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***Making Physicians Better –
Professionalism and its Role in Patient
Care***

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How would you define professionalism in medicine?

**Have you experienced a
lapse of professionalism
around you in the last 30
days?**

**What behaviors would
you consider un-
professional?**

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DR. ZORRO TO PAY PATIENT \$1.7M

BY DON SINGLETON , SUNDAY NEWS , STAFF WRITER / NEW YORK DAILY NEWS / Sunday, February 13, 2000, 12:00 AM

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An obstetrician who came to be known as "Dr. Zorro" will apparently pay \$1.

7 million to a new mother whose abdomen bears his carved initials, a source said yesterday. Dr. Allan Zarkin, 61, admitted using a scalpel to carve his initials into the midsection of Dr. Liana Gedz, whose baby he had just delivered by Caesarean section at Beth Israel Medical Center Sept. 7. Gedz, a 31-year-old dentist, filed a \$5 million lawsuit against Zarkin and the hospital in November, but during subsequent grand jury testimony, she asked prosecutors to spare Zarkin from criminal charges. "Dr. Gedz has released Beth Israel Medical Center from all claims and liability arising out of the incident with Dr. Zarkin, without payment of any kind by Beth Israel," the hospital said in a statement released yesterday. "We understand that Dr. Gedz has settled her lawsuit against Dr. Zarkin for an undisclosed amount.

" A source familiar with the settlement told the Daily News that the amount was \$1.

Pediatrician Gets Probation In Child Peeping Case

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ANN ARBOR (WWJ/AP) - An Ann Arbor pediatrician charged with looking out his window to watch a 12-year-old girl change clothes has been sentenced to five years' probation and ordered to move.

A judge Tuesday said Howard Weinblatt must move from his Ann Arbor home within 30 days and register as a sex offender.

The 65-year-old [Weinblatt pleaded no contest in January](#) to surveilling an unclothed person. He faced up to two years imprisonment on the felony.

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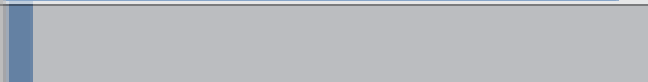
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Professional?



2. Does your health care organization ever experience behavior problems with doctors and nurses?

	Response	%	Count
Yes		97.4%	2,088
No		2.6%	55
answered question			2,143
skipped question			14

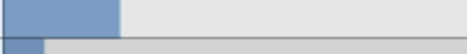
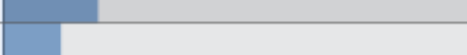
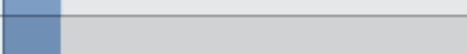
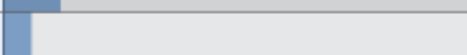
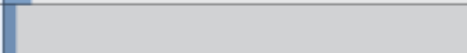
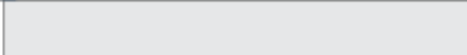
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4. Generally speaking, how often do behavior problems arise between doctors and nurses at your health care organization?

	Response	%	Count
Daily		9.5%	168
Weekly		30.0%	530
Monthly		25.6%	452
Several times a year		30.9%	547
Once a year		2.9%	51
Less than once a year		1.2%	21
answered question			1,769
skipped question			388

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5. In the last year, what types of behavior problems have you experienced at your health care organization between doctors and nurses? (Check all that apply.)

	Response	%	Count
Yelling		73.3%	1,294
Cursing		49.4%	873
Degrading comments and insults		84.5%	1,493
Refusing to work together		38.4%	679
Refusing to speak to each other		34.3%	606
Spreading malicious rumors		17.1%	302
Inappropriate joking		45.5%	804
Trying to get someone disciplined unjustly		32.3%	570
Trying to get someone fired unjustly		18.6%	328
Throwing objects		18.9%	334
Sexual harrassment		13.4%	237
Physical assault		2.8%	50
Other		10.0%	177
answered question			1,766
skipped question			391

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Living Our Values

Caring for our patients,
their loved ones, and each other



How to Live Our Values Every Day

- Smile and make eye contact.
- Have a clean, neat and professional appearance.
- Keep a clean and uncluttered environment.
- Maintain low noise levels.
- Be courteous and provide prompt service.
- Conduct personal phone calls and conversations in private.
- Provide directions and walk patients, families and visitors to their destinations.
- Wear my ID badge at chest or neck height so it is easily visible.
- Behave respectfully toward patients, their loved ones and coworkers.
- Ask, "Is there anything else I can do for you?"
- Pick up trash and clean up spills.
- Knock on doors and properly greet patients and loved ones.
- Take personal responsibility for patients and family requests.
- Acknowledge my coworkers for providing outstanding service.

***Are we left
with... 'you know it
when you see it?'***

Is there a way to define it easily, discover its components, assess where one falls in the continuum, and devise a plan for improvement?

***The key concept in
getting us there is the
term...***





Why Professionalism?

Medical Education Goals

Flexner -- 1910:

- Standardization
- **Integration**
- Habits of inquiry and improvement
- **Professional formation**



Flexner 2 -- 2010

- Standardization and individualization
- **Integration**
- Habits of inquiry and improvement
- **Professional formation**

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Medical Education Goals

Professional formation:

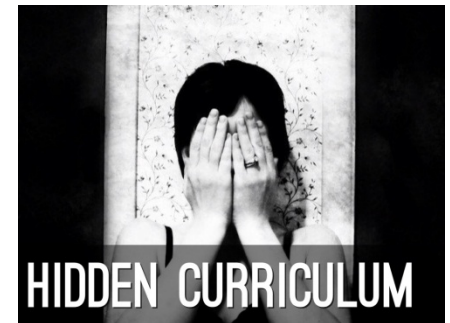
- **Promote formal ethics instruction**
- **Address the underlying messages expressed in the hidden curriculum**
- **Offer feedback on assessment of professionalism**
- **Promote positive role models**
- **Create collaborative learning environments committed to excellence and continuous improvement**



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Hidden Curriculum

- More than transmission of knowledge and skills
- **Socialization process**
- Norms and values transmitted that undermines the formal message
- **Implicitly taught by example**
- It is a major problem



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Hidden Curriculum

- Causes students to move from being opened-minded to closed-minded
- Move from being intellectually curious to narrowly focused on facts
- From empathy to emotional detachment
- From idealism to cynicism
- From civility and caring to arrogance and irritability

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Hidden Curriculum

- Erodes ethics in medical students
- 62% of medical students had done unethical behaviors:
 - Pretending to examine patients, or making up vitals
 - Ignoring contamination
 - Obtaining informed consent without knowledge of the procedure
 - Withholding results from patients
 - Doing unnecessary procedures for experience

Feudtner C, Christakis DA, Christakis NA. Do clinical clerks suffer ethical erosion? Students' perceptions of their ethical environment and personal development. Acad Med 1994;69(8):670-9.

Need for a Definition

- **Cannot offer feedback on assessment without a commonly-accepted definition of professionalism**
- **Cannot assess something without a model**



Huge Push to Focus on Professionalism in Medical Education

ACGME: New Accreditation System

Josiah Macy Foundation

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Duke University Medical Center



Focus on Professionalism at Duke University Medical Center

Duke Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Virtues:

Integrity

Initiative

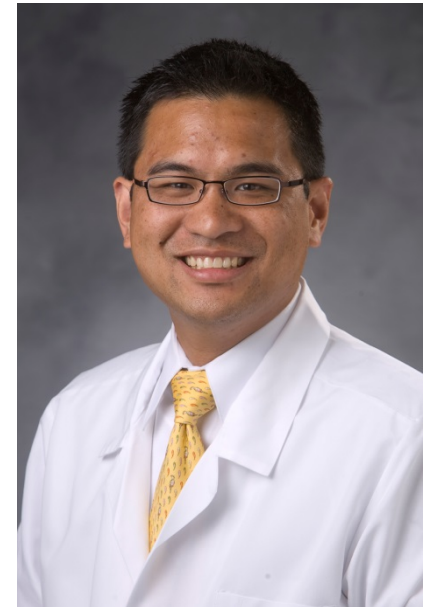
Accountability

Self-discipline

Responsibility



Raymond Esclamado, MD



Walter Lee, MD

Leadership Lived Out:

Professional Intervention

Lessons Learned

- Can produce positive change
- **Culture trumps global change**
- Better results moving to UME or sooner
- **Requires a commitment to excellence and self-betterment**
- Faculty/department chairs are not exempt from intervention



Lack of Professionalism in Medicine

- **Jeopardize Patient Care¹**
- **Aimless Leadership – opening doors for others to lead¹**
- **Limits Currency – lifelong learning which leads to mastery of communication, behavioral and attitudinal skills in patient care¹**
- **Early lapses in professionalism in medical education correlates with lapses later in practice²**
- **Loss of key virtues necessary in excellent patient care through improper or inadequate learning environments – those without professionalism focus or strong negative role models**
- **Loss of balance between ‘heart’ and ‘mind’ of medicine – humanism vs. cognitive intelligence focus³**



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Model Built Upon Certain Premises

- **Every Physician is a leader: Self, Patient, Team, Organization/Vocation**
- **Cognitive, Emotional, and Leadership Intelligence can be modified/improved through direct intervention programs**
- ***One's level of professionalism is not so much about a Quotient (number) but is more about balance between the three intelligences***



Defining Professionalism

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PROFESSIONALISM INTELLIGENCE MODEL

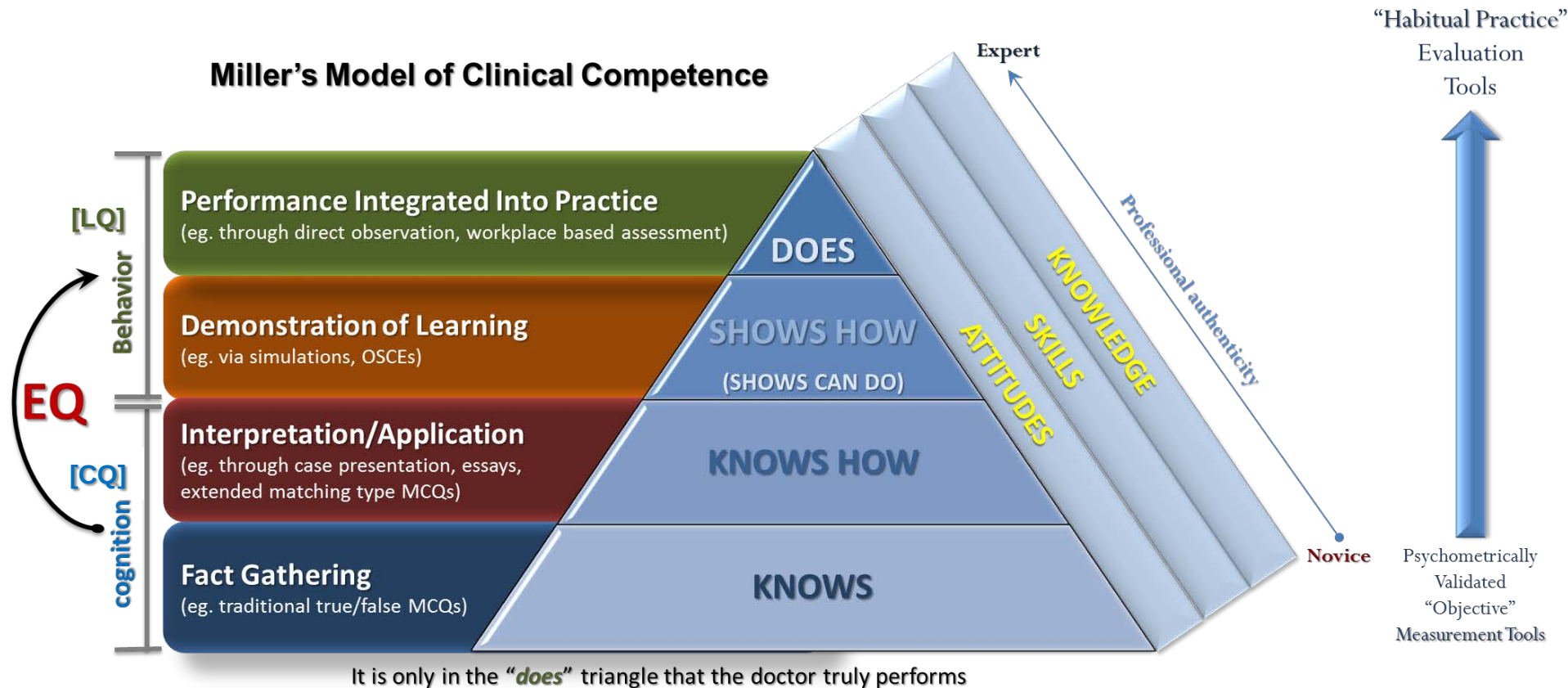
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Behaviors are conditioned by one's cognitive and emotional intelligences and tempered by a certain set of virtues

Defining Professionalism

Miller's Prism (Pyramid) of Clinical Competence

Miller's Model of Clinical Competence

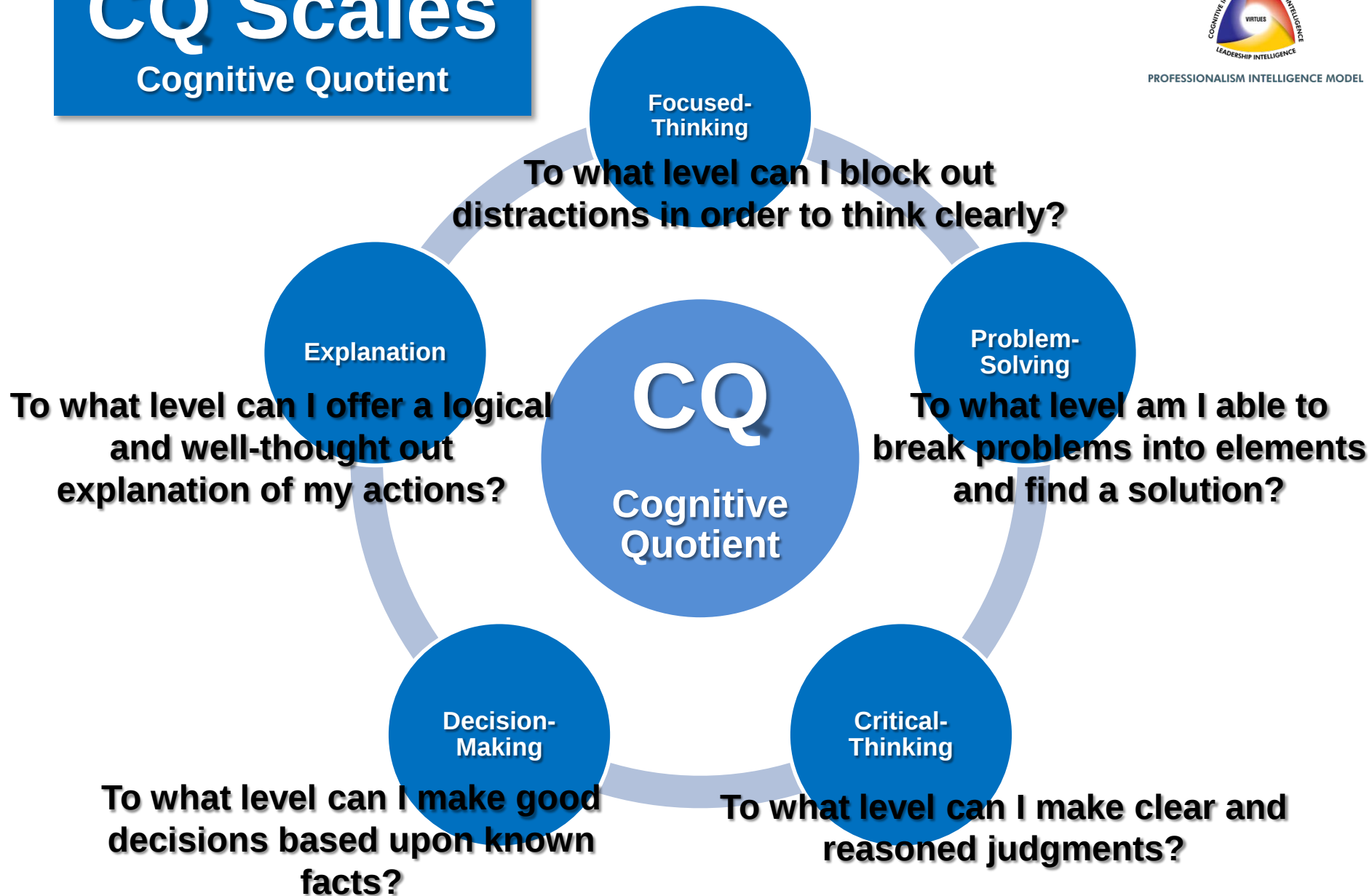


CQ Scales

Cognitive Quotient



PROFESSIONALISM INTELLIGENCE MODEL

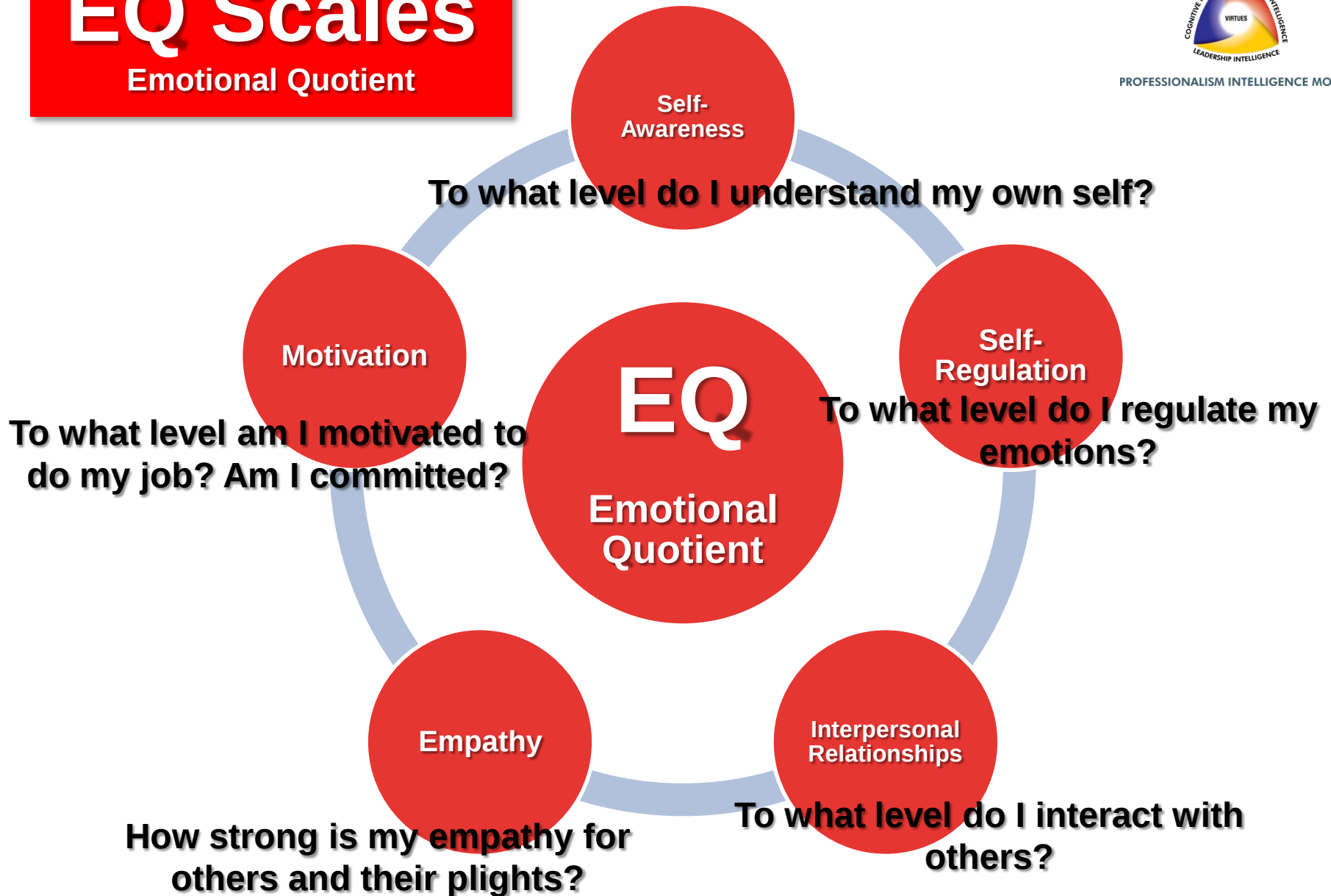


EQ Scales

Emotional Quotient



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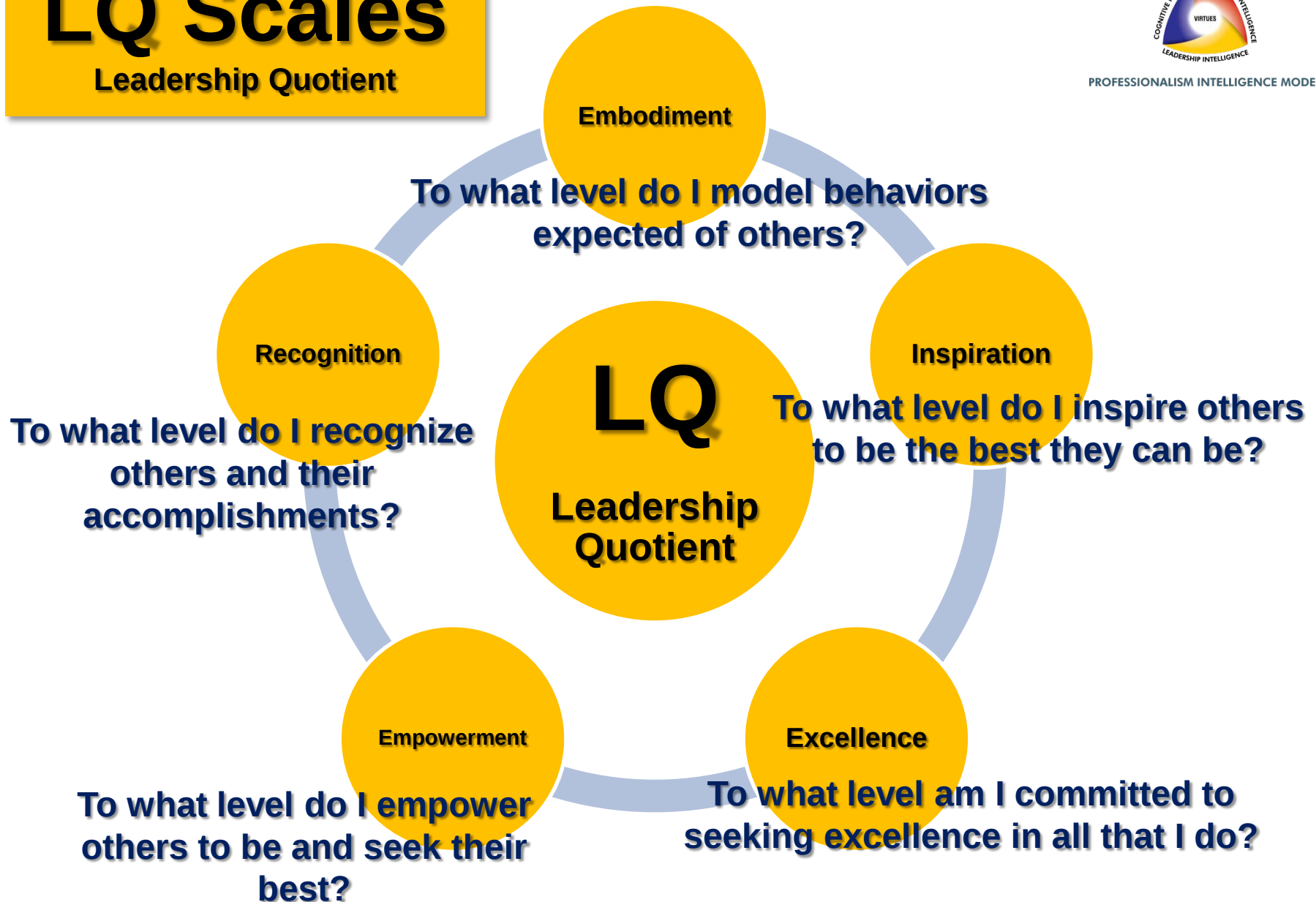


LQ Scales

Leadership Quotient



PROFESSIONALISM INTELLIGENCE MODEL



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***The leader sets
the culture...***

***“When people feel
safe, they trust.”***

-Simon Sinek



Action Steps

- Recognize ways in which you can promote professionalism now (at home, work, play)
- **Consider developing an internal professionalism intervention program**
- Elevate professionalism to one of the top five goals of your GME program
- **Consider implementing a progressive professionalism evaluation protocol**

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