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Behavioral Risk Management

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Basic idea

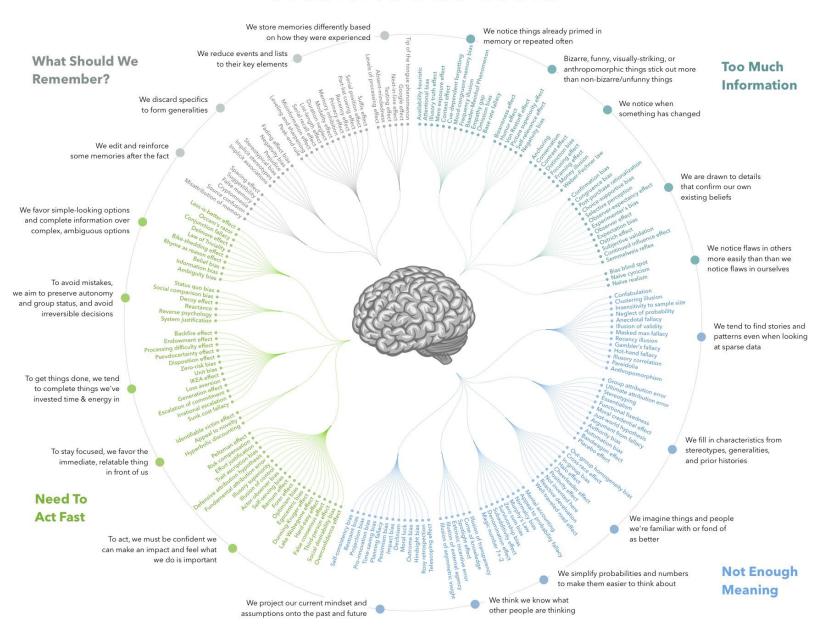
- + "behavioral revolution" driven by the behavioral sciences
- + scientific findings can be put to use for (clinical) risk management
- + behavioral Risk Managment (bRiMa)



What is a bias?

- + a certain way of thinking or acting, which is deeply human
 - + e.g. salience bias
 - + e.g. default bias
- + In a certain sense, human behavior might be best conceived of as a series of «mis»perpections, «mis»-processing of information, and «mis»-behavior

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What is a nudge?

- + a change in the circumstances or situations of decision-making
- + a nudge
 - + changes the behavior of people in a predictable way
 - + without restricting the agents' choices
 - + although it would be easy and inexpensive to circumvent the nudge
- + the most important tool to deal with predictably «irrational» behavior
- + Not a financial incentive, so no crowding out of intrinsic motivation



bRiMa: what's new?

- + focus not on routines, but on decisionmaking
- + nudging works best in situations in which we think if ever so little about what we should be doing
- + where to use it: whenever risk/security is «a people's thing»



Why bRiMa?

- + no training, no new rules and procedures, no changes in handbooks etc., for nudges work ((automatically))
- + a powerful and necessary addition to systematic approaches: no size fits all!
- + no stand-alone approach, but an additional safety net



Excursus: ethics

- + Nudging ≠ coercion or force
- + In a healthcare environment: paternalism less of a problem



Method

- + e.g. on the basis of CIRS data
- + workshops with people who perform the activities in question
- + guided brainstorming to view processes from the biases/nudges-perspective
- + identify situations in which biases negatively affect behavior and the corresponding nudges
- + repeat!



First findings

+ Basic situation:

Under time pressure and exposed to all kinds of distractions, complex routines have to be performed over and over again in the exact right way

- + Change smell of disinfectant
- + Signs in random patient rooms
- + Yellow line in front of medicine cupboard
- + Visualization of different units: pieces ≠ milligrams ≠ milliliters
- + Self-commitment to patien safety by preceding signature

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