



Part 35 Medical Events Definitions – Permanent Implant Brachytherapy

Fundamental Concepts in Patient Advocacy

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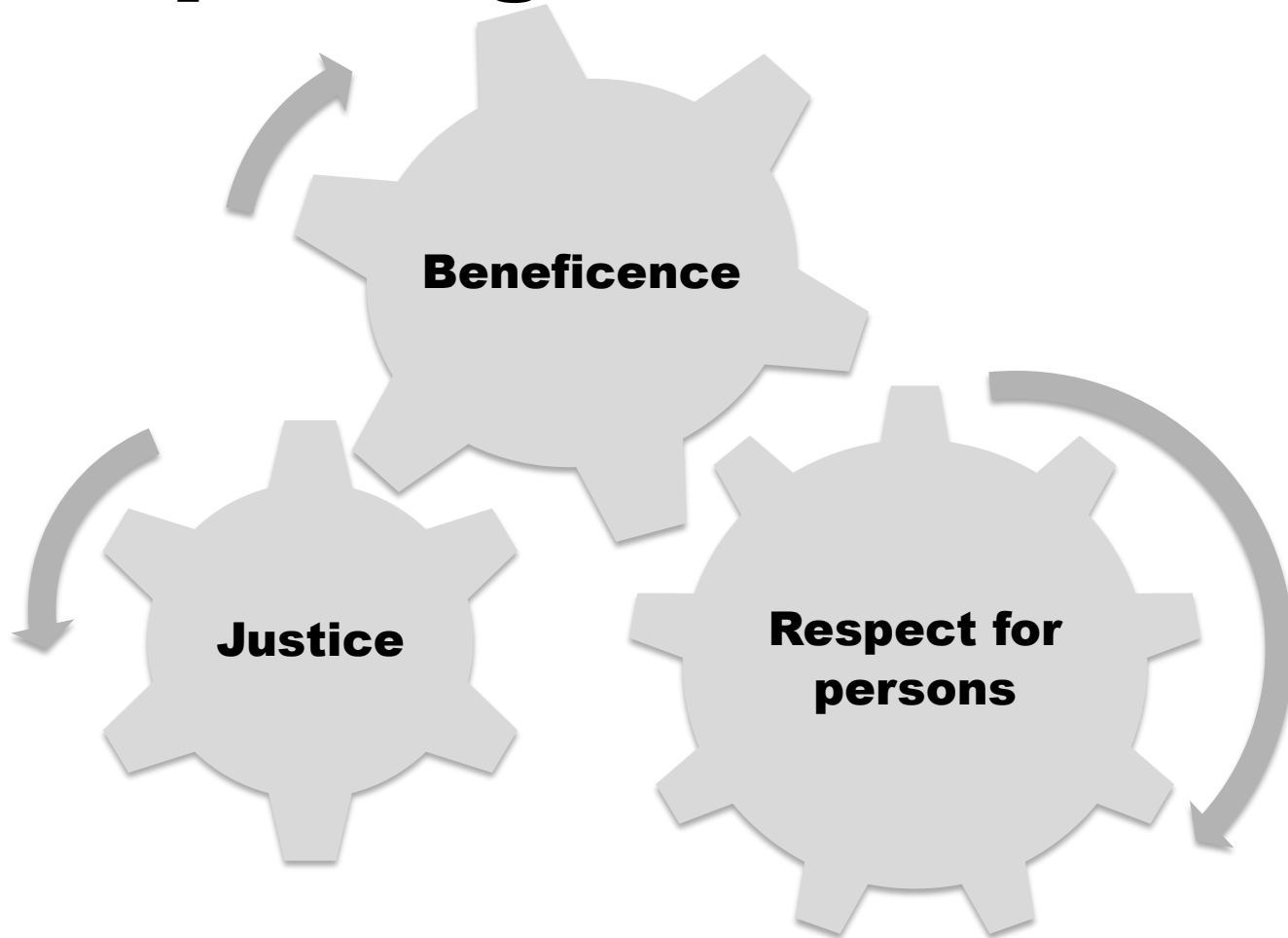
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Defining patient advocacy

- **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

Barriers

- **Geography**
- **Payment issues**
- **Provider Bias**

Enablers

- **Full information**
- **Transparency**
- **Access**

Current Issues

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

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