

BAYERISCHER INTENSIVPFLEGETAG

EINBLICKE IN DAS ERLEBEN BEATMETER PATIENTEN
UND DIE RELEVANZ FÜR PFLEGEPERSONEN

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AGENDA

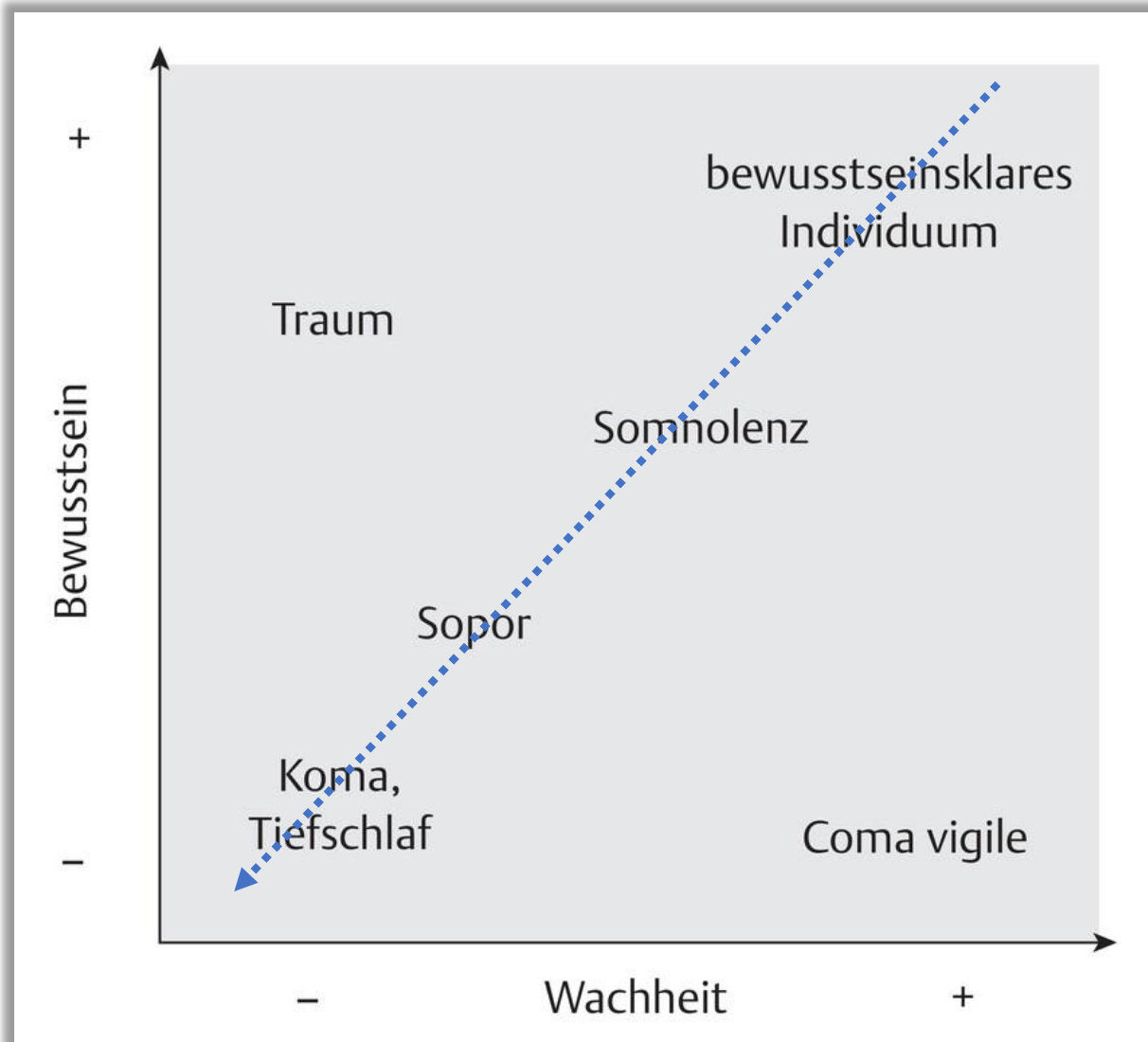
1. Können beatmete Patienten „erleben“?
2. Warum ist das Erleben relevant?
3. Einblicke in das Erleben
4. Literatur



KÖNNEN BEATMETE „ERLEBEN“?



BEWUSSTSEIN UND WACHHEIT

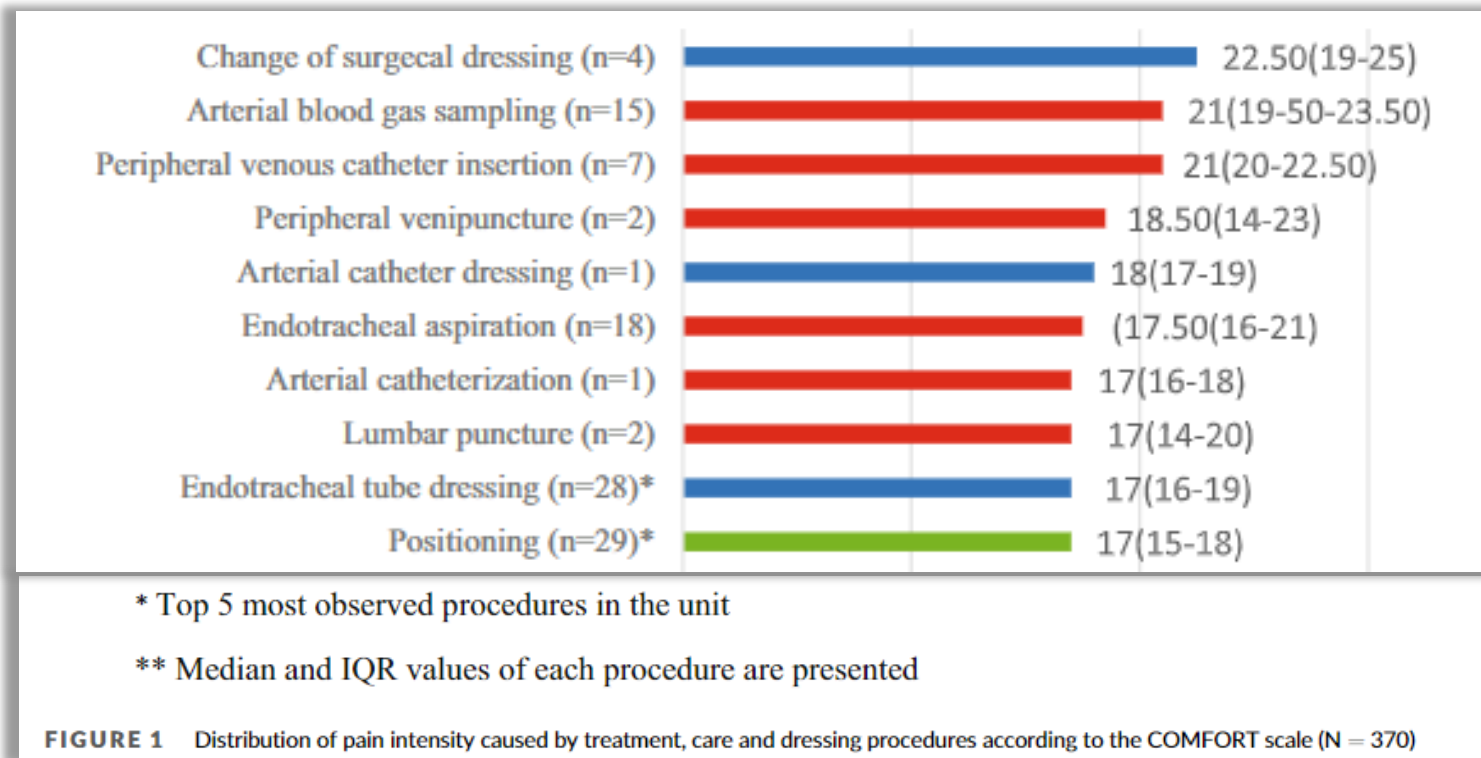


- Somnolenz, Sopor und Koma gehen mit einer Trübung von zugleich Wachheit und Bewusstsein einher
- Im Traum sind Menschen bei Bewusstsein, aber nicht wach
- Im Coma vigile (Wachkoma) liegt eine schwere Bewusstseinsstörung mit fortwährender Wachheit vor
- Bedeutend: Es gibt keinen absoluten Nullpunkt; Menschen können nicht *nicht bei Bewusstsein* sein

SCHMERZEN UNTER SEDIERUNG

Ergebnisse

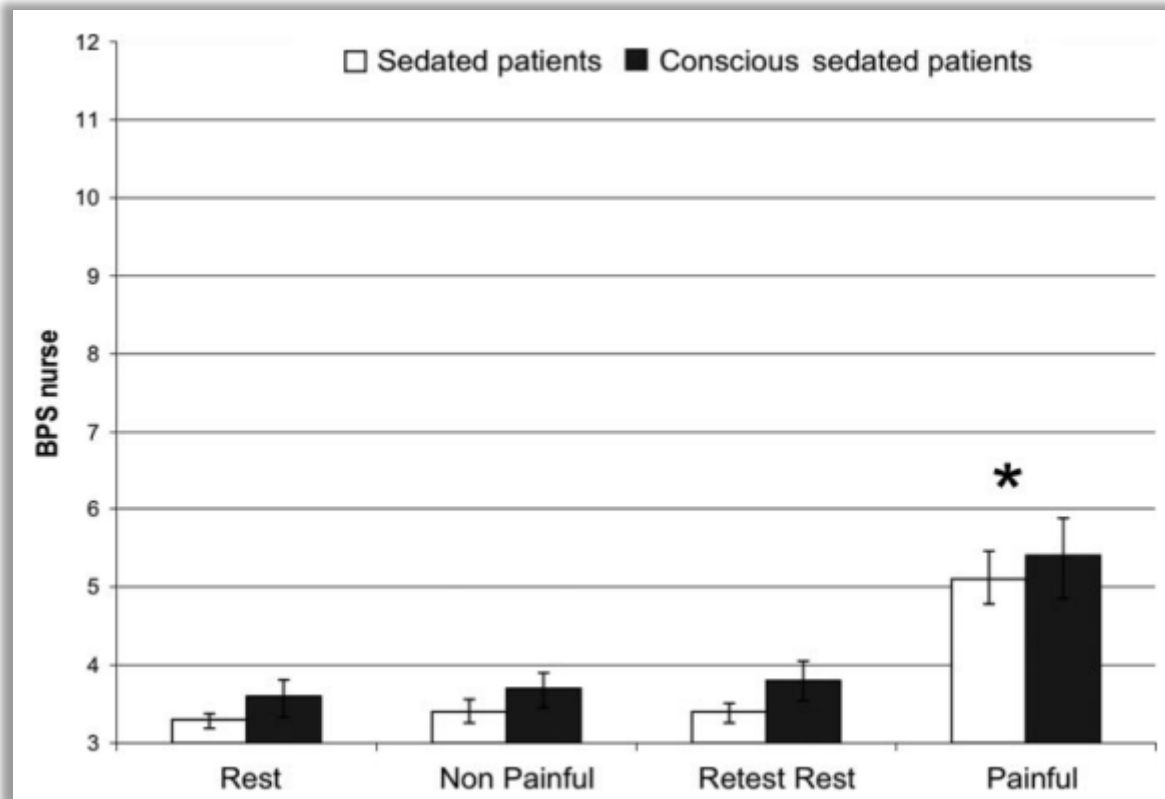
30 Kinder wurden eingeschlossen, darunter 12 im Alter von 1 bis 6.



SCHMERZEN UNTER SEDIERUNG

80 Patienten unter Beatmung & moderater bzw. tiefer Sedierung

Vergleich der Schmerzeinschätzung mittels Behavioral Pain Scale



The Use of the Behavioral Pain Scale to Assess Pain in Conscious Sedated Patients

Sabine J. G. M. Ahlers, MSc* BACKGROUND: Assessing pain in mechanically ventilated critically ill patients is a

Table 4. BPS Total Scores and BPS Items Scores (Mean ± SD) at Rest and During Painful Procedure, with Effect Size in Sedated Patients (126 Observation Series) and Conscious Sedated Patients (49 Observation Series)

	Retest rest	Painful procedure	P	Effect size
Sedated patients				
BPS total	3.4 ± 0.7	5.1 ± 1.0	<0.001	2.5
BPS facial expression	1.1 ± 0.3	2.1 ± 1.0	<0.001	3.6
BPS upper limb movement	1.2 ± 0.4	1.4 ± 0.7	<0.001	0.7
BPS compliance ventilation	1.1 ± 0.4	1.6 ± 0.7	<0.001	1.4
Conscious sedated patients				
BPS total	3.8 ± 0.9	5.4 ± 1.8	<0.001	1.8
BPS facial expression	1.1 ± 0.4	2.0 ± 1.0	<0.001	2.4
BPS upper limb movement	1.5 ± 0.6	1.8 ± 0.8	0.003	0.5
BPS compliance ventilation	1.2 ± 0.4	1.6 ± 0.5	<0.001	0.9

BPS = Behavioral Pain Score.

Ahlers et al., 2010



SCHMERZEN UNTER SEDIERUNG

Effect of Sedation on Pain Perception

Michael A. Frölich, M.D., M.S.,* Kui Zhang, Ph.D.,† Timothy J. Ness, M.D, Ph.D.‡

86 gesunde Patienten

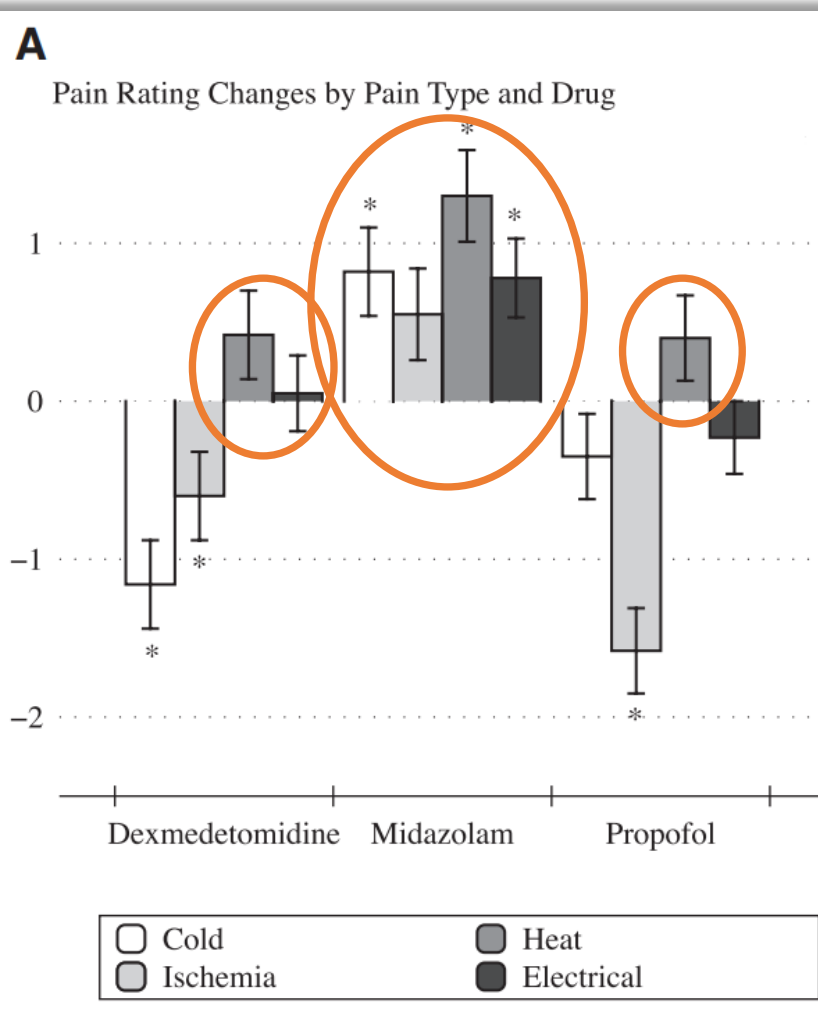


Table 3. Outcome: Pain Rating Change (Sedation – Baseline) for Model 1*

Drug Level	Least-Squares Means	SEM
Dexmedetomidine	-0.253	0.168
Midazolam	0.762	0.171
Propofol	-0.346	0.159

*Fixed effect tests and least-squares means.

Frölich et al., 2013

RELEVANZ DES ERLEBENS



ANTEIL DES WEANINGS

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- Prospektive Beobachtungsstudie
- 349 Intensivstationen
- 23 Länder
- 4,968 Patienten unter maschineller Beatmung



Esteban et al., 2008

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TABLE 5. CHARACTERISTICS AND OUTCOMES OF PATIENTS WHO UNDERWENT PLANNED EXTUBATION

	1998 Cohort (n = 780)	2004 Cohort (n = 869)	P Value
Age, mean (SD), yr	58 (19)	56 (18)	0.02
Simplified Acute Physiology Score II, mean (SD), points	42 (16)	40 (17)	0.08
Main reason for mechanical ventilation, n (%)			
COPD	85 (11)	53 (6%)	<0.001
Asthma	10 (1)	18 (2%)	0.21
Other chronic pulmonary disease	3 (0.4)	7 (1%)	0.27
Coma	154 (20)	221 (25%)	0.006
Neuromuscular disease	11 (1)	12 (1%)	0.96
Acute respiratory failure			
Postoperative	178 (23%)	163 (19%)	0.04
Pneumonia	85 (11%)	87 (10%)	0.56
Sepsis	50 (6%)	72 (8%)	0.15
ARDS	22 (3%)	24 (3%)	0.94
Congestive heart failure	96 (12%)	51 (6%)	<0.001
Cardiac arrest	14 (2%)	37 (4%)	0.004
Trauma	59 (8%)	37 (4%)	0.004
Aspiration	16 (2%)	15 (2%)	0.63
Other cause	52 (7%)	72 (8%)	0.21
Days of mechanical ventilation prior to weaning, median (IQR)	3 (2,6)	4 (2,7)	0.004
Days of weaning in difficult-to-wean patients median (IQR)*	3 (2, 5)	3 (2, 4)	0.94
Time devoted to weaning, median (IQR), % of total ventilation time	50 (28, 67)	40 (25, 50)	<0.001
Reintubation within 48 h, n (%)	127 (16.3)	105 (12.1)	0.01

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Analgesie, Sedierung und Delirmanagement in der Intensivmedizin (DAS-Leitlinie 2020)

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<p>2.1 Eine nicht-pharmakologische Prävention des Delirs soll bei allen intensivmedizinisch-behandelten Patient:innen durchgeführt werden[37-39]:</p> <p>Tagsüber sollen aktivierende Maßnahmen durchgeführt werden. Nachts sollen schlaffördernde Maßnahmen durchgeführt werden.</p>	<p>++++</p>	<p>A</p> <p>A</p> <p>A</p>
<p>2.2 Eine Übersedierung soll vermieden werden[32, 40]</p>	<p>+++</p>	<p>A</p>

DGAI et al., 2021



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The effect of the ABCDE/ABCDEF bundle on delirium, functional outcomes, and quality of life in critically ill patients: A systematic review and meta-analysis

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Der Anteil der „bewussten Zeit“ unter maschineller Beatmung nimmt kontinuierlich zu



EINFLUSS DES ERLEBENS

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Neurologic status, cough, secretions and extubation outcomes

Table 2 Predictive characteristics of various parameters in predicting extubation failure

Variable	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)	Likelihood ratio	Risk ratio (95% CI)
CPF ≤ 60 l/min	76.9	65.7	2.2	4.8 (1.4–16.2)
Secretions > 2.5 ml/h	71.4	62.0	1.9	3.0 (1.01–8.8)
<4 tasks	42.8	90.5	4.5	4.3 (1.8–10.4)
Any 2 risks	71.4	81.1	3.8	6.7 (2.3–19.3)
Negative WCT	71.4	51.4	1.5	2.3 (0.8–6.7)
RSBI > 100 /min per l	14.3	93.2	2.1	1.9 (0.5–6.9)

CPF cough peak flow, <4 tasks inability to perform any one command, Any 2 risks of CPF ≤ 60 l/min, secretions ≥ 2.5 ml/h or <4 tasks, WCT white card test, RSBI rapid shallow breathing index ($=f/V_t$)

→ Patienten, die neurologisch eingeschränkt waren, hatten ein höheres Risiko für ein Weaning-Versagen

Neurologische Aufgaben: Augen öffnen, mit Augen Finger folgen, Hand drücken, Zunge rausstrecken

Salam et al., 2004



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Depressive disorders during weaning from prolonged mechanical ventilation

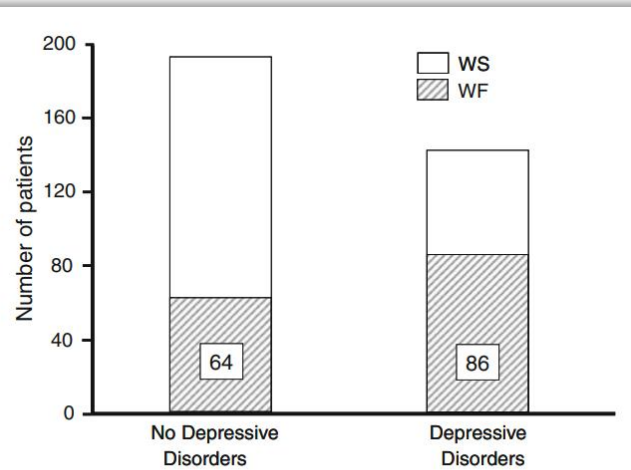


Fig. 3 Number of patients with and without a depressive disorder.

Table 4 Effect of depressive disorders on patient outcome

Variable	No depressive disorders (n = 194)	Depressive disorders (n = 142)	P value
Weaning failure (%)	33.0	60.6	0.0001
Mortality (%)	10.3	23.9	0.0008
Duration of MV at RMLH, days, median (IQR)	13 (5–38)	24 (8–41)	0.007
Length of stay at RMLH, days, median (IQR)	33 (24–42)	35 (23–46)	0.55

IQR interquartile range

Table 5 Multivariate logistic regression of variables predicting mortality

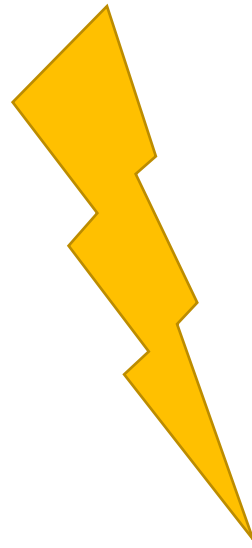
Variable	Odds ratio	95% CI	P value
Depressive disorders	4.32	1.99–9.33	0.0002
Charlson Comorbidity Index	1.24	1.03–1.49	0.02
Previous psychiatric history	0.85	0.38–1.90	0.69
Age	1.06	1.02–1.09	0.001
Etiology of respiratory failure			
Postoperative	0.58	0.23–1.49	0.26
Acute lung injury	1.11	0.44–2.80	0.82
COPD	0.89	0.19–4.17	0.88
Neuromuscular	0.66	0.16–2.63	0.55
Duration of mechanical ventilation before transfer	1.00	0.99–1.02	0.17
APACHE II	1.06	0.97–1.16	0.22
Anxiolytics	0.99	0.96–1.02	0.57
Antidepressants	0.95	0.92–0.99	0.007
Transient delirium	0.38	0.18–0.83	0.02

Jubran et al., 2010



FAZIT – EIN BEDEUTENDES SPANNUNGSFELD

Patienten immer
länger bewusst unter
Beatmung



Erleben beeinflusst
Outcomes der
Beatmung



EINBLICKE IN DAS ERLEBEN



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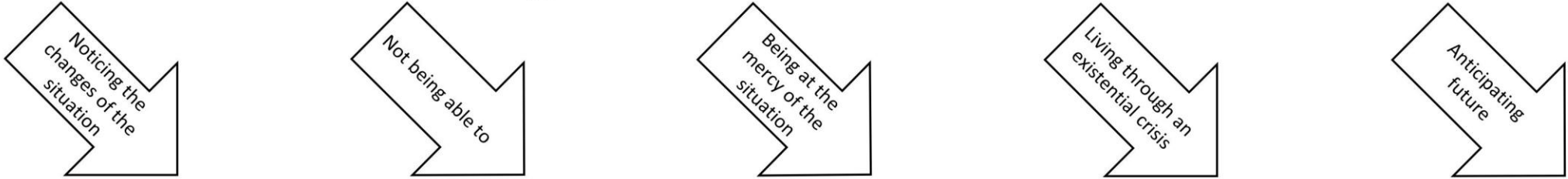
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Being an observer of one's own life—a meta-synthesis on the experience of mechanically ventilated patients in intensive care units

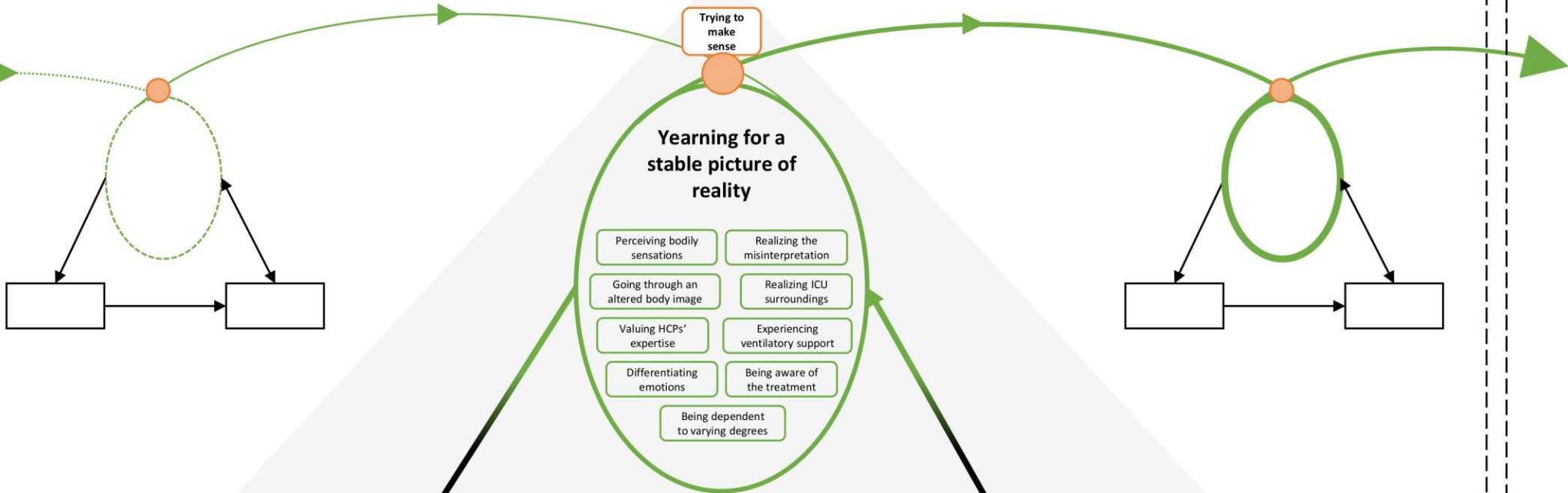


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Being an observer of one's own life



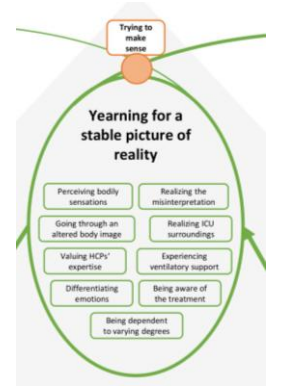
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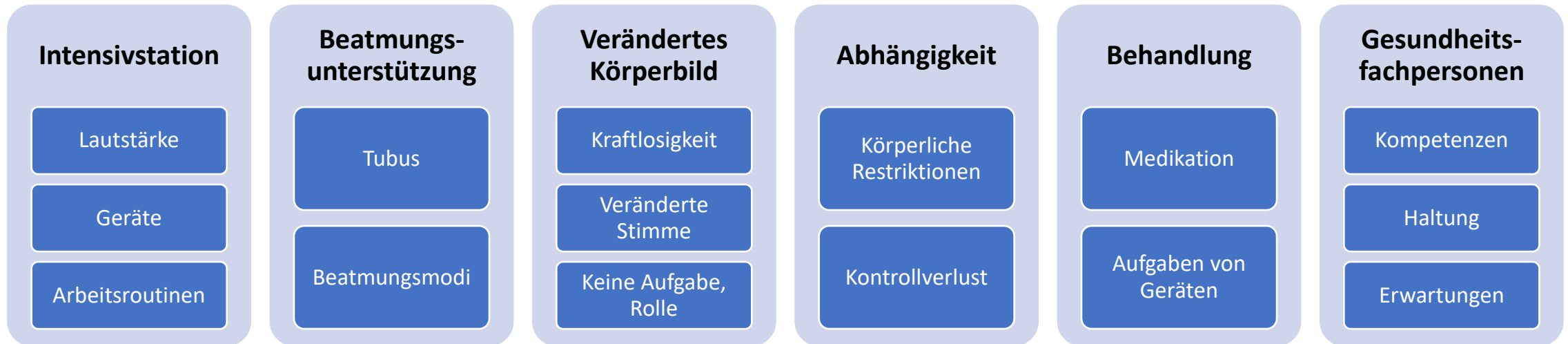


1) Die Missinterpretation realisieren

or less conscious [40, 41, 45, 47, 48, 51, 58]. Gilder [45] describes this state as “emerging from the fog”, whereas Ballard [41] calls it “back and forth between reality and the unreal”. It is challenging for patients under MV to

interpreting communication: “They said that old man was very critically ill and there was no hope for his survival and we did not think that he would be detached from the device once again. I thought they were talking about me, my heart palpations increased.”

2) Die eigene Situation wahrnehmen



HIN ZUM STABILEN BILD DER REALITÄT

Eigene Emotionen differenzieren

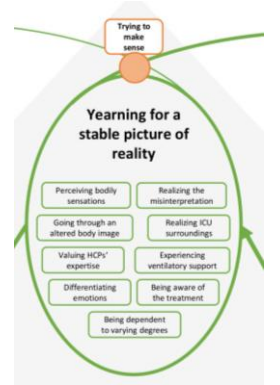
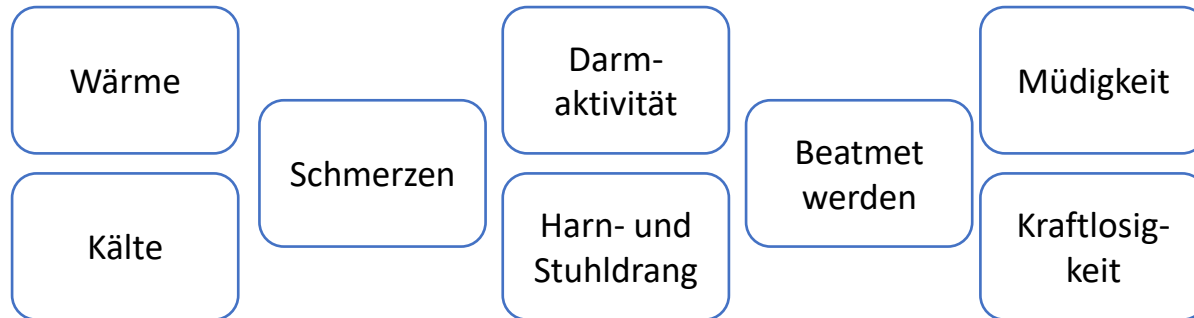
Unfähigkeit –
Überwältigt sein



they manage to organize these impressions. Specifically, patients experience anxiety [40–42, 44–48, 51, 52, 54, 56–59], frustration [41, 48–52, 54, 59], stress [41–43, 46, 51] or loneliness [40, 41, 47, 49, 54, 57–59]. They feel vulnerable [41, 42, 44, 47, 51, 55, 58, 59], desperate [40, 47] or full of panic [42, 44, 51, 52, 54, 58]. However, they also feel happy [44, 45, 47], hopeful [40, 43, 45, 47, 52, 53, 56, 58, 59], grateful [41, 44, 46, 52–54] or secure [44, 46, 47,

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Körperliche Empfindungen



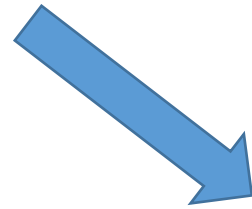
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Wo sind diese genau?



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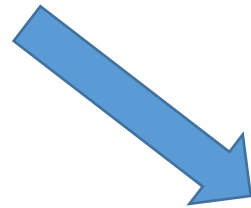
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Hypothesen bilden

Auf eigenes Wissen zurückgreifen

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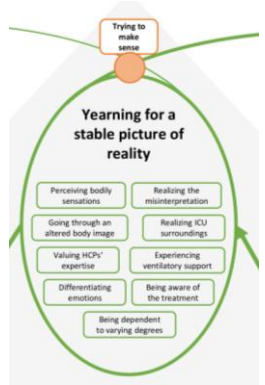
Erklärungen aus der Selbstwahrnehmung ableiten

3) Sinn finden

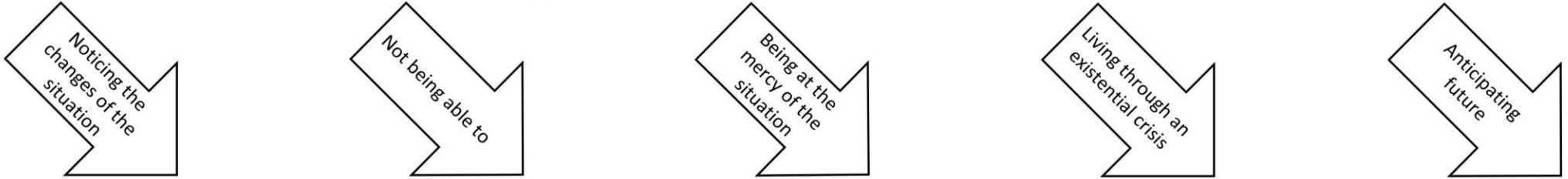
Abhängig von:

- Verfügbare Informationen
- Eigene Verarbeitungsfähigkeit

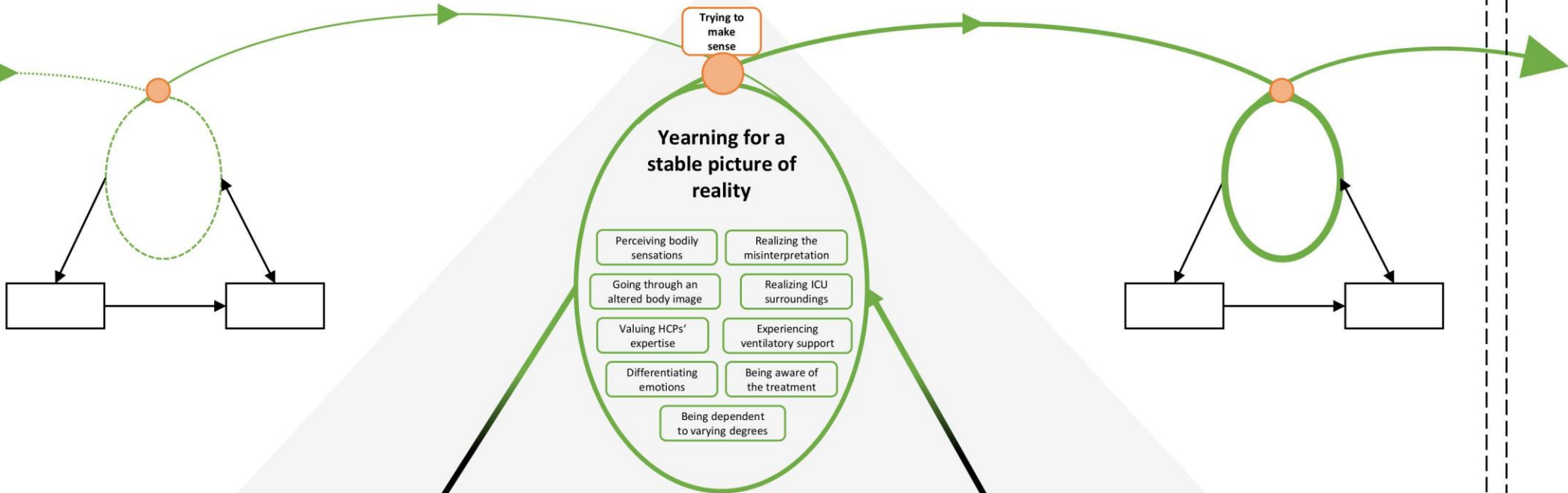
patient stated: "When I woke up, I did not know where I was. First, I thought I slept on the furniture of our home. Gradually, I realized that here is somewhere else. I could not move at all. I thought I had a myocardial infarction because my tongue got numb and I could not talk. I realized that a tube had been put in my mouth" [40].



Being an observer of one's own life



Patient's perception with varying levels of consciousness



Developing situation-specific needs

- Having basic needs
- Longing for personal integrity
- Striving for understanding one's own health status
- Longing for social interaction

Finding ways to deal with the situation

- Coping internally alone
- Trying to satisfy the needs oneself
- Drawing consequences
- Getting one's needs fulfilled by others
- Evaluating strategies

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ZENTRALE BEDÜRFNISSE

Basic needs

- Körperpflege
- Eigenständige Atmung
- Nahrungsaufnahme
- Entspannung und Schlaf

Den eigenen Gesundheitsstatus verstehen

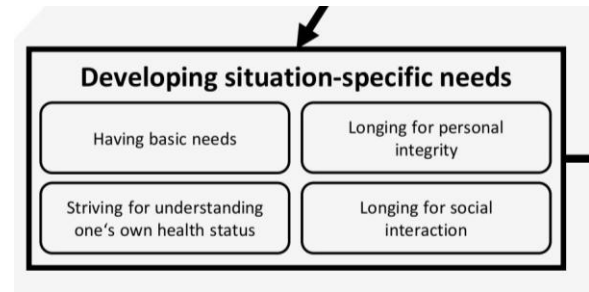
- Informationsbedarf
- Regelmäßige Kommunikation
- Detailwissen

Persönliche Integrität

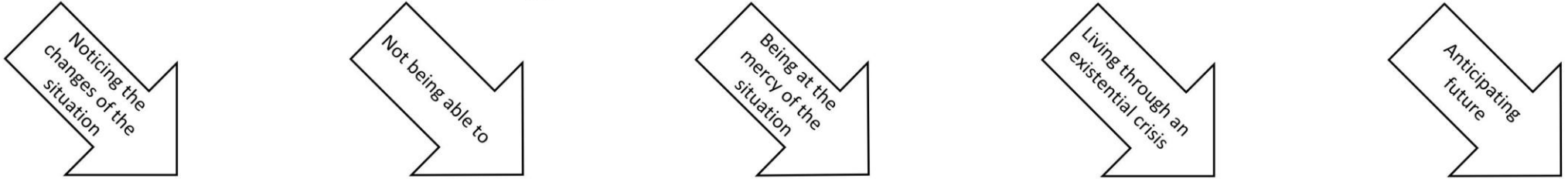
- Aufrechterhaltung von Normalität
- Privatsphäre
- Unabhängigkeit und Kontrolle

Soziale Interaktion

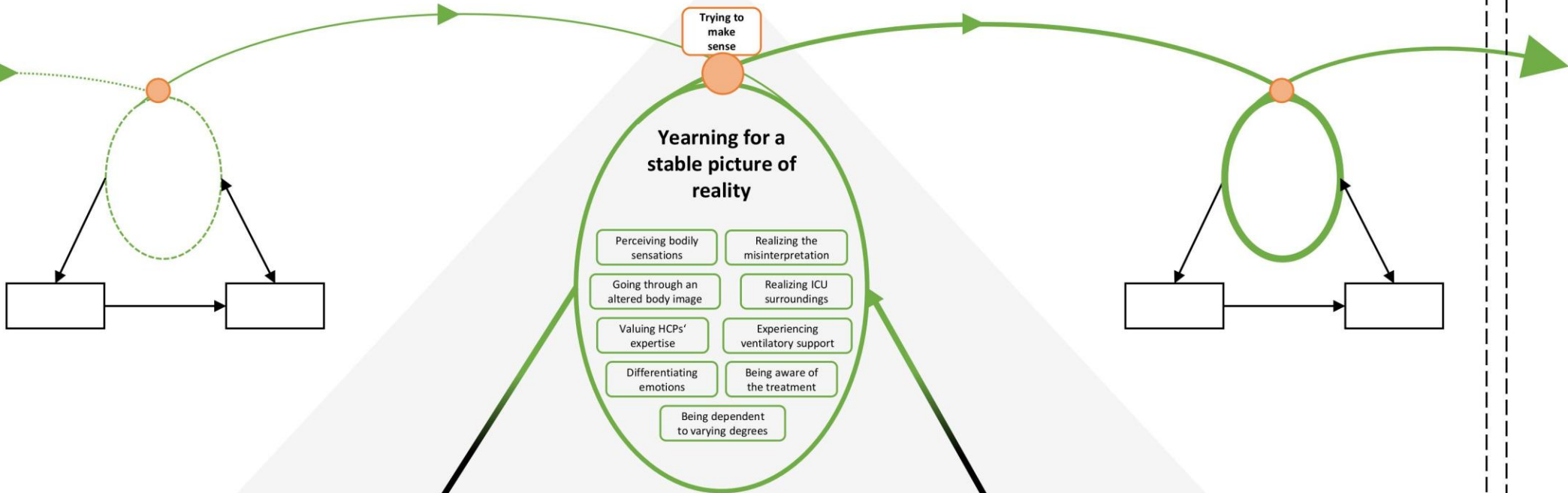
- Mit verschiedenen Personen (Familie, Gesundheitsfachpersonen)
- Regelmäßige Besuche
- Einbettung der Angehörigen in Versorgung



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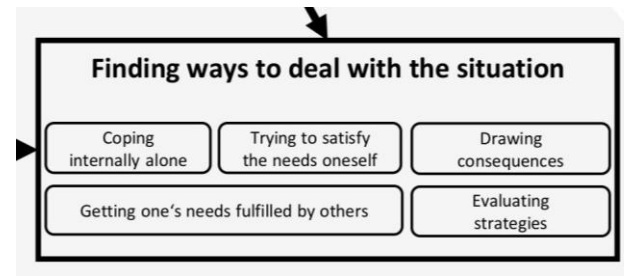
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UMGEHEN MIT DER SITUATION



Mit Situationen konfrontiert sein, denen kein Bedürfnis vorausging

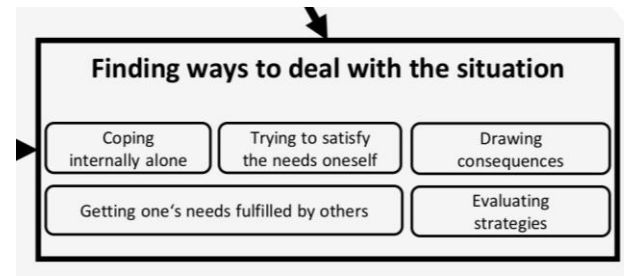
- Gesundheitsfachpersonen reden hören
- Übelkeit haben
- Halluzinationen oder Alpträume erleben

Umgangstrategien finden

- Nachdenken und reflektieren
- Andere Gespräche und Informationen auf sich beziehen
- Aushalten müssen und lernen

or their condition [43, 46, 47, 51, 53]. “I think the best way is once you’ve had it done once and you know you’ve gotta have it done a second time is just to grin and bear it, really attack it mentally otherwise it’d just bloody drive you crazy” [43].

UMGEHEN MIT DER SITUATION



Bedürfnisse selbst befriedigen wollen

Aktives sich verhalten, das mehr oder weniger selbständig erfolgt

- Sich Katheter ziehen (wegen Schmerzen, Discomfort)
- Gesundheitsfachpersonen unterstützen (Positionierung, Absaugen)
- Durchhalten lernen, sich mental stärken

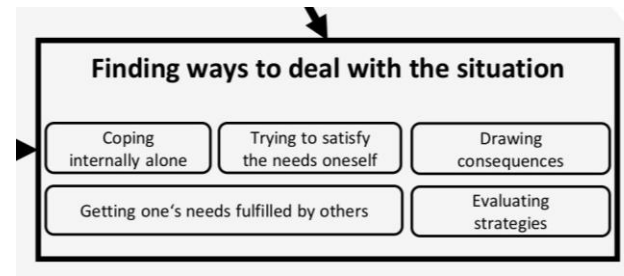
58]. Holm [50] cites an interviewee who reflects: "Well of course it [the tube] is unpleasant to have, it's no joyride, you know. But when one day had passed, I thought – well then it can stay there for a couple of days more. And when you have managed that, then you can do it."

Bedürfnisse durch andere gestillt bekommen

- Gepflegt werden
- Abgesaugt werden
- Unterstützung in der Kommunikation erfahren
- Abgelenkt werden

58]. "I wasn't forced to think about the illness continually when she [relative] was with me" [44].

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Umgangstrategien evaluieren

Patienten reflektieren, wie sehr erfolgte Maßnahmen ihre Bedürfnisse gestillt haben.

Dabei wägen sie ab, da Situationen für sie komplex und nicht eindimensional sind.

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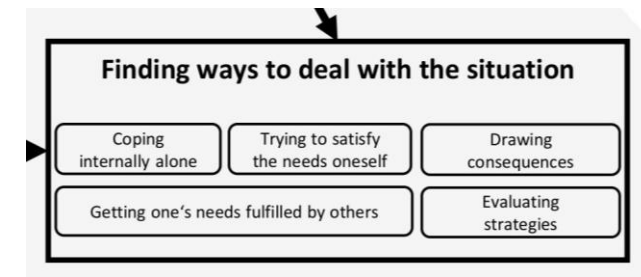
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ous interpretations occur simultaneously. For example, patients reported that they experienced pain and nausea from endotracheal suction [48, 51, 53, 58], but that this also provided considerable relief to their breathing [53,

58]. Visiting as an overall positive intervention relieves loneliness and pain [40, 44, 47, 58, 59], and reassures patients [47, 55, 58] but might also trigger discomfort when distant relatives are present [47].

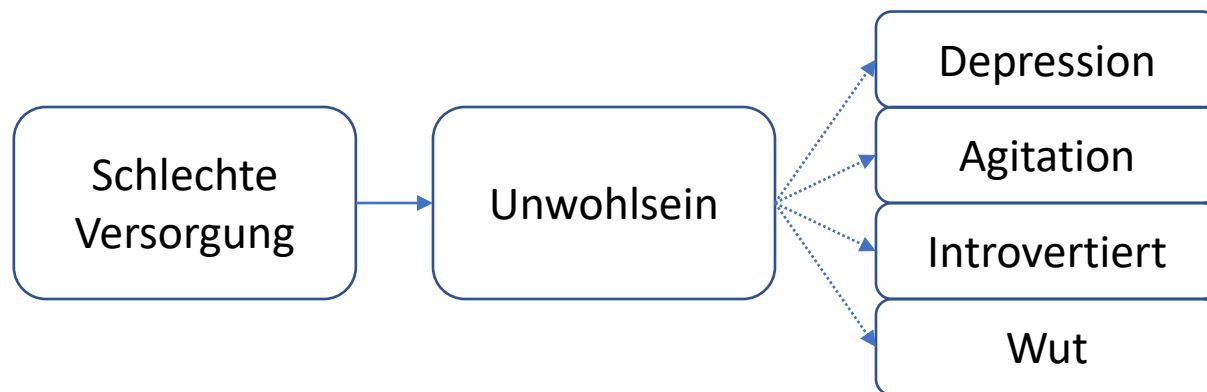
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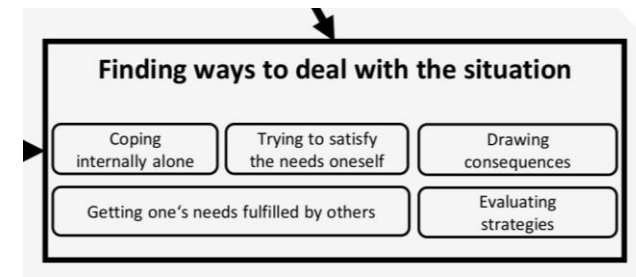
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and needs [50, 53, 54, 57]. A patient explained why he no longer communicated with HCPs: “It didn’t make any difference. They were going to hear what they wanted to hear” [46]. Another patient describes that he no longer resisted suctioning: “So I ended up I gave up. What did it matter how I felt?” [51]

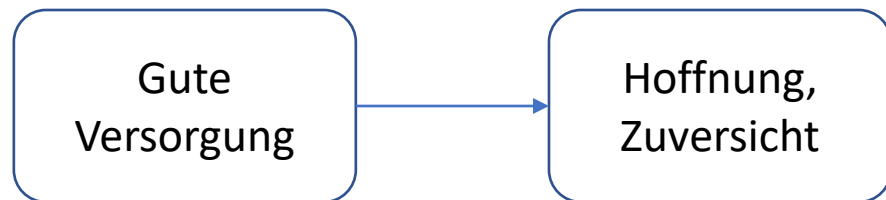
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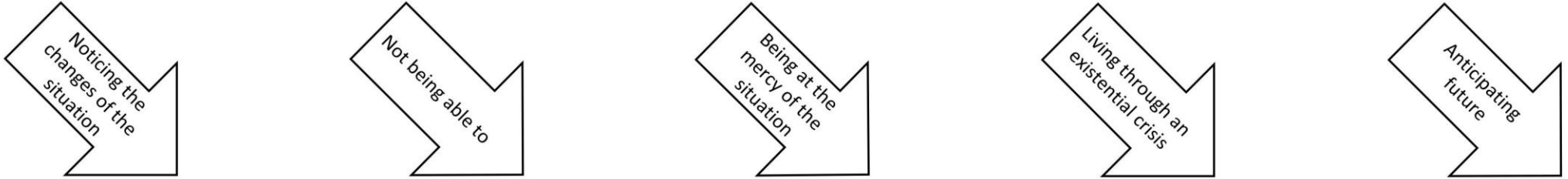
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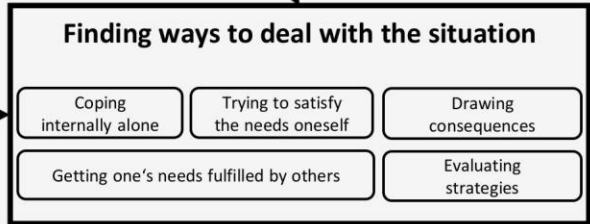
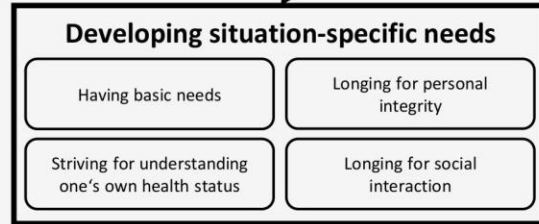
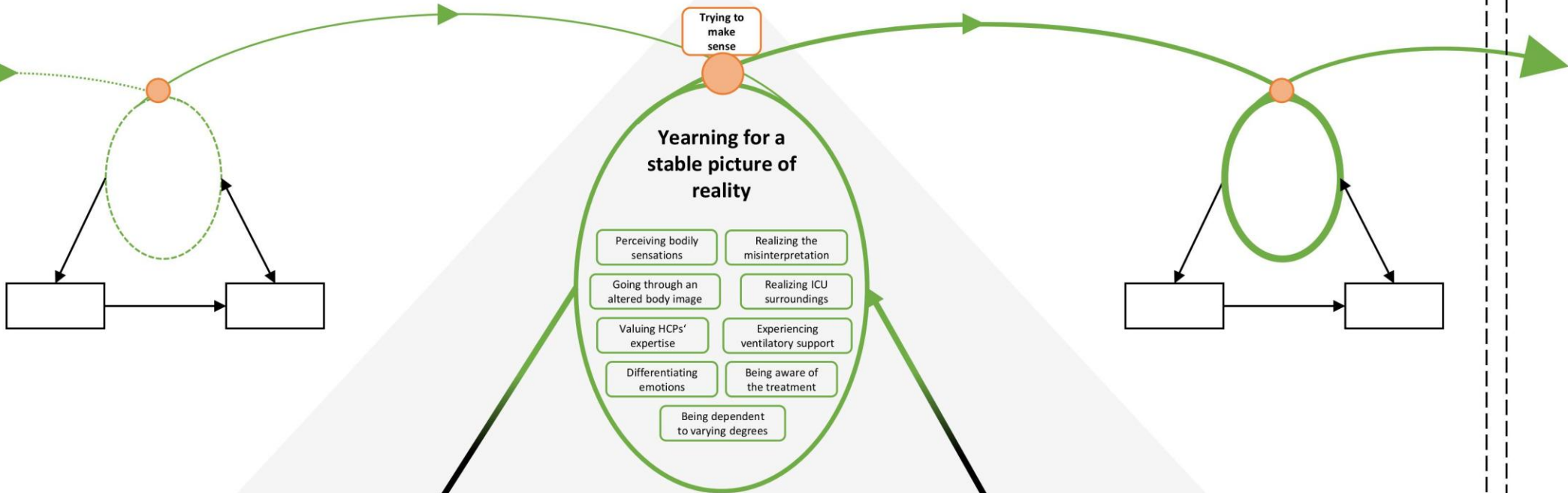


from relatives [40, 47, 52, 57, 59]. “The presence of support people could give me hope. I was really encouraged. [...] I thought that I was good, so my doctor had let my kids come and visit me. I became hopeful” [47]. Patients

Being an observer of one's own life



Patient's perception with varying levels of consciousness



MV start

MV end

VIELEN DANK! 😊

Sie haben Fragen, Ideen,
Rückmeldungen?

Melden Sie sich gerne
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