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First Friday**

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**Team Science:
Communication, the
Cornerstone of
Successful Teams**

Friday, May 7th, 2021

Learning Objectives:

- 1) Describe the basic principles of Team Science and the value of working on teams**
- 2) Discuss personal styles of communication and how they impact working relationships and team functioning**
- 3) Review some strategies for having difficult conversations by using the "Crucial Conversations" model**

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May 2021 Study of the Month

Endometriosis Study for Women 18 to 45 Years Old

What

A study to learn more about menstrual fluid and diseases associated with women including endometriosis

Who

Women 18 to 45 years old who have been diagnosed with endometriosis

Pay

\$25 to collect one sample of menstrual fluid at home using a reusable menstrual cup (often called a DivaCup®) that is inserted and removed similar to a tampon and mailed in with a provided kit

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Thursday, May 20th, 2021

12:00 noon - 1:00 pm

Virtual Presentation

UC Health Clinical Research Billing: Best Practices and FAQs

Please join us for an overview of common research billing challenges, addressing different points in the lifespan of research billing, including Coverage Analysis, RedCap study submission, and Research Encounter Form submission.

This presentation will also touch on the future of research billing as well as best practices.

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UC Health Clinical Research Orientation and Training (CRO&T)

Thursday, June 10th, 2021
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Virtual presentation

**The last day of registration is EOB Friday, June
4th, 2021**

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Today's Presentation:

Team Science:

**Communication, the Cornerstone of
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Communication: The Cornerstone of Successful Teams

First Friday, May 7, 2021 | 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

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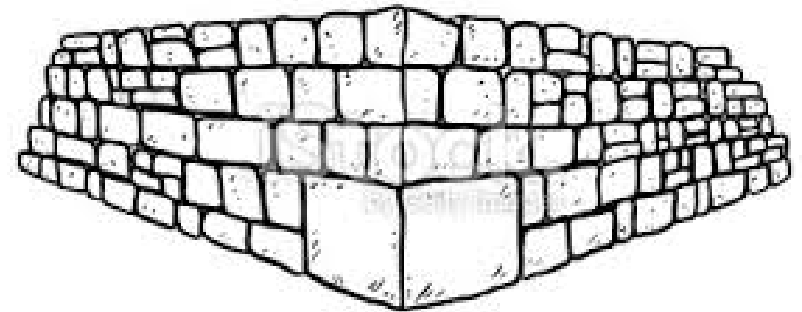
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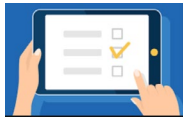
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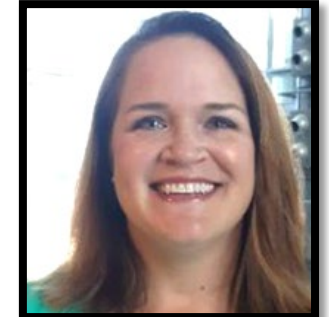
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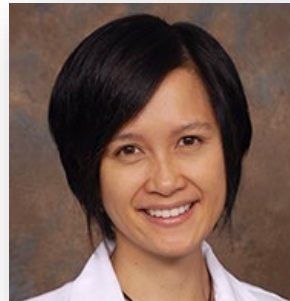
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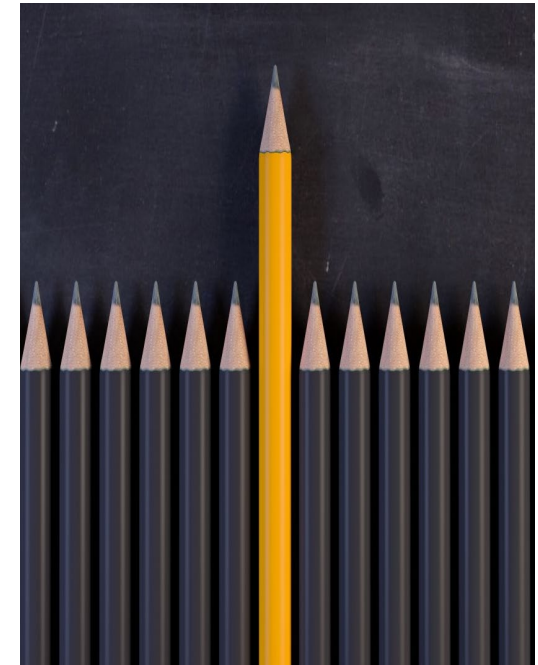


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- Describe the basic **principles of Team Science** and the value of working in teams.
- Introduce **personal styles of communication** and how they impact working relationships and team functioning.
- Identify strategies for **difficult conversations** by using the “*Crucial Conversations*” model.



Definition: *The Science of Team Science* (SciTS)

...a *new* interdisciplinary field...which aims to *better understand the circumstances that **facilitate or hinder effective team-based research and practice** and to **identify the unique outcomes of these approaches** in the areas of **productivity, innovation, and translation.***

(Stokols et al., 2013 p. 4)

- On average, *half* of the teams you work on are at least **somewhat dysfunctional**.
- You have *almost daily* “uncomfortable” encounters with team members.
- A *significant portion of job stress* is due to **team dysfunction & communication problems**.
- ...turnover, quality errors, “re-do,” burnout.....take up *too much time and energy*.



Miscommunication Can Be Painful



"When I nod my head I want you to hit it!"

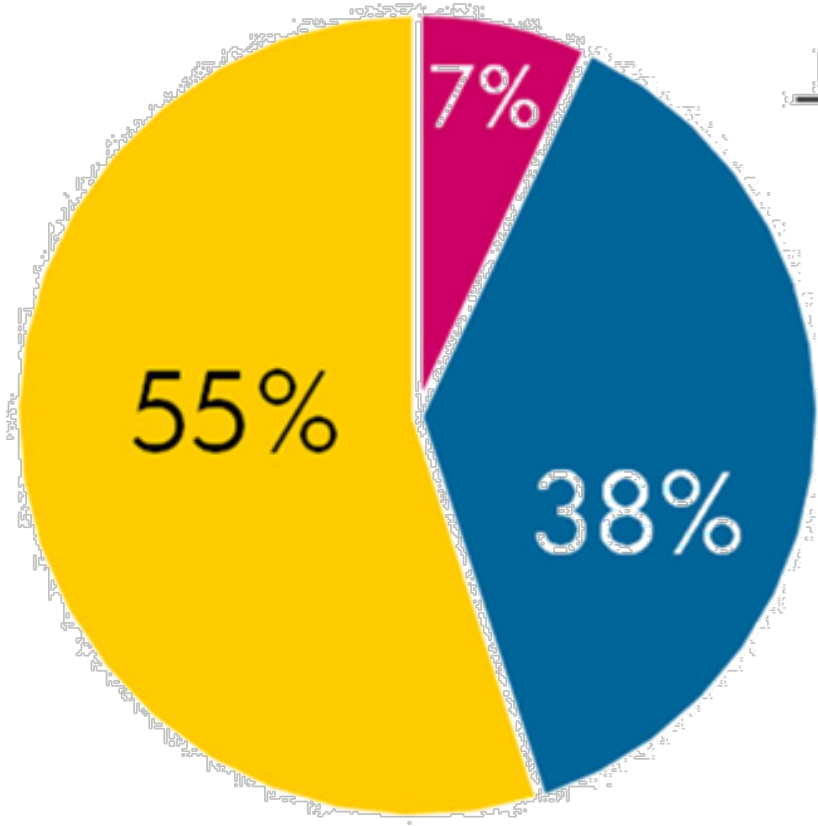


BIGGEST COMMUNICATION MISTAKES

- ① COMMUNICATE TOO MUCH IN WRITING
- ② DON'T FULLY LISTEN
- ③ DON'T ADAPT OUR STYLE
- ④ NOT CLEAR ABOUT OPTIONS & IMPACT
- ⑤ DON'T ASK PEOPLE TO REPEAT OUR MESSAGE



Personal Communication



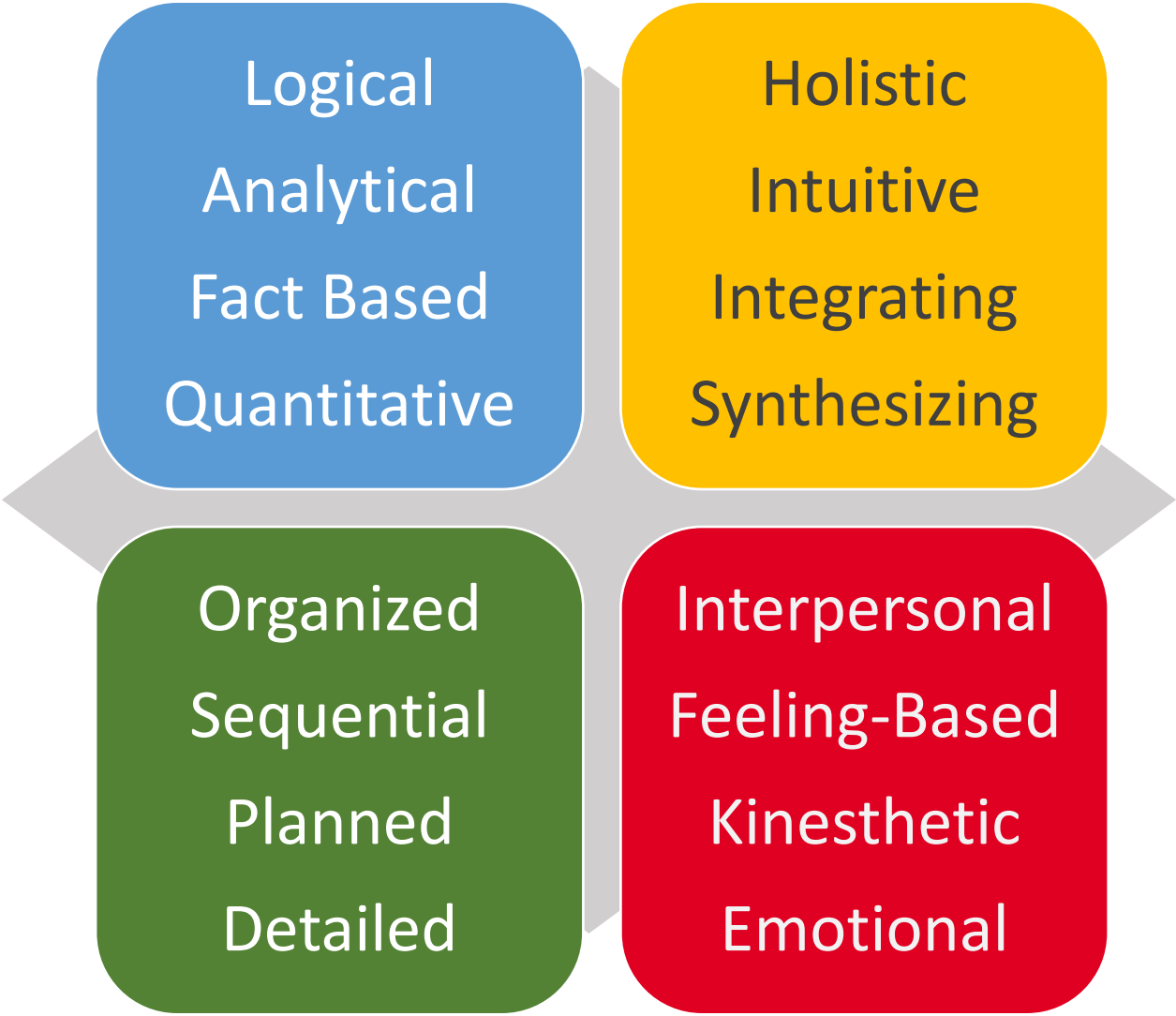
Dr. Albert Mehrabian's 7-38-55% Rule

Elements of Personal Communication

- 7% spoken words
- 38% voice, tone
- 55% body language

What is Communication Style?



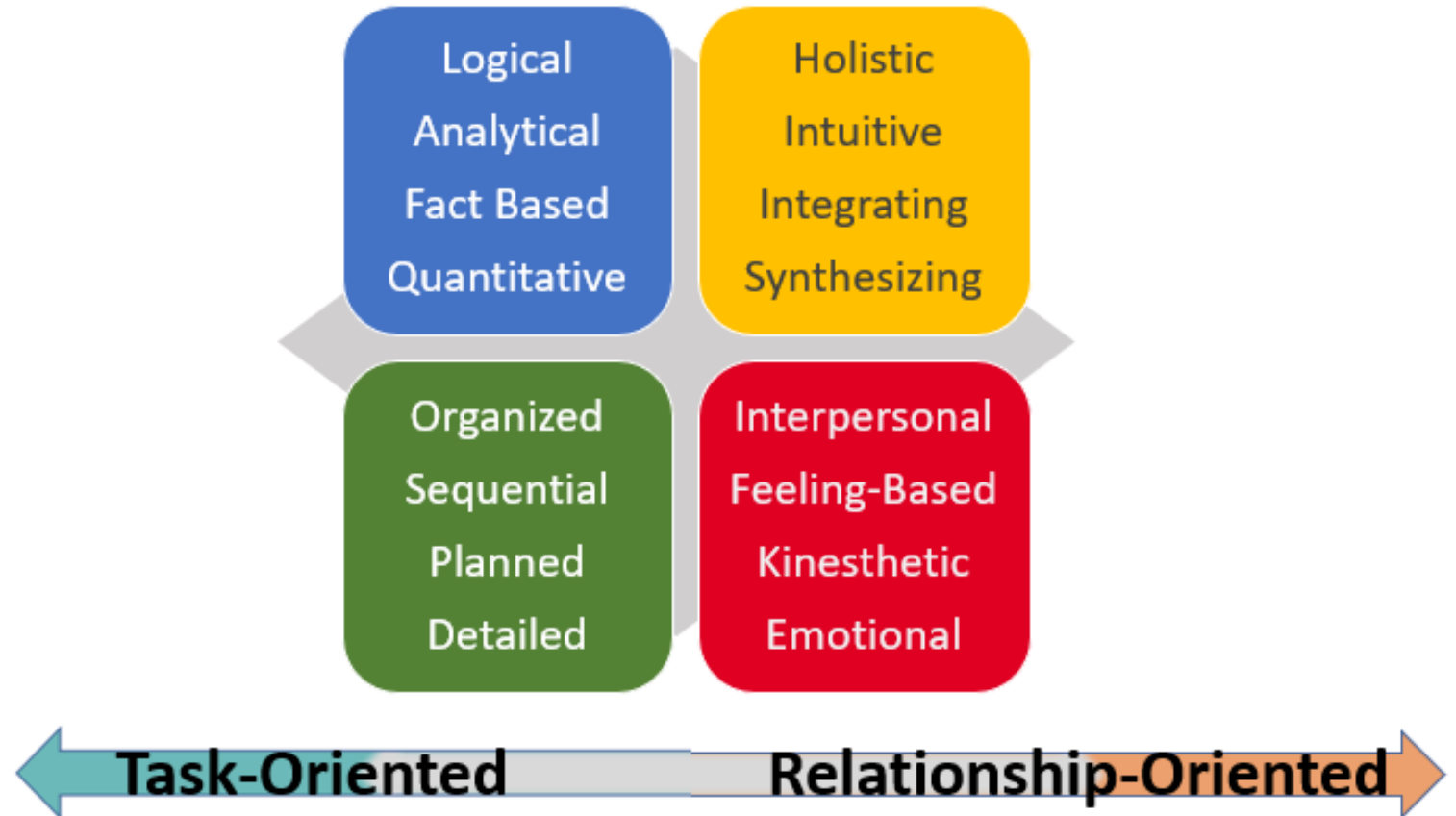


← Task-Oriented **Relationship-Oriented →**

Polling Question #1

Which color **best** represents your communication style?

- Blue
- Green
- Red
- Yellow



BLUE

- Style is logical, analytical, **decisive**, **tough**.
- No decision made without **facts**.
- Values action, **timelines**, **the bottom line**.
- Tends to get **impatient**.
- Very **results-oriented**.
- **Outspoken**, **assertive** and **likes control**.



BLUE – *in the workplace*

- May appear rushed and **abrupt**.
- Want people to **get to the point quickly**.
- Can be hardnosed, with a great emphasis on **success at any cost**.
- Require his/her staff to be well versed in the **facts**.
- Use **logic** rather than intuition or gut feelings to **make decisions**.

Effective Communication with BLUES

- Be direct and to the point.
- Allow choice when possible.
- Discuss how the results will be accomplished.
- Does it use facts?
- Is it quantified?
- Does it show clear analysis?



GREEN

- **Detail-oriented**, systematic, and structured.
- Organized, **analytical**.
- On time, accurate, and **delivered as promised**.
- **Neatness** and following protocol count.
- **Perfectionist**, critical of yourself and others.



GREEN – *in the workplace*

- Weighing **facts** and supporting **data** *before making decision.*
- Values following orders; **meeting project deadline.**
- A well-organized office; **accurate documentation.**
- Often *misunderstood* because may be overly concerned with *accomplishing an error-free task.*
- **Time costs money.**
- **Most private** of all styles.

Effective Communication with GREENS

- Give *opportunity to ask questions*.
- Give them the facts; **show it in writing**.
- Focus on *doing the right thing*.
- Does it provide enough detail?
- Is it in sequential order?
- Is it neat?
- Is it in appropriate format?
- What is your deadline?



RED

- Human **values and feelings** are paramount.
- Genuine **concern for others**; sympathetic, friendly.
- Highly participative and **team oriented**.
- Considerate, and likes **harmonious relationships**.
- Prefer to **avoid conflict**.



RED – *in the workplace*

- **Blends well with all the other styles**, focusing on nurturing relationships.
- Considers **people as the most important asset**.
- Workplace should be friendly, condones open communication: **“my door is always open.”**
- Known as the **“office counselor.”**
- If something doesn't seem right, standard protocol is to address the problem ***in a sensitive way***.
- May have **difficulty standing up for themselves**.

Effective Communication with REDS

- Appreciate “calm, cool & collected” style.
- Ask them for their help/cooperation, *preferably not at the last minute.*
- Consider their schedule.
- Is it people-focused?
- Is it helpful and user-friendly?
- Does it acknowledge emotional issues?



YELLOW

- Intuitive, holistic, adventurous, risk-takers.
- “If there is a better way, let’s try it out.”
- Experimentation is highly valued.
- Animated, energetic and spontaneous.
- Looks at “big picture” and can tend to overlook details.
- Who you want on the team for long-term, strategic thinking.



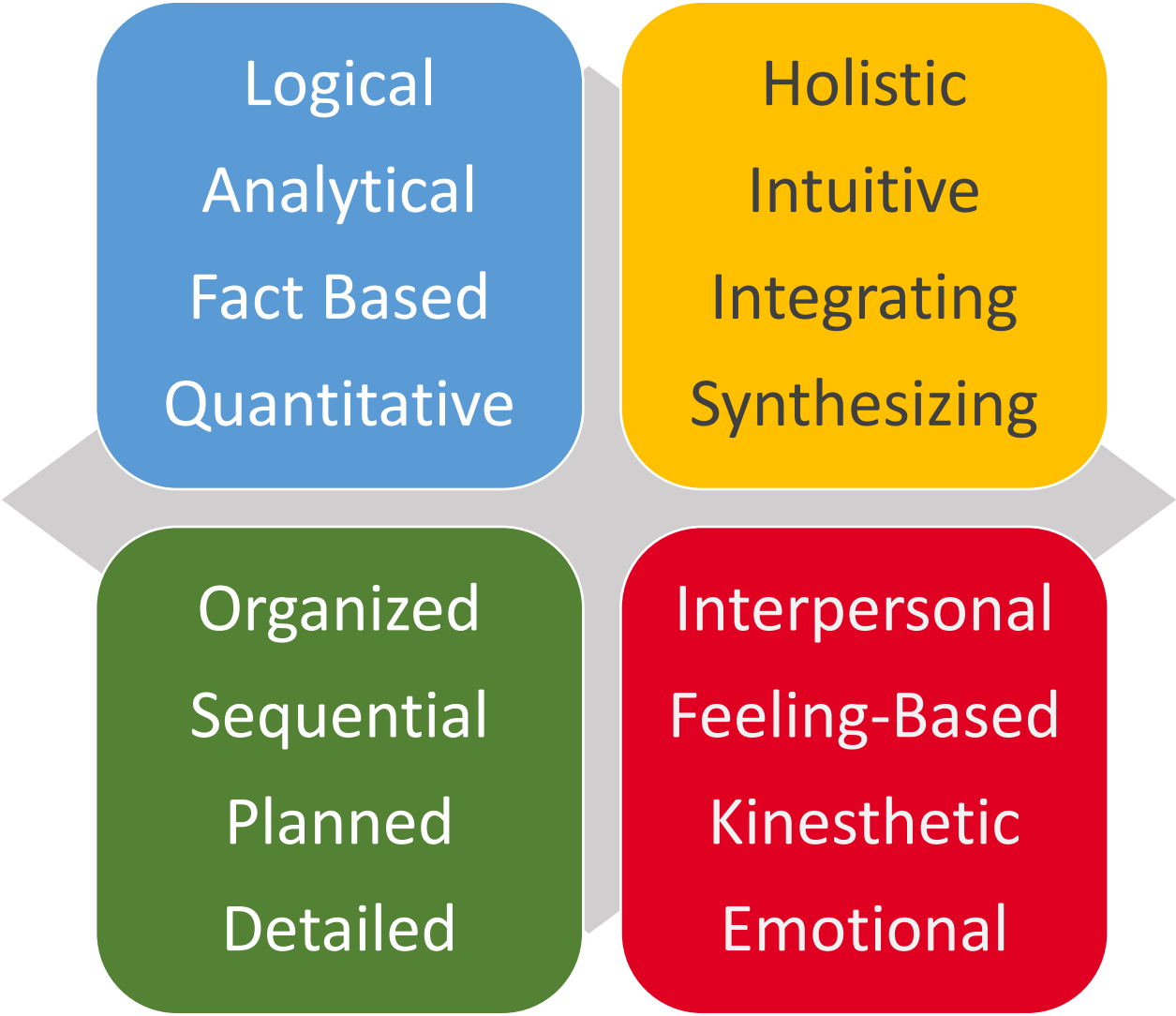
YELLOW – *in the workplace*

- Most talkative of all the styles. Open to all.
- May have difficulty listening to directives or concerns; busy thinking, talking and developing relationship rapport.
- Normal to try out several approaches at once.
- Looks to the future, overlooking short-sighted solutions is common trait.
- Most creative with others; sharing ideas.
- Shows interest through interaction & input.

Effective Communication with YELLOWs

- Does it look at the big picture?
- Is it conceptually sound?
- Is it visual and colorful?
- Does it use metaphors?
- Does it look at the future?





← Task-Oriented **Relationship-Oriented →**

Vignette #1:

POLL #2

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A: "Oh, Hey! How was your weekend? You were going out of town right?"

K: "Yeah, It was great. Can you take care of the consent and blood draw or not?"

A: "Sure, I can do it. I haven't been trained on it yet but maybe Cheryl can help if I have questions."

K: "I added you to the protocol."

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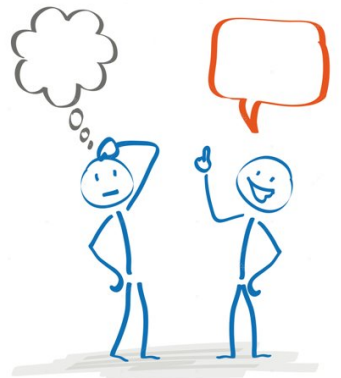
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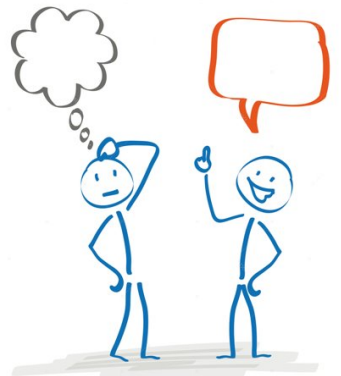
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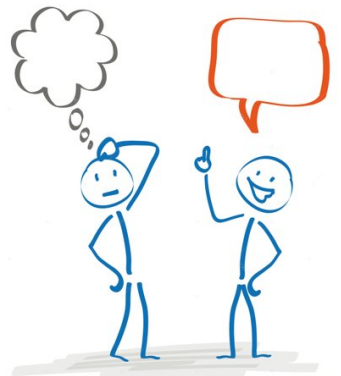
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POLL #4

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K: "She'll do it in the morning. She always does."

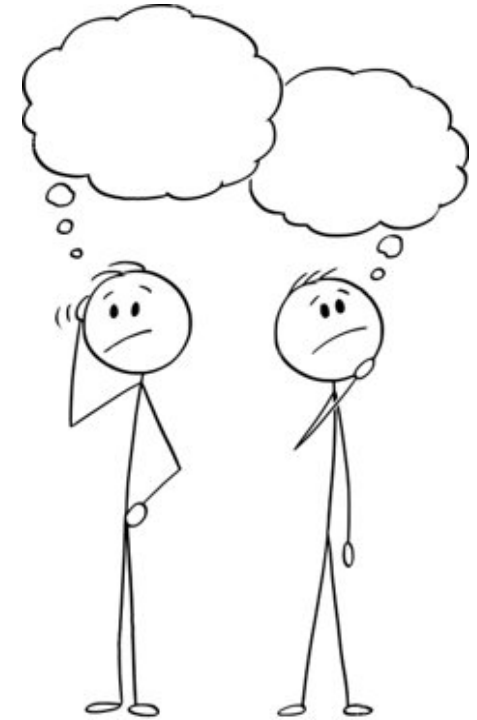
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K: "Well, you know she has to leave by 4:30 every day. Maybe she'll do it tomorrow or maybe she'll do it at home. If you're really worried about it, maybe you could do it."

A: "She needs to organize herself better. The data are supposed to be entered immediately. We can't afford mistakes."

K: "It's not that big of a deal. Are you okay?"

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Vignette #2:

POLL #5

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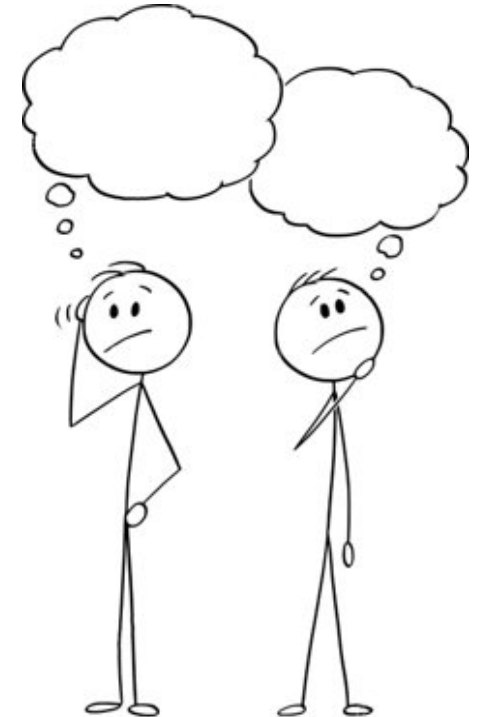
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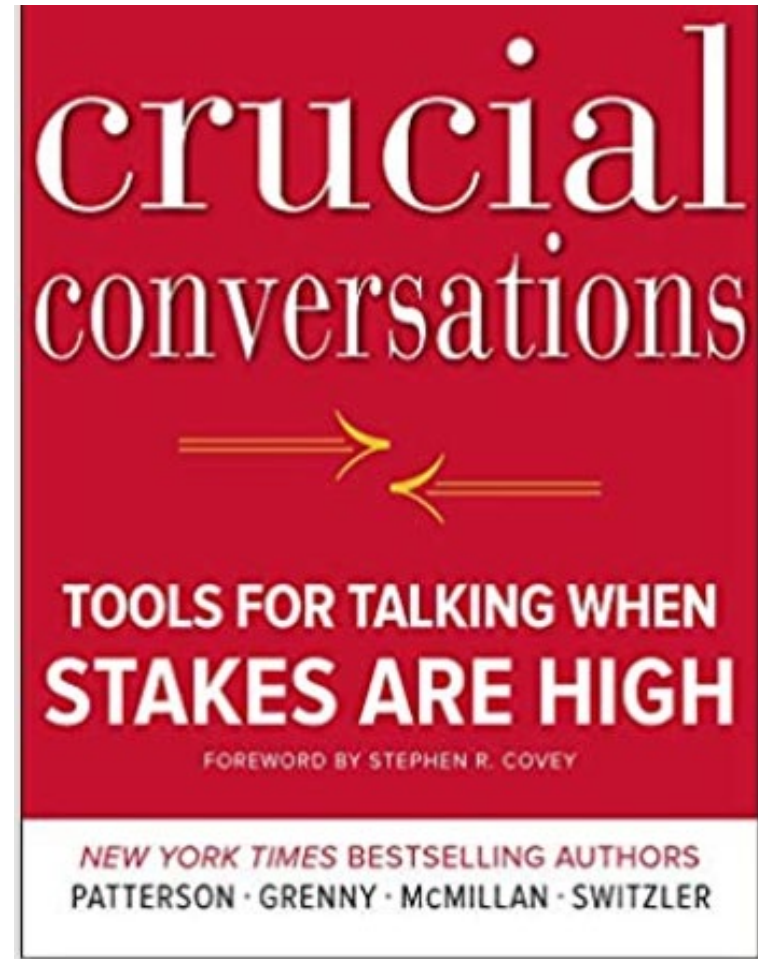
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State Your Path

- Share your facts
- Tell your story
- Ask for others' paths
- Talk tentatively
- Encourage testing

Be aware of *color styles* when having crucial conversations.

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More Team Science Resources

- CCTST CIS Website: cctst.org/programs/CIS
- Northwestern University Clinical & Translational Sciences Institute:
<http://www.teamscience.net>

Four learning modules about Team Science (simulations)

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- Team Science Research Process in Behavioral Science
- Team Science Research Process in Basic Medical Science
- Team Science Research Process in Clinical Medical Science

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