

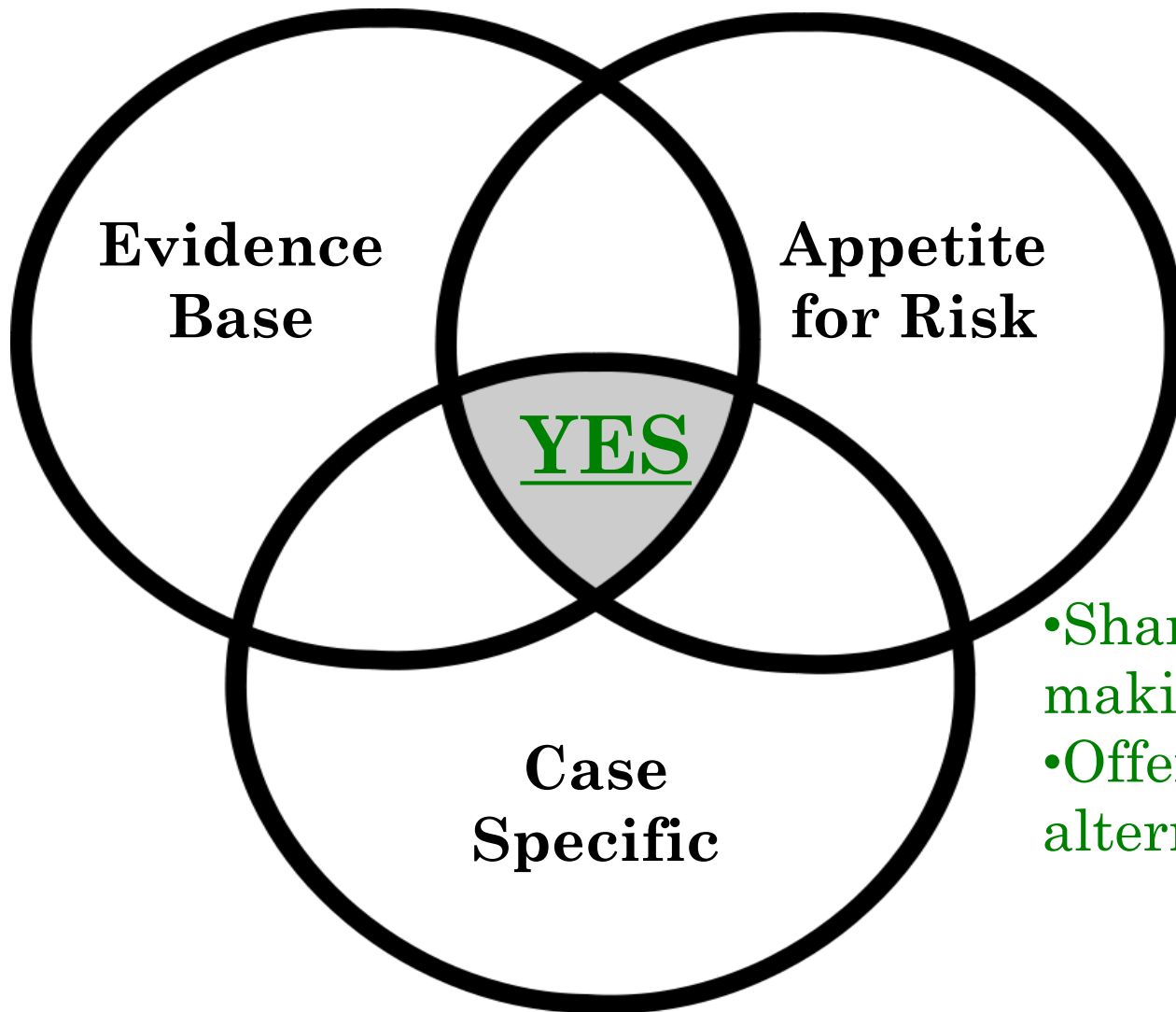
SHOULD LIFESTYLE CHOICES INFLUENCE CLINICAL DECISIONS REGARDING SURGERY?



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WHAT DO WE MEAN BY A CLINICAL DECISION?

- Have a patient's lifestyle choices made him/her an unsafe candidate for surgery?



- Shared decision-making process.
- Offer suitable alternative.



Lifestyle › Health & Families › Health News

Obese people and smokers 'banned from routine surgery' as NHS attempts to cut spending costs

'It's the only way providers are going to be able to balance their books... the service is bursting at the seams'

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A number of NHS England trusts have reportedly introduced the restrictions *Rex*



DO PEOPLE WHO HAVE MADE 'THE WRONG' LIFESTYLE CHOICES DESERVE SURGERY?

1. When is a lifestyle choice a choice?
2. Why do we consider some choices 'wronger' than others?



PICTURE QUIZ No.1



HEALTH SURVEY FOR ENGLAND, 2014 [NS]

- 31.2% of children aged 2 to 15 were classed as either overweight or obese.
- Around 25% of adults were classed as obese.



PICTURE QUIZ No.2





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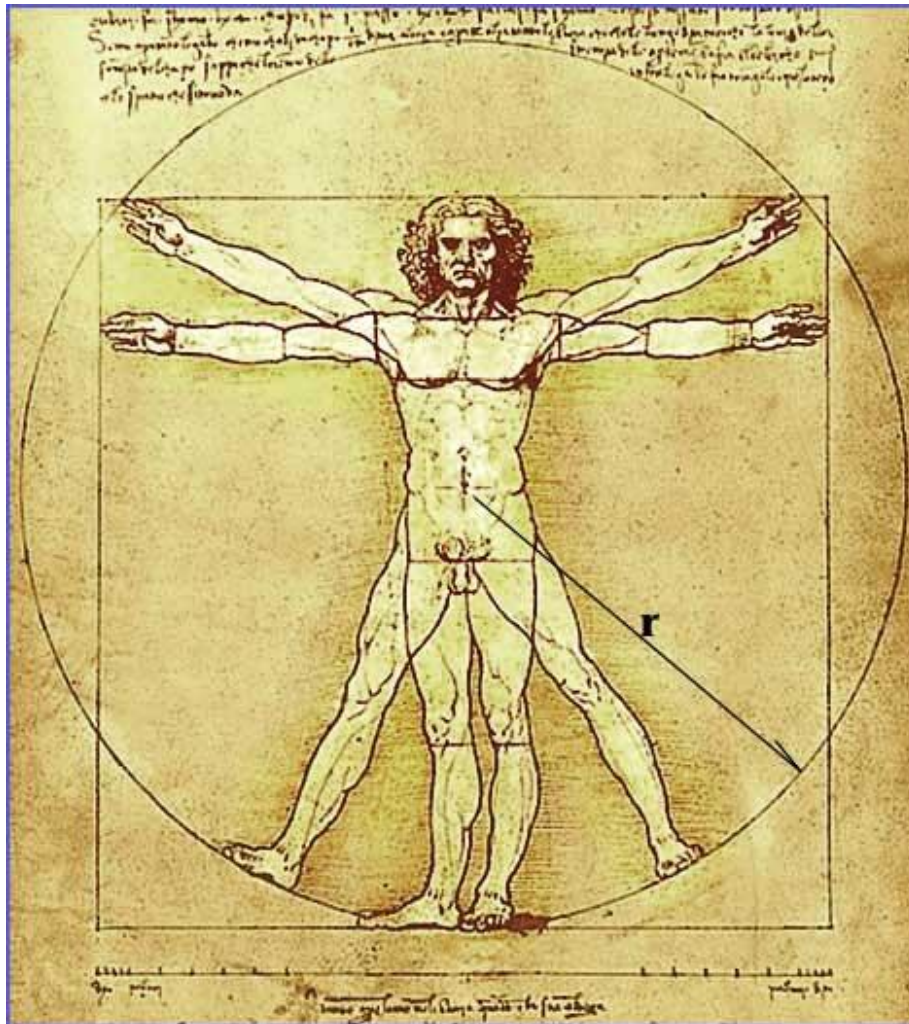
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SUMMARY

- Do I think that lifestyle choices should influence our clinical decisions?
- Selecting a procedure based on minimising risks that are present as a result of a patient's lifestyle choices?
- Make judgments on which lifestyle choices are 'morally wrong'?
- Allow this to be the basis for our clinical decisions without considering the influences present throughout a patient's life?



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