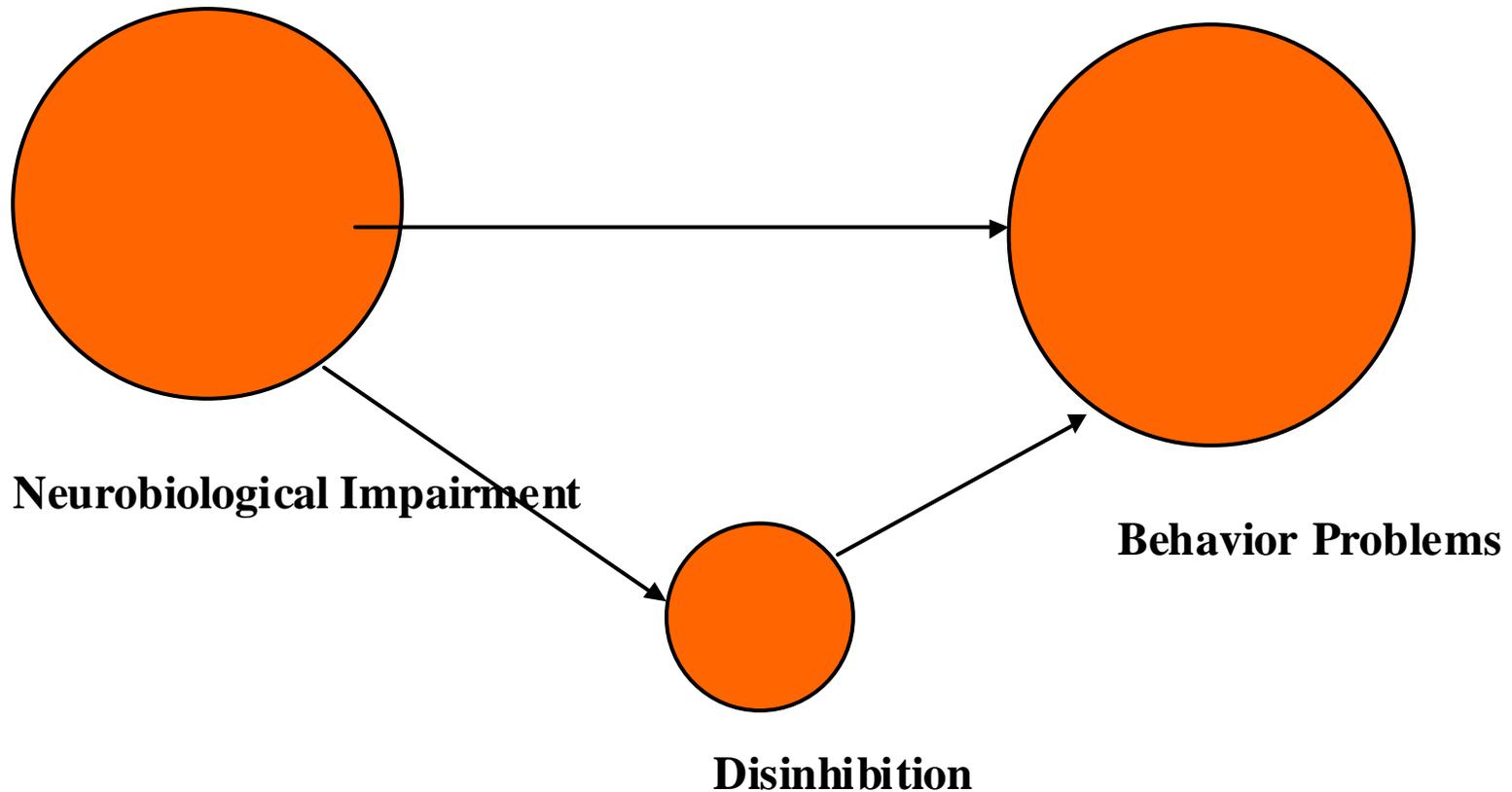




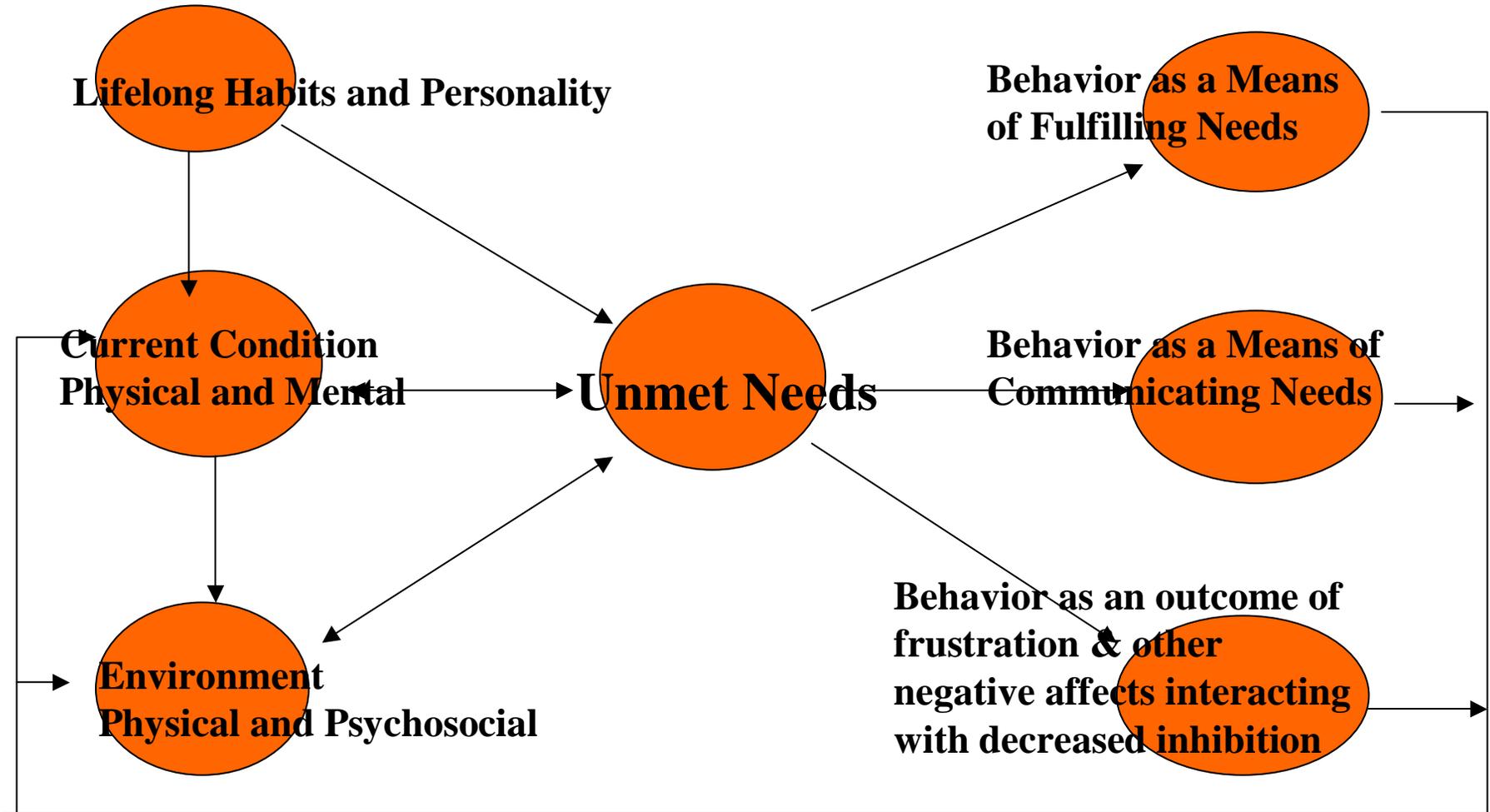
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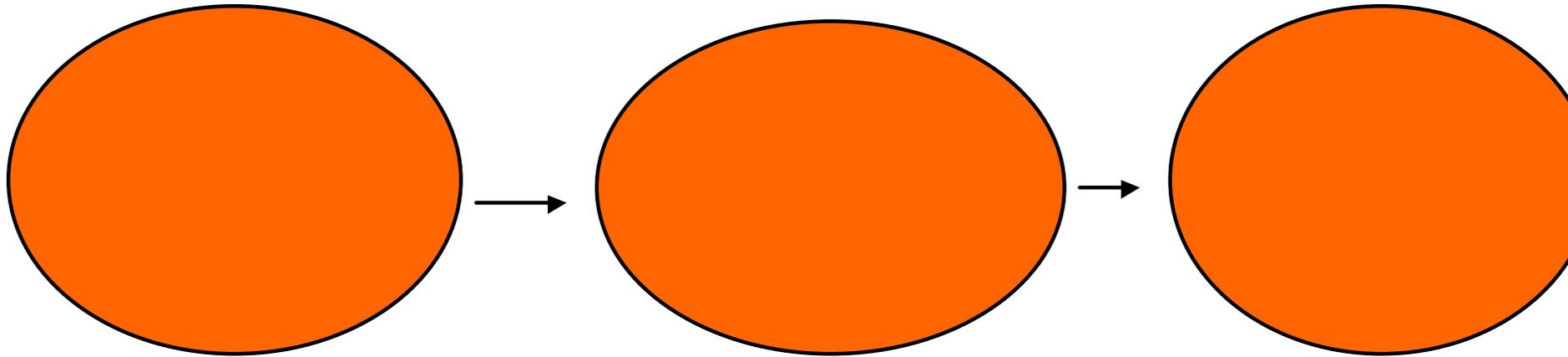


Unmet Needs Model

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Behavioral Model



Antecedent

Behavior

Consequence

Cohen-Mansfield Table #1

Reasons for Unmet Needs	
Why Do Unmet Needs Exist?	
Normal Needs	Abnormal Conditions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Physiological<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Pain, health, physical discomfort- Safety<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Uncomfortable environmental conditions- Love and Belonging<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Need for social contacts- Esteem<ul style="list-style-type: none">- type of stimulation- Self-actualization	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Unable to communicate needs- Unaware of needs of self- Unable to use prior coping mechanisms- Unable to obtain the means for meeting the need- Environment does not comprehend the needs- Environment does not comprehend the needs

Verbal Agitation



- Is it a Physical Pain or Discomfort?
- Need for Social Contact
- Need for Stimulation? Or Boredom?
- Need for Control?
- Insufficient daylight?
- Misinterpretation of the situation?
- Hallucinations?

Verbal Agitation



- Is it a Physical Pain or Discomfort?
 - Medical treatment or nursing intervention
- Need for Social Contact?
 - Try social interaction
 - Real or taped
- Need for Stimulation? Or Boredom?
 - Identify meaningful activities
 - (physical exercise)

Verbal Agitation



- Need for Control?
 - Offer choices
 - Provide tasks that allow for control
- Insufficient daylight?
 - Take outside or
 - Use bright light therapy

Verbal Agitation



- Misinterpretation of the situation?
 - Improve communication
 - Transition to situation cues
- Hallucinations?
 - Check vision & hearing
 - Try using familiar objects or people

Physically Nonaggressive Behavior



- Does the person have Akenthesia?
- Does the person Seem Upset?
- Does the Person need Self-Stimulation or Exercise?
- Is the Behavior disturbing Others?

Physically Nonaggressive Behavior



- Does the person have Akenthesia?
 - Change Medications

Physically Nonaggressive Behavior



- Does the person Seem Upset?
 - Is the person looking for home?
 - Try to make the place look and feel like home
 - Is the person restless or seem to be looking for something
 - Try to introduce activities meaningful to an older person
 - Is the person comfortable?
 - Change position or source of discomfort

Physically Nonaggressive Behavior

- Does person need self-stimulation or exercise?
 - Are you concerned about the safety of the person?
 - Try to use Safety Devices
 - Safety Alarms
 - Large enclosed environments
 - Change the look of the Exit Door
 - Is the person trespassing and bothering others?
 - Develop a more inviting environment where they can wander
 - Camouflage other entrances

Physically Nonaggressive Behavior



- Is the behavior disturbing others?
 - Try to change the staff attitudes
 - Or channel behaviors into more appropriate means

Aggressive Behaviors



Is the person :

- Trying to communicate discomfort?
- Experiencing delusions or hallucinations?
- Feeling you invaded his/her personal space?
- Trying to refuse an ADL?
- Bothered by another resident

Aggressive Behaviors



Is the person :

- Trying to communicate discomfort?
 - Change the environment to feel more comfortable
- Experiencing delusions or hallucinations?
 - Check vision, hearing or
 - Other causes of misinterpretation

Aggressive Behaviors



Is the person :

- Feeling you invaded his/her personal space?
 - Try new approaches to getting closer to the person
- Trying to refuse an ADL?
 - Try to accommodate by performing the ADL
 - At a different time or
 - By a different method

Aggressive Behaviors



Is the person :

- Bothered by another person?
 - Try to separate the people who may trigger negative responses (in each other)



THE END