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Why create a mental model?

We need to not only acknowledge and accept that people die, we need to begin to think about why people die.
This is a natural process

This is not a “failure of the body”

Decline is not synonymous with failure

This is a physiologic rather than a chronologic process

This period varies in length - no two IPs are same
Medical education suggests it is ONLY the disease process at work -
It is the disease process that is “killing” the individual

Little thought or insight that other (natural) processes may be occurring independently / concurrently

Few acknowledge that the body “wears out” - even in the absence of disease
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Proof of it’s existence:

People die with and without disease

People decline in spite of clinical interventions / treatments
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There is a reason why disease(s) progress:

Physiologic Decline = Inflection Period™

Diseases influence the rate of progression through the IP
There exists an *iatrogenic causality* potentiating decline secondary to physiologic stress. As physiologic capabilities/reserves diminish, all interventions - regardless of intent - eventually act as a negative stressor pushing the physiologic system further down the IP continuum.
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*Point of Transition* within the Inflection Period™. Procedural profile items (pharmacologics, surgeries, other procedures, etc) cease to have positive therapeutic value. A majority of procedural items actually cause harm and potentiate more rapid decline, decreased quality and shorten life length.

Patients become victims
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*Point of Transition* and Leading Indicators of Change
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This is ALWAYS right.

The truth will empower patients to hear what it is saying.

We have to hear what they are telling us.
A different voice in healthcare…
so patients can find their own.™
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Thank You