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# Take a Self-Assessment!!!!

- 0-20 This dimension doesn't come naturally to me. This is my big opportunity to improve.
- 21-40 This dimension is familiar to me.

  I should seek opportunities to learn more about it.
- 41-60 This dimension is stronger on some days than others. I should look for opportunities to practice and become consistent.
- 61-80 This is my naturally strong dimension.

  I may want to mentor others.





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# The Shared Human Experience = The Patient Experience

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# Objectives



1 - Identify how the integration of Human-Centered Leadership in healthcare as a contemporary way of leading harnesses the power of the shared human experience in influencing the patient experience.



2 - Discover actionable ways to operationalize Human-Centered Leadership in Healthcare within your own leadership approach and that of your teams.



3 - Explore the evidence and research behind Human-Centered Leadership in Healthcare and the influence on healthy work environment standards (skilled communication, true collaboration, effective decision making, appropriate staffing, meaningful recognition, authentic leadership).





# What's YOUR "Why?"



"Nothing is more powerful than an idea that's time has come."

-Victor Hugo



# Let's Start With Perspective...Traditional Leadership





Leader is above the system



Top-down communication



Linear thinking



 Outcomes result from the leader's authority and influence



# Complexity Science in Health Care Leadership



Leader is embedded in the system



Collateral thinking



Influencers and innovators at the point of service



Value is determined by consumers



Change and unpredictability are predictable



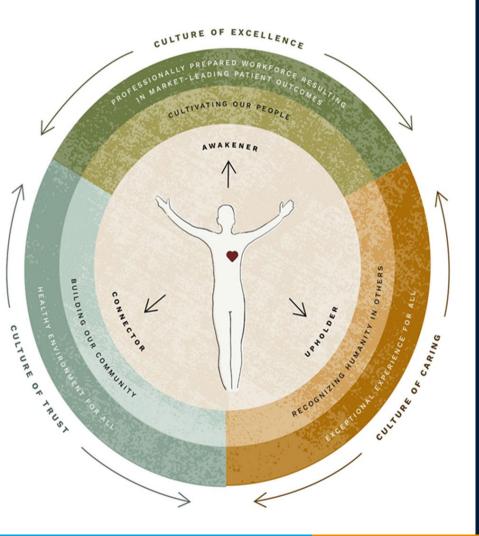
# Show me the evidence!

- **Mim:** Generate theory aligned with essence of healthcare
- **Background:** Gap in healthcare leadership research; borrowed approaches and theories; complexity science
- Methods: Constructivist Grounded Theory; focus groups, qualitative analysis
- Results: 20 attributes; 4 dimensions; 4 outcomes-cultures
- Conclusions: unique, contemporary healthcare leadership theory suited to address structure, process, outcomes
- Implications & Dissemination: test and validate with proposed metrics and cultures. Published J of Nursing Management Feb 2021



"Invisible threads are the strongest ties."

-Friedrich Nietzsche



# Human-Centered Leadership in Health Care



"I matter."

# It Starts With You!

- Wellbeing
- Self-awareness
- Self-nurture
- Self-compassion
- Mindfulness





Behind every person there's a story.

# Joe — "The man in the mirror."

#### Self-Awareness

 Evolved from being uncomfortable with nurses and patients on the unit to being comfortable.

# Joe's Why

 Nurses have a certain purpose with patients and so does Joe.

## Self-Compassion

Comparing Mind!

#### Mindfulness

 Pushed anxieties aside to be present and build relationships.





# Your turn to reflect!

# Sense of Self = Authenticity

- How does a leader's sense of Self influence staff?
- How does staff's sense of Self influence patient experience/interactions?



# But It's Not About You!



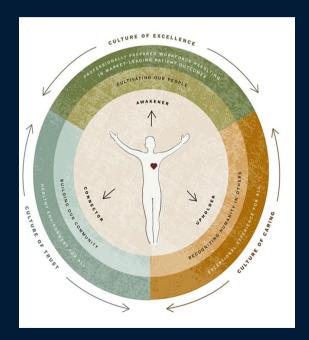


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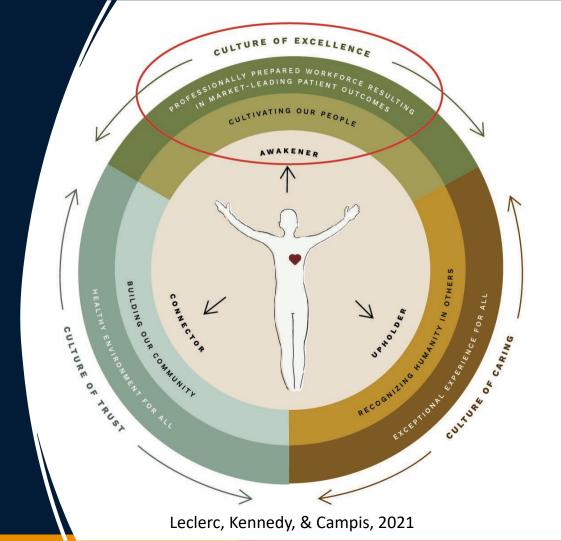


# Poll the audience!

- Which dimension of Human-Centered Leadership do you have a natural tendency toward?
  - Self
  - Awakener
  - Connector
  - Upholder



# The Awakener





"I believe in you."

# Joe as an Awakener

"Leading my team is about bringing out the best in each one."

## Joe

- Models a mindset of "looking for the best in others."
- Recognizes his impact with the team as both a coach and a mentor.
- Builds a Learning Culture among his team.
- Takes a personal interest in each team member and helps them grow professionally and personally.

## Through the Patients' Eyes

- "Even the dietary team seems to be in my corner. They seem interested in doing what they can to help me heal."
- "Each team, from dietary to nursing, always speaks positively about the other. I feel like they're all focused on helping me."

## Through the Nurses' Eyes

"It's so nice to have the support of Joe's team and to know that we are both aiming for excellence!"



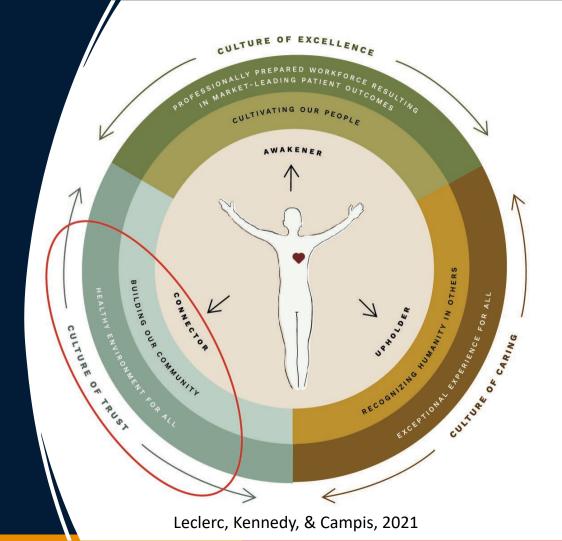
# Coaching & Mentoring = Growth

- How does a leader's Coaching and Mentoring influence staff?
- How does staff being Coached and Mentored influence patient experience/interactions?

(Being asked instead of told.)



# **The Connector**





"I trust you."

# Joe as Connector:

"I don't have to know everything. I'm surrounded by people who complement my skills."

#### Joe:

- "I don't feel comfortable interacting with patients. I'll ask a nursing colleague to go with me."
- Over time, he gained confidence.
- Over time, he developed RELATIONSHIPS with INTERPROFESSIONAL colleagues.
- New language when speaking to patients:"You're the expert in your own life."
- New perspective: "I found I really liked being with patients. I get something in return."

## Through the patient's eyes:

- "He was really present. He asked me to share what I liked and how it fit into my life and what doctors ordered."
- "I don't remember anyone ever actually asking me what it was that would make me feel like I was part of the decision."

# Through the Nurses' eyes:

"Joe is the first Nutrition Services Leader I've ever known who invited our team to his department." "We trust him."

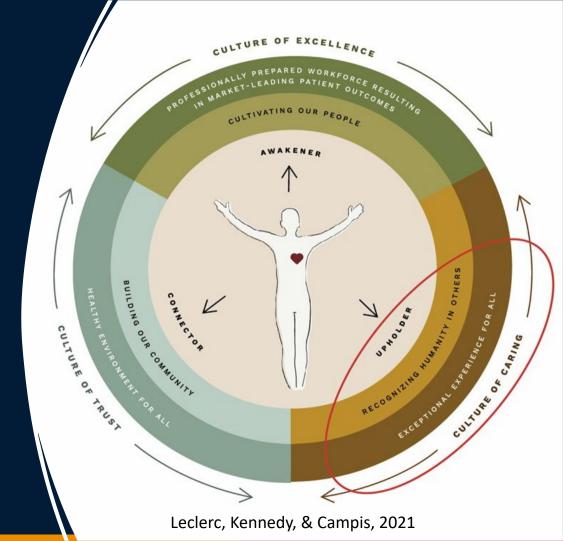


# Psychological Safety = Trust

- How does a leader's ability to provide a psychologically safe environment influence staff?
- How does this influence how staff create a psychologically safe space for patients, families?



# The Upholder





# "I see you."

# Joe as Upholder

"I recognize that in order to be an effective leader, I need to build a connection to others."

#### Joe

- Through self-reflection, Joe began to become a more self-aware and mindful leader.
- Joe began to understand human connections and the importance of relationship building.
- Joe created a culture of caring for the patients and his team.

# Through the Patient's Eyes

- "Joe really listened to me and showed me kindness and respect"
- "Joe treated me like a person, not just a diagnosis."

# Through the Nurse's Eyes

 "It was nice to see Joe interacting with the patients to help understand their perspective and uniqueness."



# Nurturing Relationships = Human Understanding

- How does the leader's ability to nurture relationships with staff influence the work environment?
- ...the patient experience?



# Outcomes of Human-Centered Leadership

# Culture of Wellbeing

- Increase in overall well being
- Clarity in individual and collective "why" or purpose

### Culture of Excellence

- Improved quality and patient safety outcomes
- Strengthened workforce growth and development

## Culture of Trust

- Healthy work environment
- Increased staff engagement

# Culture of Caring

- Enhanced employee satisfaction
- Enhanced patient satisfaction

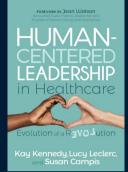


# Show me some more **Evidence!**



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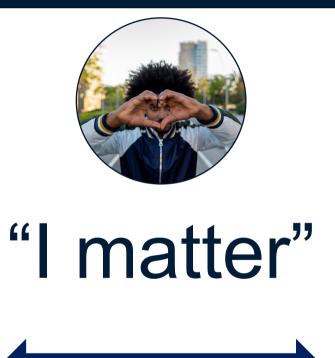
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# Takeaways

- HCL is the *foundation* for Human Understanding.
- Stop the madness!
- Show me the ROR!
- People are watching.
- Prioritize the human connection overstandardization.



# It starts with you...



Human Understanding

But it's not about you!



Awaken
"I believe in you."



Connect
"I trust
you."



Uphold "I see you."

**Human Understanding** 



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