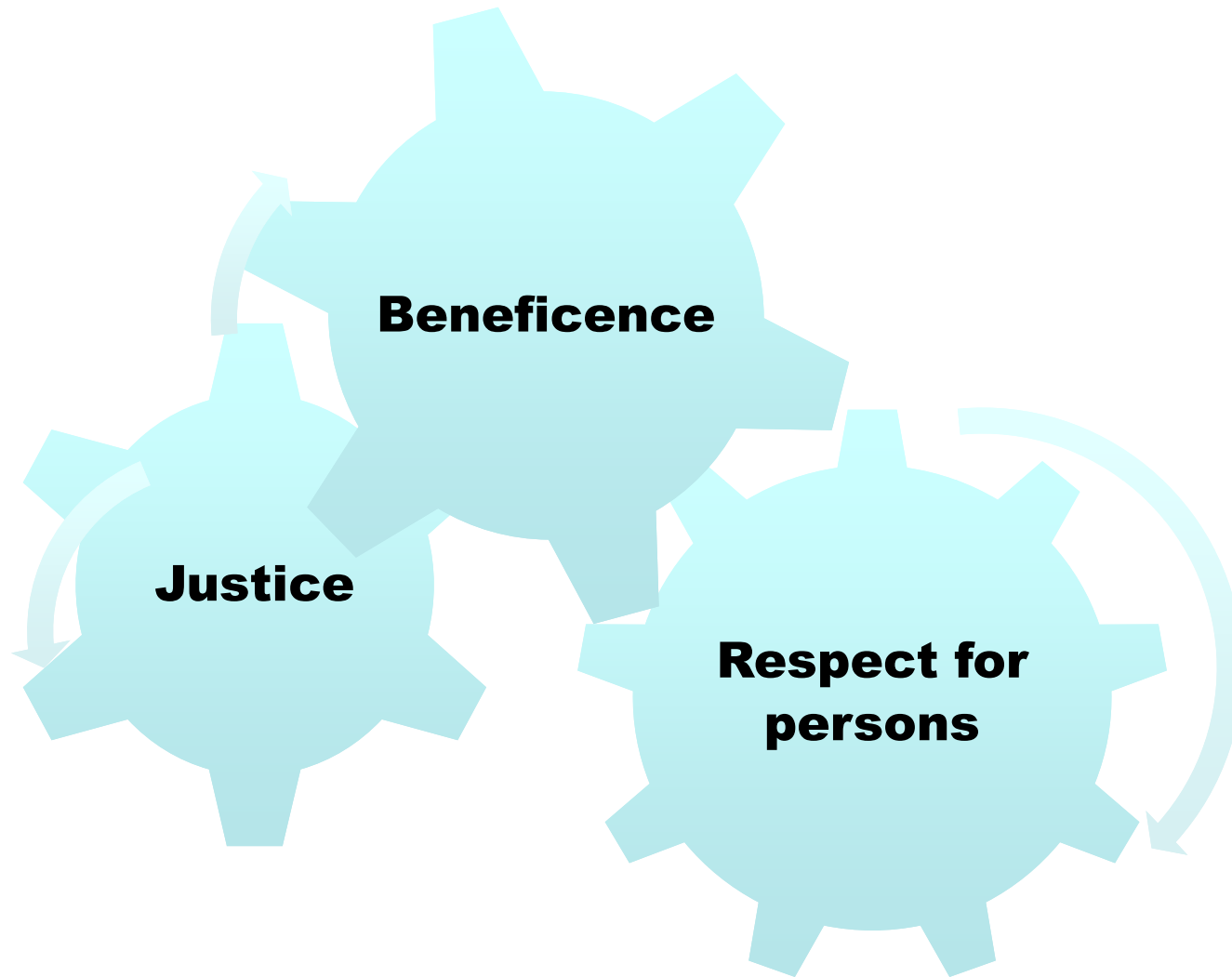
# **Fundamental Concepts in Patient Advocacy**

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# **Defining patient advocacy**

- **Supporting choice**
- **Enabling and facilitating autonomous decision-making via transparency, culturally and linguistically appropriate information**
- **Promoting patient and public safety**
- **Increasing access and quality**

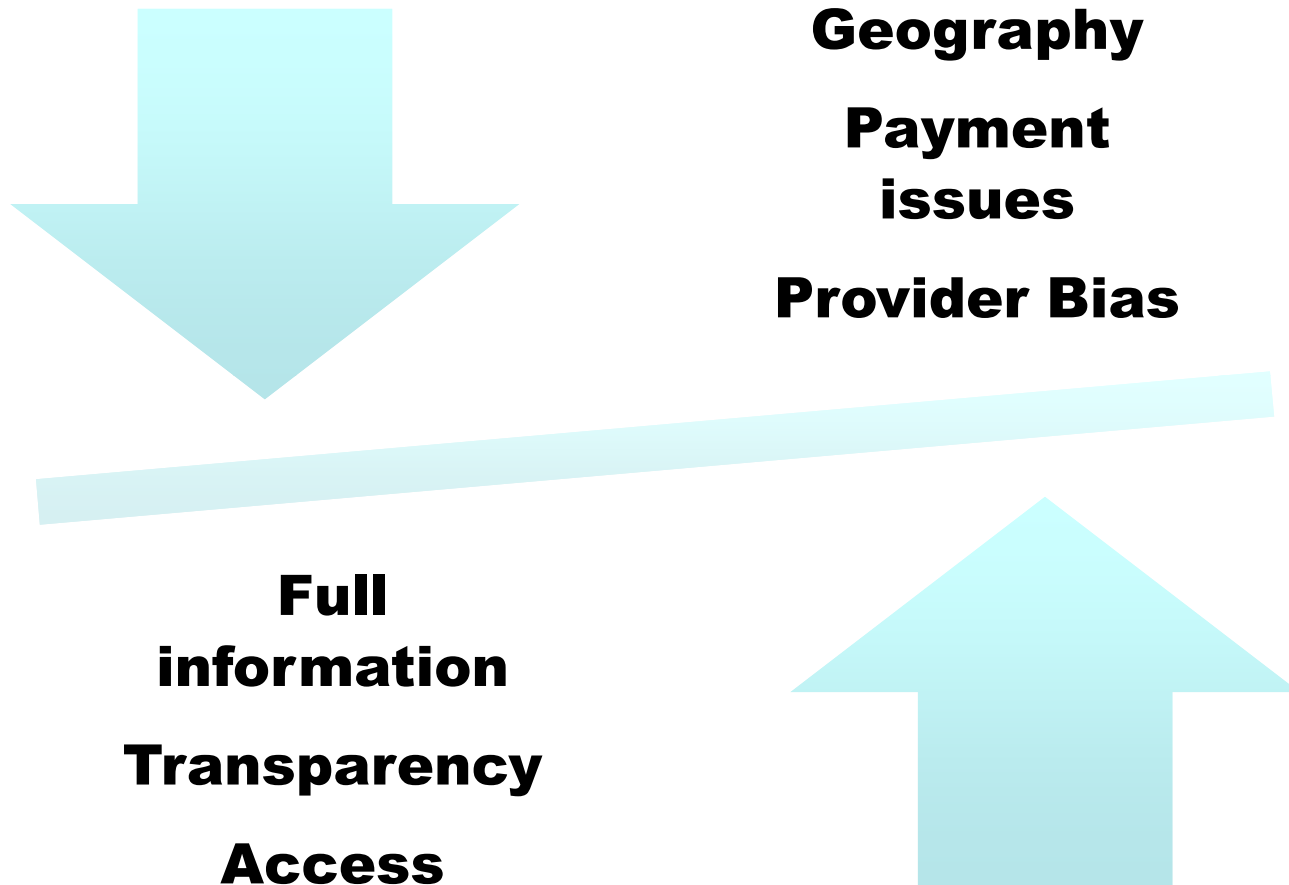
# Underpinnings : Ethics



# Underpinnings: Rights



# Choice: Enablers and Barriers



# **Issues before NRC/ACMUI**

- **Permanent Implant Brachytherapy**
  - **Medical event definition**
  - **Disclosure/transparency**
- **Iodine 131**
  - **Patient release instructions**
  - **Public protection**
- **CardioGen**

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