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Growing the Ability to Deliver Quality Healthcare to American Indian and Alaska Native People.

Ending the SUD, HCV, HIV & STI Epidemics in Indian Country

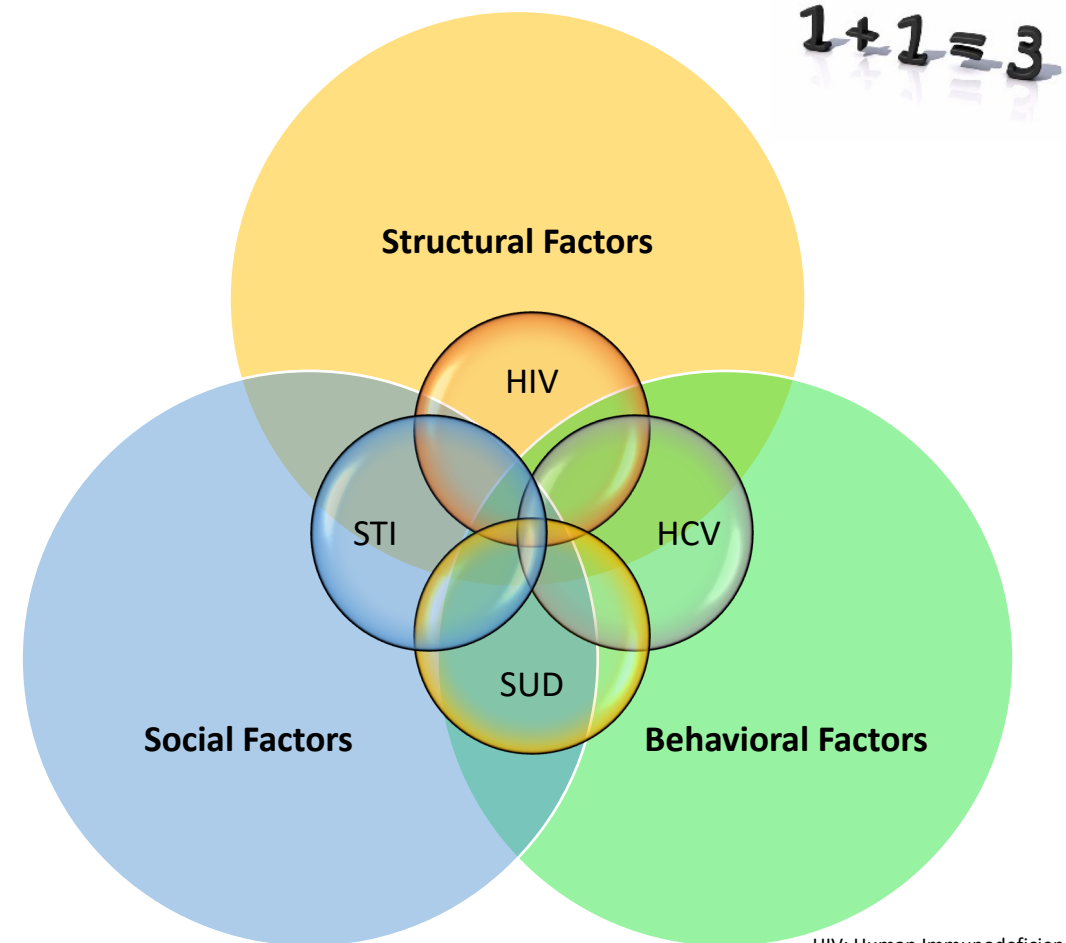
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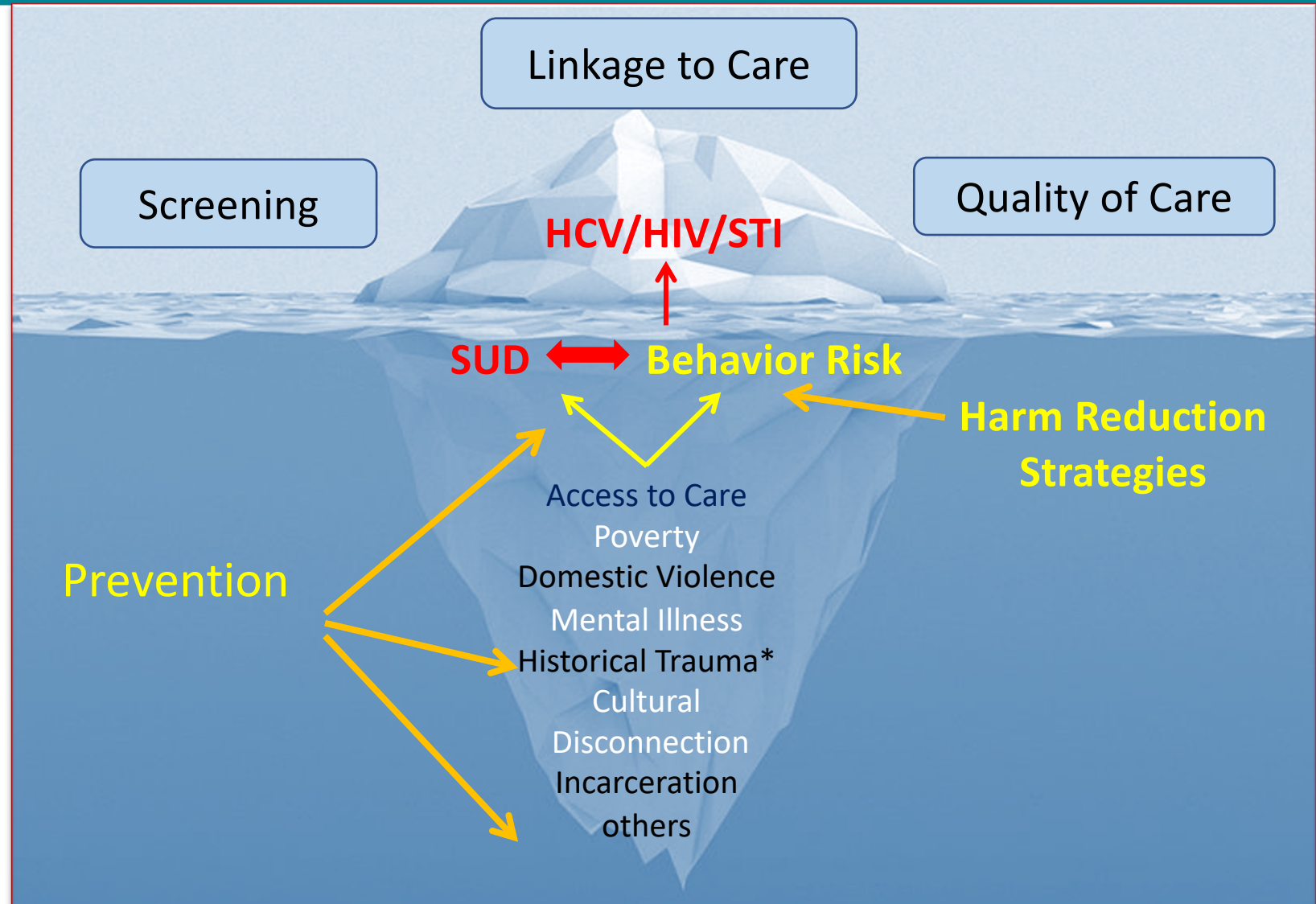
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Core principles:

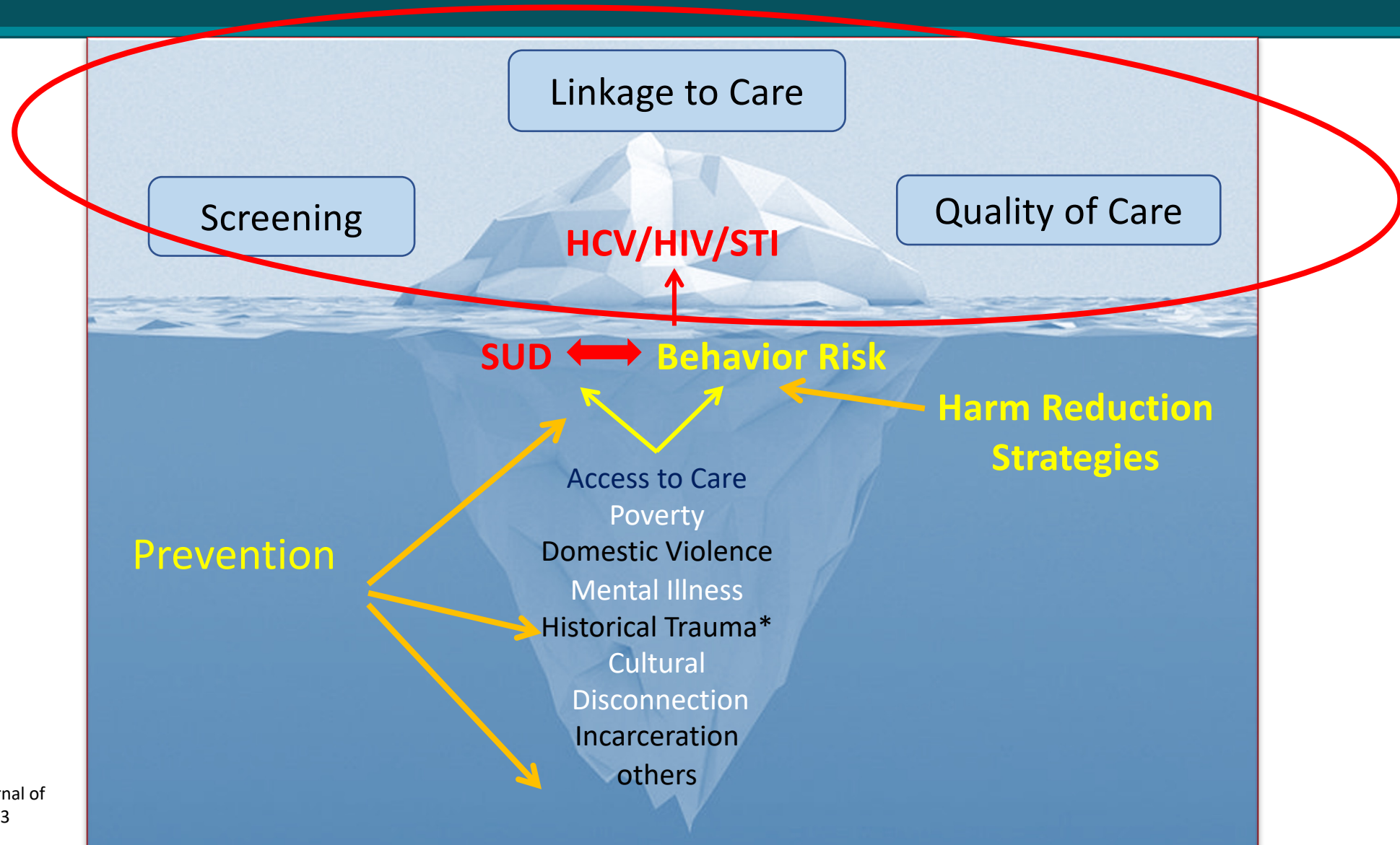
- **Clustering** of two or more conditions in a specific population
- Their **synergism** in producing excess burden of disease in a population
- **Precipitation and propagation** by large scale behavioral, structural and social forces




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Questions to consider

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- What success' have you had to end the epidemics at your location?
 - What are new ways that you would like to implement screening and treatment of HCV/HIV/SUD at your location?
 - What barriers, if any, are you experiencing or anticipate as you continue to integrate HCV/HIV/SUD services?

Zoom poll/discussion

What are the first services you plan to implement at your location?

- a) screening, treatment, management of **syphilis, and other STIs**
- b) screening, treatment, management of **HCV**
- c) screening, treatment, management of **HIV**
- d) screening, treatment, management of **SUD**
- e) **harm reduction** services
- f) **all of the above** or we already offer these services
- g) not even sure where to start 😞



Zoom poll/discussion

What services do you anticipate running into the most barriers to start?

- a) screening, treatment, management of **syphilis, and other STIs**
- b) screening, treatment, management of **HCV**
- c) screening, treatment, management of **HIV**
- d) screening, treatment, management of **SUD**
- e) **harm reduction** services
- f) **all of the above**
- g) None of the above, we're ready or already started 😊

Zoom poll/discussion

Do you agree or disagree? Stigma surrounding STI, HCV, HIV, SUD, and harm reduction services is a **significant barrier** to implementing my plans to end the epidemics.

- a) Strongly agree
- b) Agree
- c) Disagree
- d) Strongly Disagree



Zoom poll/discussion

Would telemedicine direct patient care services be useful at your clinic or location?

- a) Yes
- b) No




Zoom poll/discussion

Which of the following telemedicine direct patient care services would you be interested in having now at your location to fill a gap while you get started providing services locally (select multiple):

- a) Syphilis, and other STI care
- b) HCV care
- c) HIV care
- d) SUD care
- e) Behavioral health care



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