

# Clinical Practitioners View Point

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# Politics of Disability

DISABILITY SPREAD

SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUE

DISABILITY AS DEVIANCE ⊕

DISABILITY AS DEFICIT ⊕

DISABILITY AS TRAGEDY ⊕

DISABILITY AS DIVERSITY  
seen as normal ⊕

Politics of Disability

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# DISABILITY AS DEVIANCE

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**MARGINALIZATION**

(out of site out of mind )



# DEVIANCE \_ MARGINALIZATION (out of site out of mind )

- aggression
- extermination
- segregation
- avoidance

# DISABILITY AS DEFICIT

**DISABILITY AS DEFICIT**

**REFORM**

you can be with us only if you  
are like us



# DEFICIT -REFORM

**you can be with us only if you are like us**

- Rehabilitation
- Remediation
- Assimilation

# DISABILITY AS TRAGEDY

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**BENEVOLENCE**  
if we must



# TRAGEDY -BENEVOLENCE

if we must

- Tolerance
- Burden
- Resignation
- Patronization

# DISABILITY AS DIVERSITY seen as normal

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**VALUING**

**SUPPORT**

**INNOVATION**

# Can The Practice of Oral Health be enhanced by embracing ICF classification system

? – Can a social justice issue be changed by a such a classification system



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# Embracing –Diversity Continuing our Divine Heritage Hold each person as NCRW

**Access** - Needs to improve access to marginalized populations offering greater and sustained comprehensive care

**Outcomes** - If embedded in the system -issues of social justice – so that QoL improvement can be measured



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# Disability a Context

- Defn Impairment

## Medical Model

- Abnormality , defect, condition

- Defn Impairment

## Social Model

Functional limitation within the individual caused by physical, mental or sensory impairment.

# Disability a Context

- Defn: Disability

## Medical Model

- Disadvantage suffered because of impairment

- Defn Disability

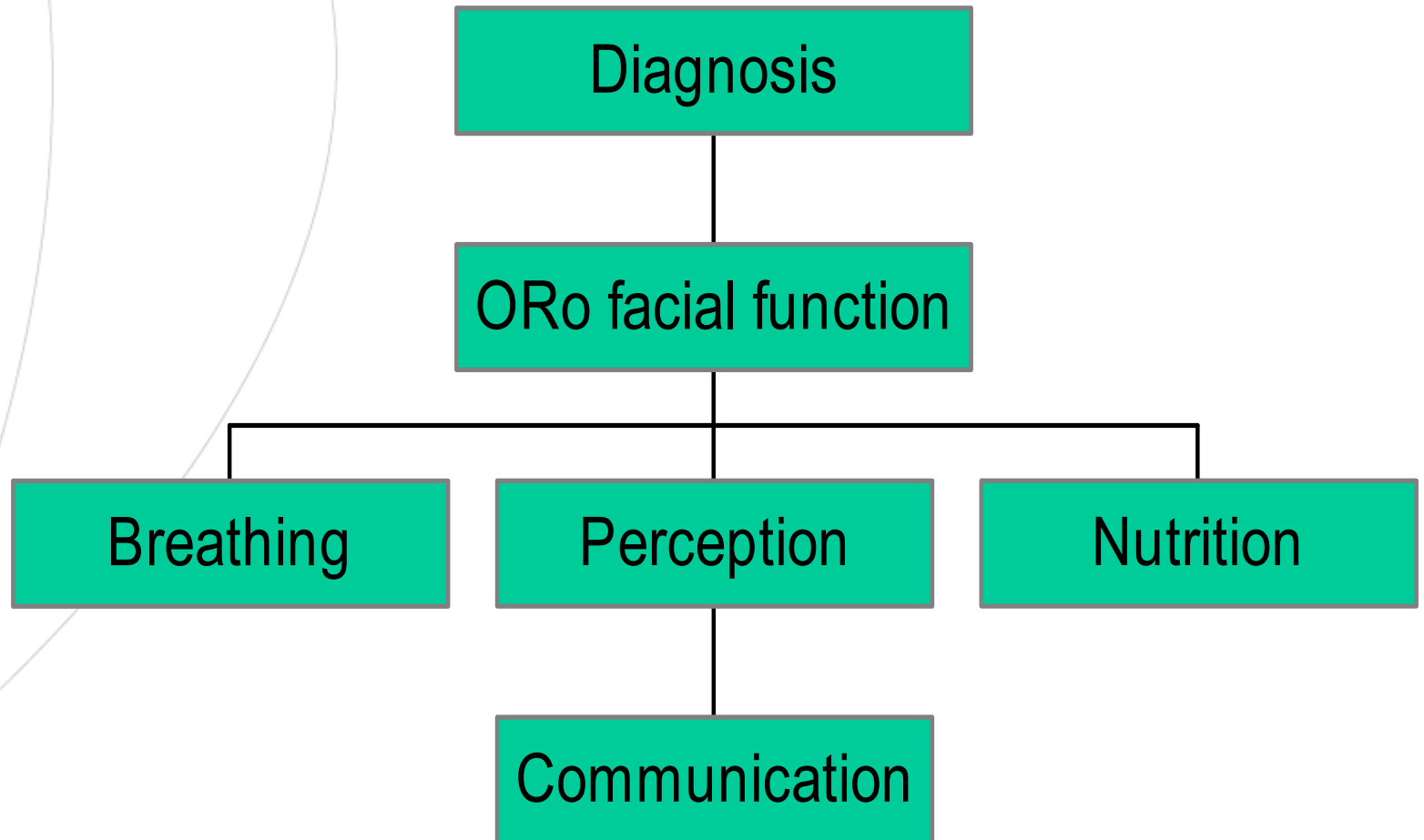
## – Social Model

- Loss or limitation of opportunities to take part in the normal life of community on an equal level due to barriers – social or physical

# Disability a Context

- **Defn: Handicap**
  - Disadvantage for a given individual resulting from an impairment
  - Within a social context
    - As experiencing obstacles between the person with impairments and the existing environment.

# Oral Health



# Contextual Development Theories

Process of reciprocal patterned interactions between the developing child and her physical and social environment .

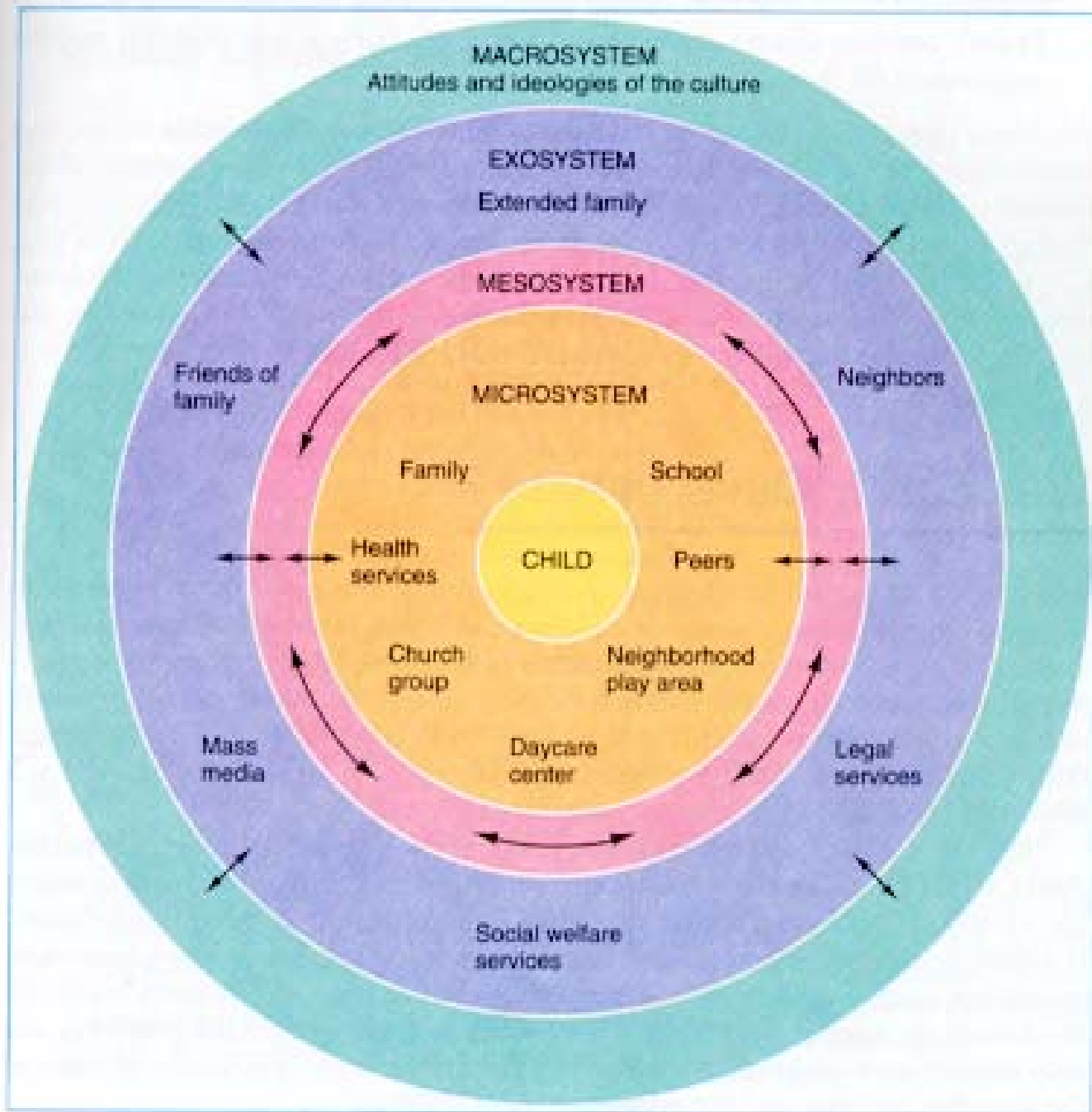
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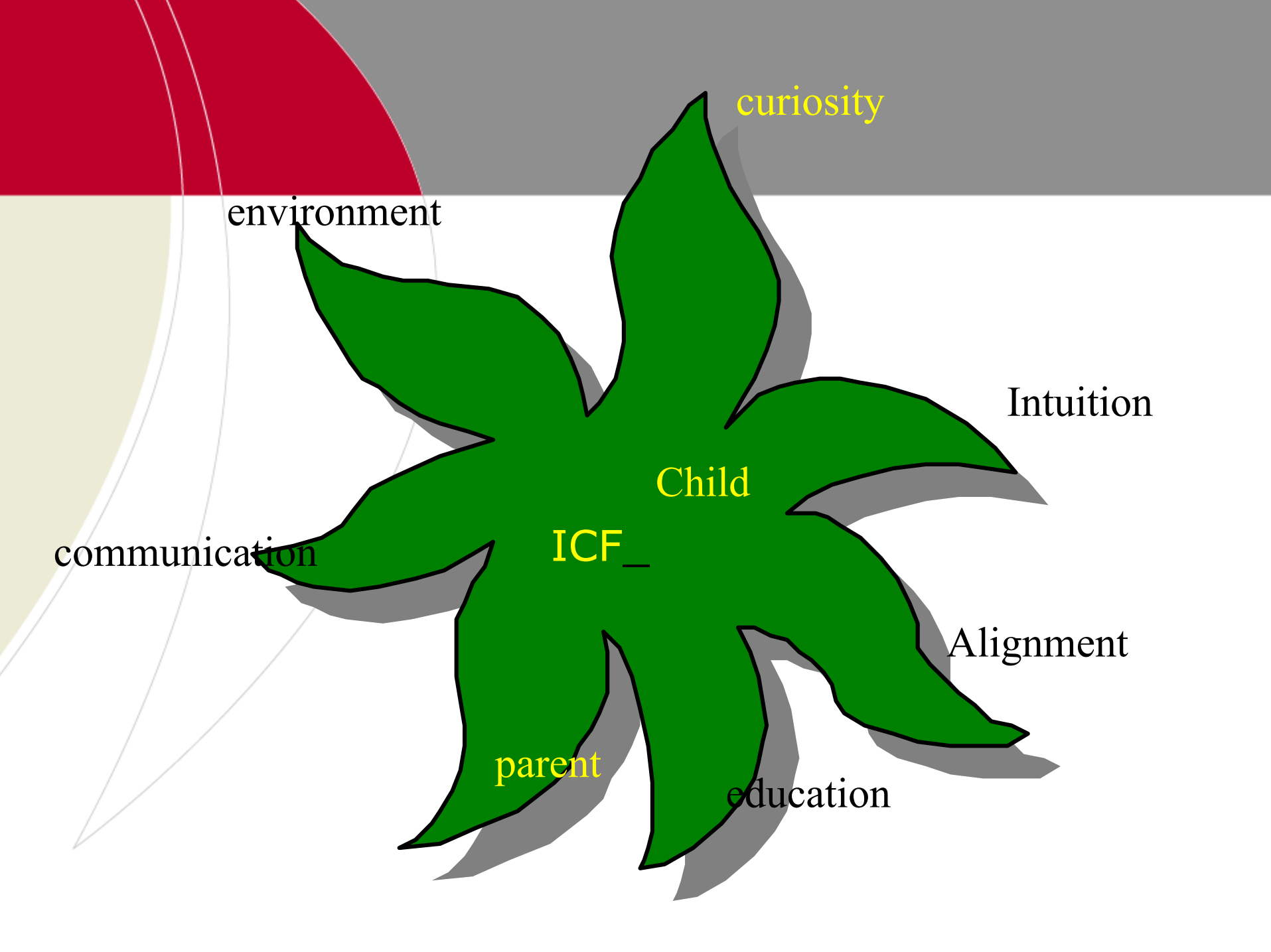


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# Clinicians Perspective

- **Impact**

- Local

- Global

# Limitations –ICF –

- Complexity –
- Ease of use
- Cross trainer reliability
- Buy in – government agencies
- Who does assessment
- Specific to oral health issues

# Clinical Scenario

- Cp
- Wheelchair
- Independent living
- High IQ
- Inability to provide self care – oral
- Calculus build up
- Post cross bite - nutrition



# Clinical Scenario

- Perception – mimic muscles
- Communication
- Nutrition
- Financial dependency



# Clinical Scenario

- Options for care –
  - TIME CONSTRAINTS ( ICF does not address)
- Remedial
  - Psychological -Non pharmacologic
  - Restraint – (Aversive )
  - Sedation
  - General Anesthesia
- Preventive
- Training \ Personnel
- Willingness to treat –Attitude

# Definition of health

- **NCRW**
  - Naturally resourceful creative and whole
  - ? Can a social justice issue be helped by a classification system

# Environmental factors

- Any classification system cannot remain static and needs to have ability for dynamic change
- Especially as the environmental modifiers change

# Oral Health & the Environment



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