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Outpatient Parenteral
Antimicrobial Therapy

Commissioning OPAT Services – Balancing the Elements

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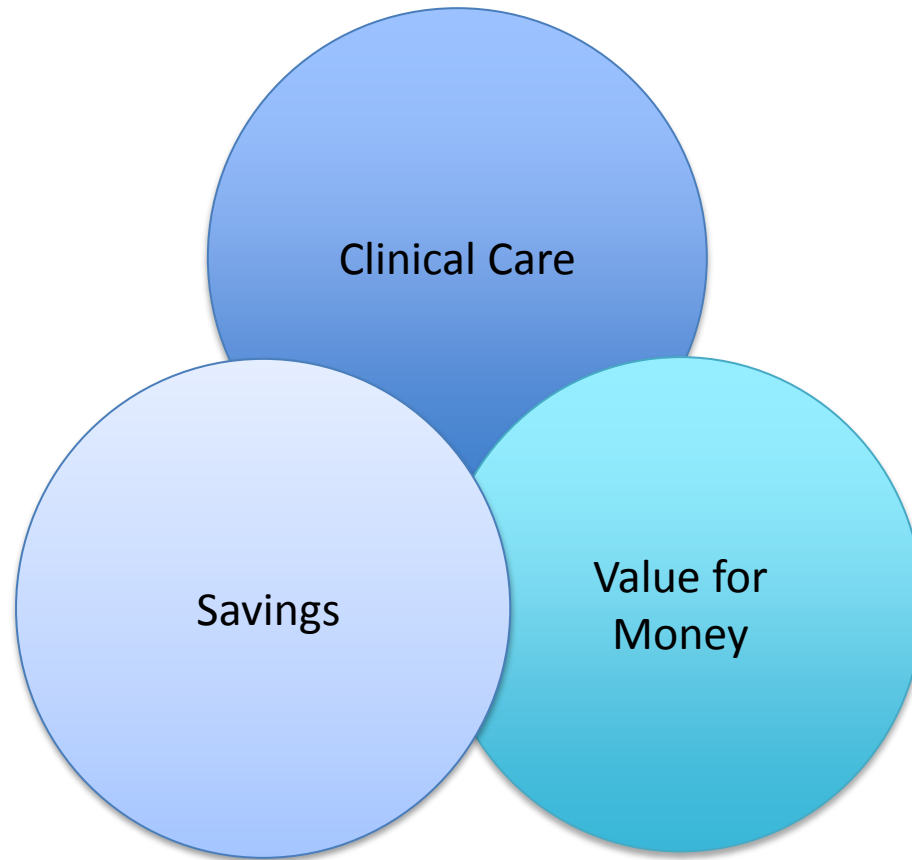
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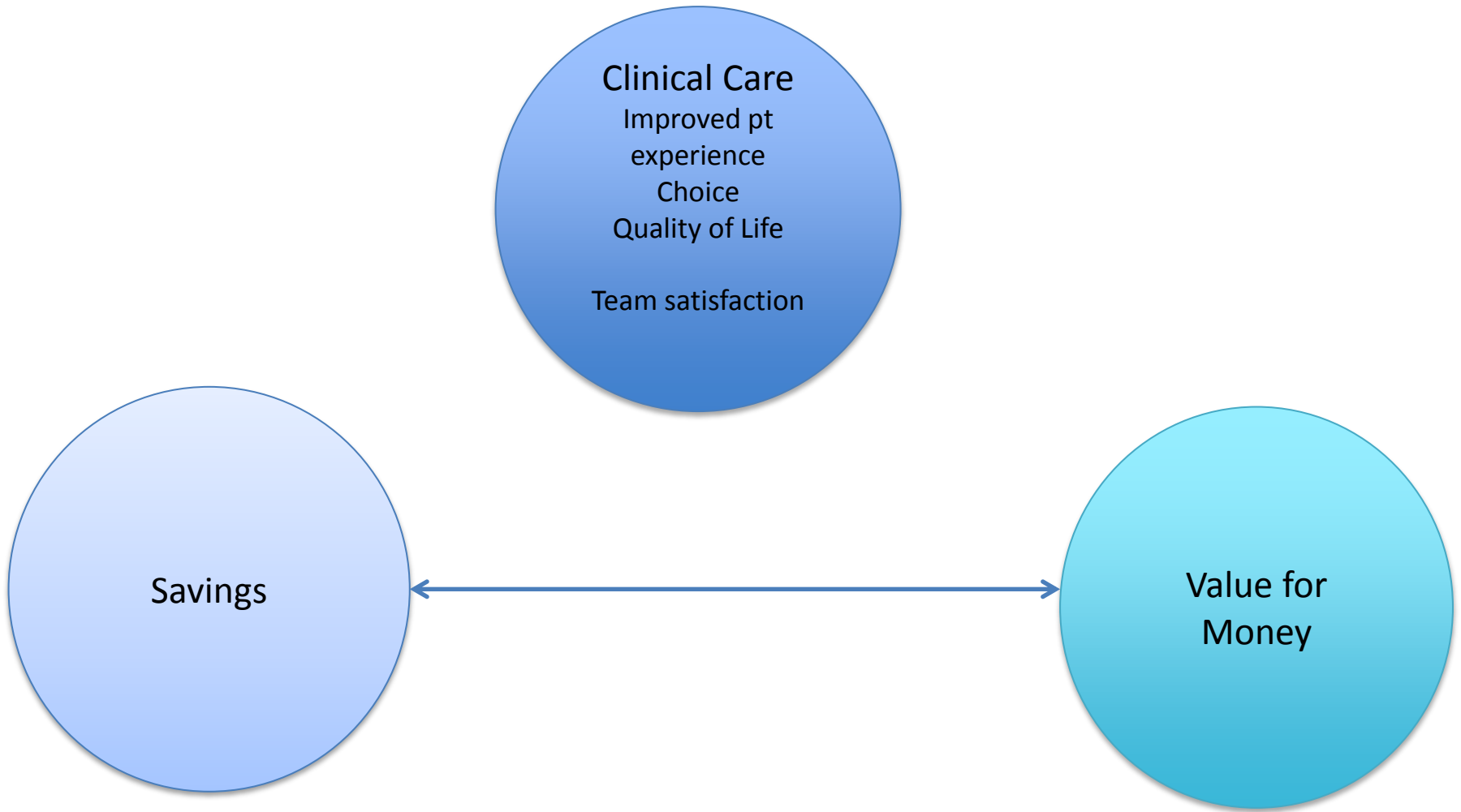
Elements of Balance





Balancing the Elements

Lessons Learnt



Case Study – Long stay inpatient

Patient Care

83 yr old patient
Osteomyelitis
HRG (HD25A)
Expected LOS = 69 days
Actual LOS = 38 days
IV Therapy LOS = 101 days
Quality Improvement = YES

VfM

Yes (IV Therapy pt cost £1,033)
Expected cost = £23K
Actual cost = £7K

Unsustainable
for Provider

Savings

Net Saving = £15K
True saving = NO
Why? – high level contractual agreement
Cap on excess bed days

Case Study – Reduced Admission

Patient Care

40 year old patient
Cellulitis
HRG (JD03A)
Expected LOS = 35 days
Actual LOS = 0 days (PCAU)
IV Therapy LOS = 6 days
Quality Improvement = YES

VfM

Yes (IV Therapy pt cost £1,033+£168)
Expected cost = £3K
Actual cost = £1.2K

Savings

Net Saving = £1,7K
True saving = Yes
Why? – Reduced Admission
Contract Considerations = Block

Wider Commissioner/Provider Landscape

Blackpool Clinical Commissioning Group

THE CONTRACT

Central Principle
Clinical Care

Complex
Redesign

Understand the
Contractual
agreements

Cap Excess Bed
Days
30 day re-
admissions?

Savings

VfM

Cost reduction
only if alternative
provider unit
price is less than
HRGs

Understand
HRGS, LoS

Re-admissions
Threshold

Admissions
reduction

Expansion into
other therapies &
direct GP referrals,
Self Administration

Reduce overall
bed capacity
need

Basket of schemes
contributing to reduced
admissions & LoS

Many Thanks

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