It's Not "Just Lyme"

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VIDEO: LIVING WITH LYME DISEASE

Living with Lyme Disease A Patient's Obstacles

Permission from patient and patient guardian provided.

Link to view video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iS8DOsw1kis&feature=youtu.be



"You can't calm the storm, so stop trying.

What you can do is calm yourself.

The storm will pass."

-Timber Hawkeye

LYME AND CO-INFECTIONS ARE WIDE-SPREAD

- Over 300,000 new cases in US of tick borne illnesses yearly
- Avril Lavigne
- Yolanda Foster and Family
- Ally Hilfiger
- John Caudwell and Family
- · George W. Bush
- Richard Gere

25X

THE NUMBER OF CASES
REPORTED ANNUALLY
HAS INCREASED
NEARLY 25-FOLD SINCE
NATIONAL
SURVEILLANCE BEGAN
IN 1982.

34 CASES

CASES PER HOUR 822 CASES

PER DAY

STAGE I: ACUTE



- Bull's Eye Rash Erythema Migrans (EM)
- Fever, chills, flu-like symptoms
- Headache, muscle pain, joint pain, stiff neck
- The testing is often negative early; don't delay
- You can send the tick to be tested
- · 4-6 weeks of treatment; treat co-infections as well

STAGE II: THE GREAT IMITATOR

- Early disseminated into lymph nodes and blood and can involve the joints, nervous system, and even the heart
- Meningitis, Bell's palsy, muscle weakness, diffuse rashes, neurologic changes, even delirium, POTS, endocarditis
- TAKE HOME: Think lyme and co-infections and treat for up to 4 months

STAGE III: CHRONIC

- · Joint pains, body aches, focal hips, knees, neck
- Numbness/tingling arms/legs/hands/feet
- Difficulty concentrating, struggle finding words
- Extreme fatigue
- HALLMARK is cyclical symptoms

BABESIA

- Autonomic nervous system (ANS) POTS, heart racing
- Significant cognitive dysfunction
- Shortness of breath air hunger due to ANS
- Mood affected fear and anxiety, emotional upheaval
- Headaches like a constant pressure in their head
- Drenching night sweats, chilled to bone
- Pain is NOT a predominant symptom

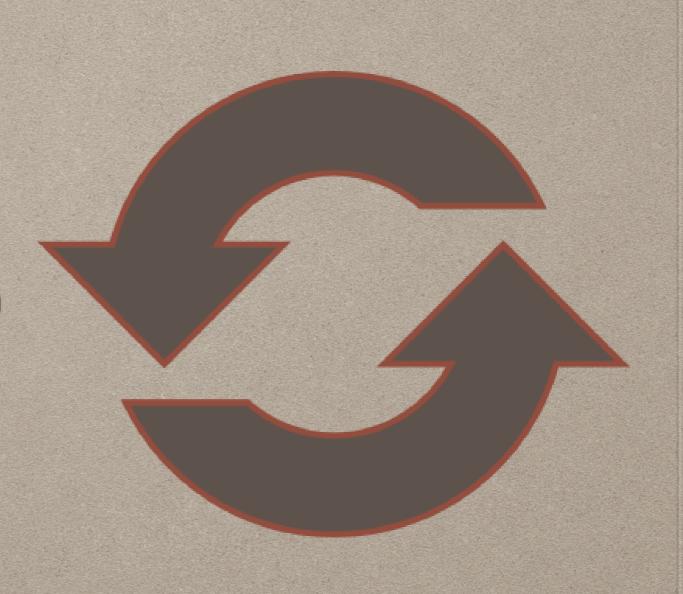
BARTONELLA

- · Pain is predominant symptom joint pain, bottom of soles
- · Labile mood, often diagnosed as bipolar
- · Striae "stretch marks" flanks and abdomen
- Bladder dysfunction
- Lymphadenopathy
- Liver issues, pain, waxing and waning labs
- · Headaches are chronic, ice pick, more severe
- Lots of back of neck/head/occipital pain



VICIOUS CYCLE

- The foreign antigens stay in the body
- The immune system constantly fights back
- Leads to inflammation in the body
- Leads to chronic Illness and systemic symptoms
- The entire body suffers because of self-inflicted wounds



THE PERFECT STORM



Pre-Existing Weaknesses

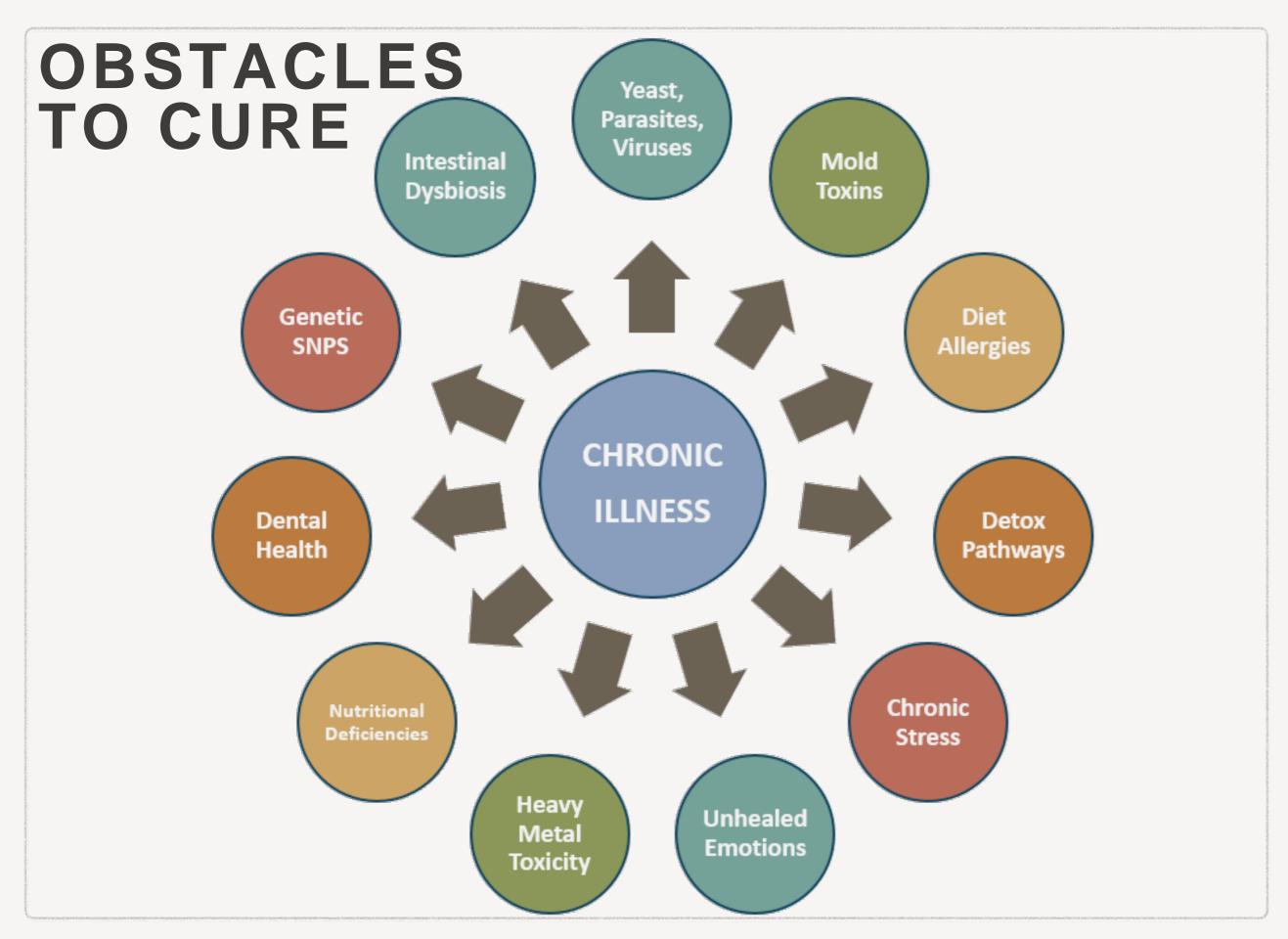
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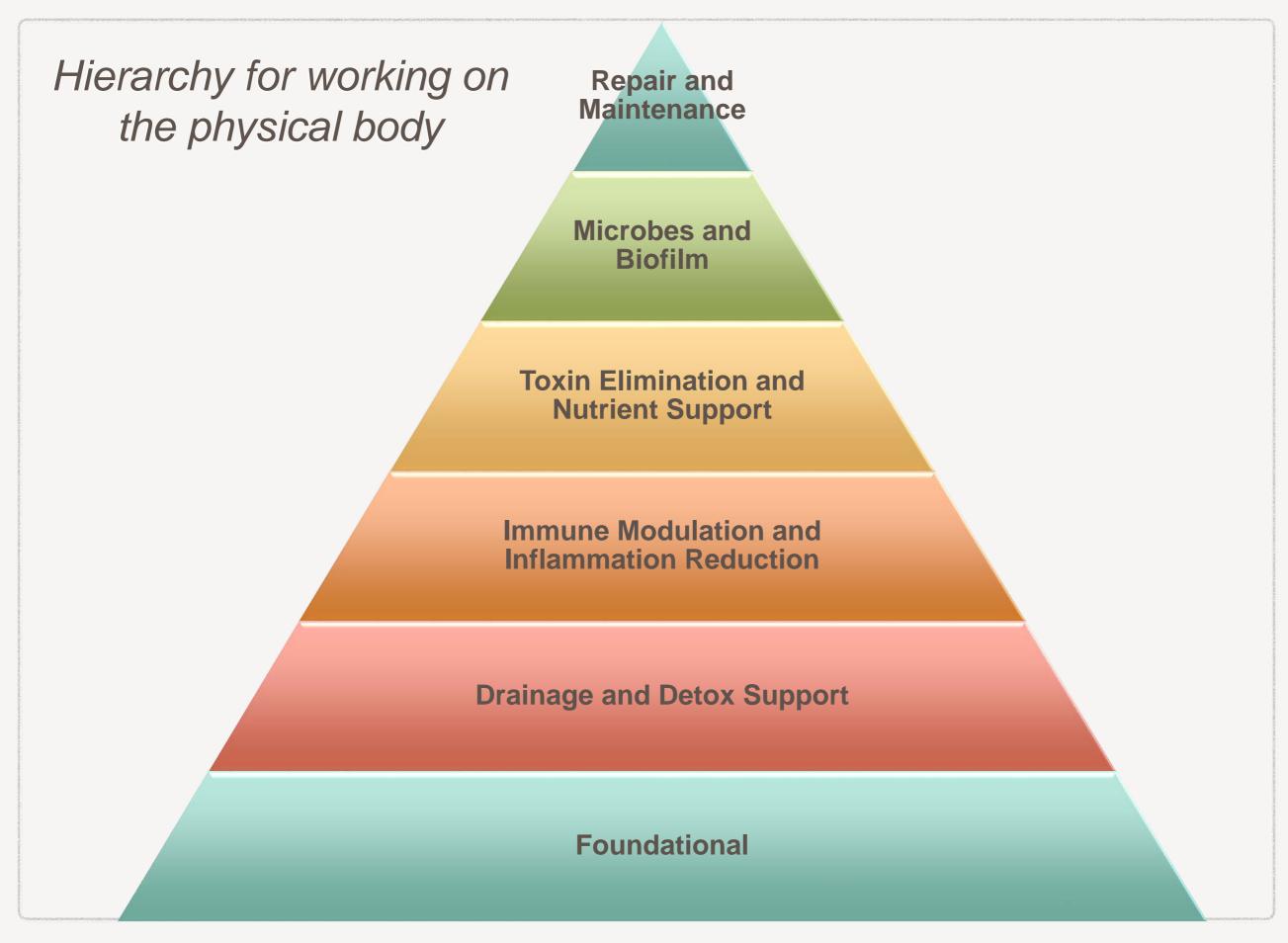
Add Infections

Severity of Symptoms and The "Crash"

TREAT THE TERRAIN THE TERRAIN IS EVERYTHING

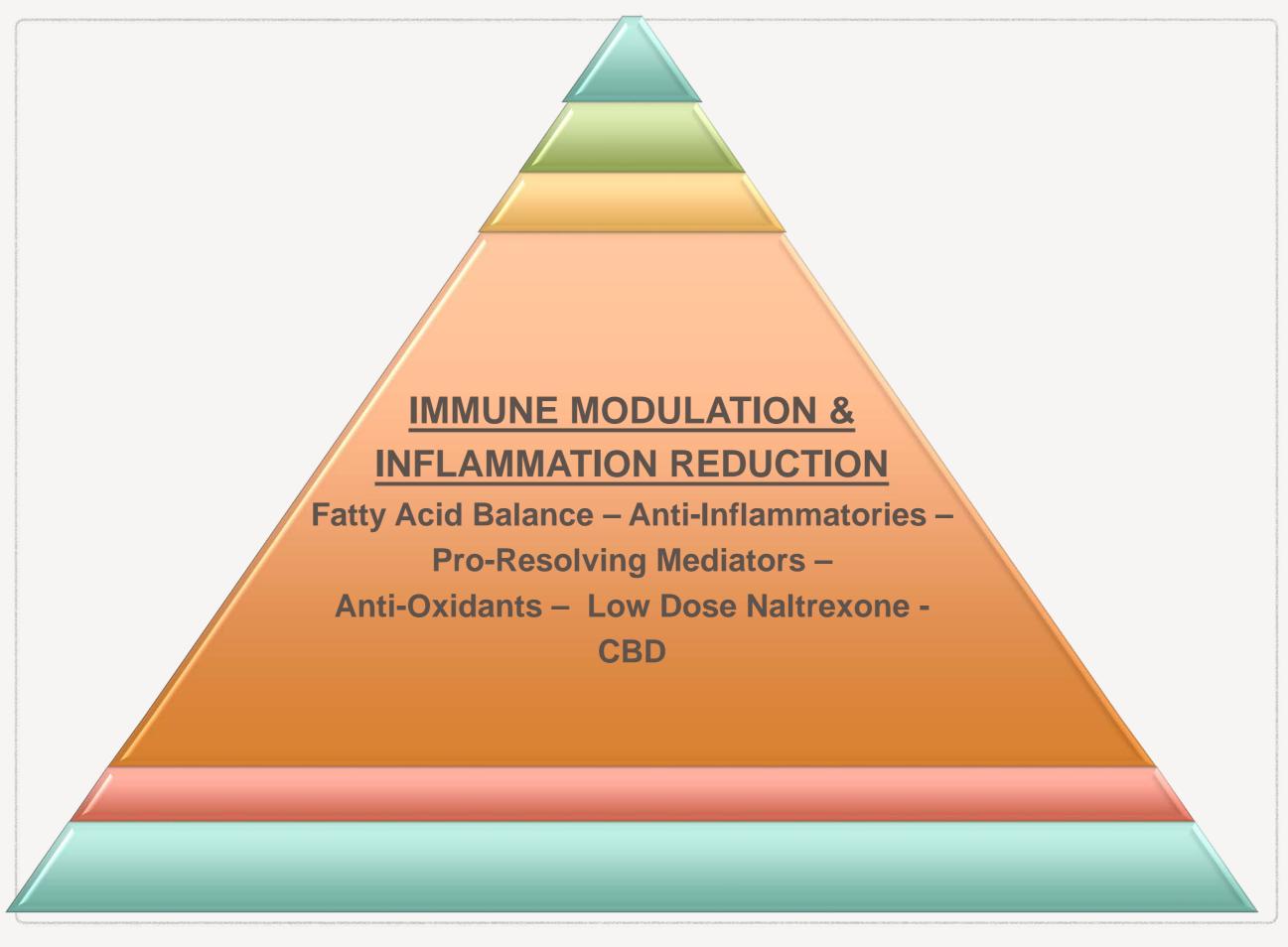
- Louis Pasteur 1895: The more factors out of balance, the more chaos, the more infections have a milieu to thrive
- Lyme and other infections are simply a symptom; the disrupted immune system and terrain allow the bugs to flourish
- Cannot just kill the bug
- Lower the microbe count and heal the terrain so the immune system can take over

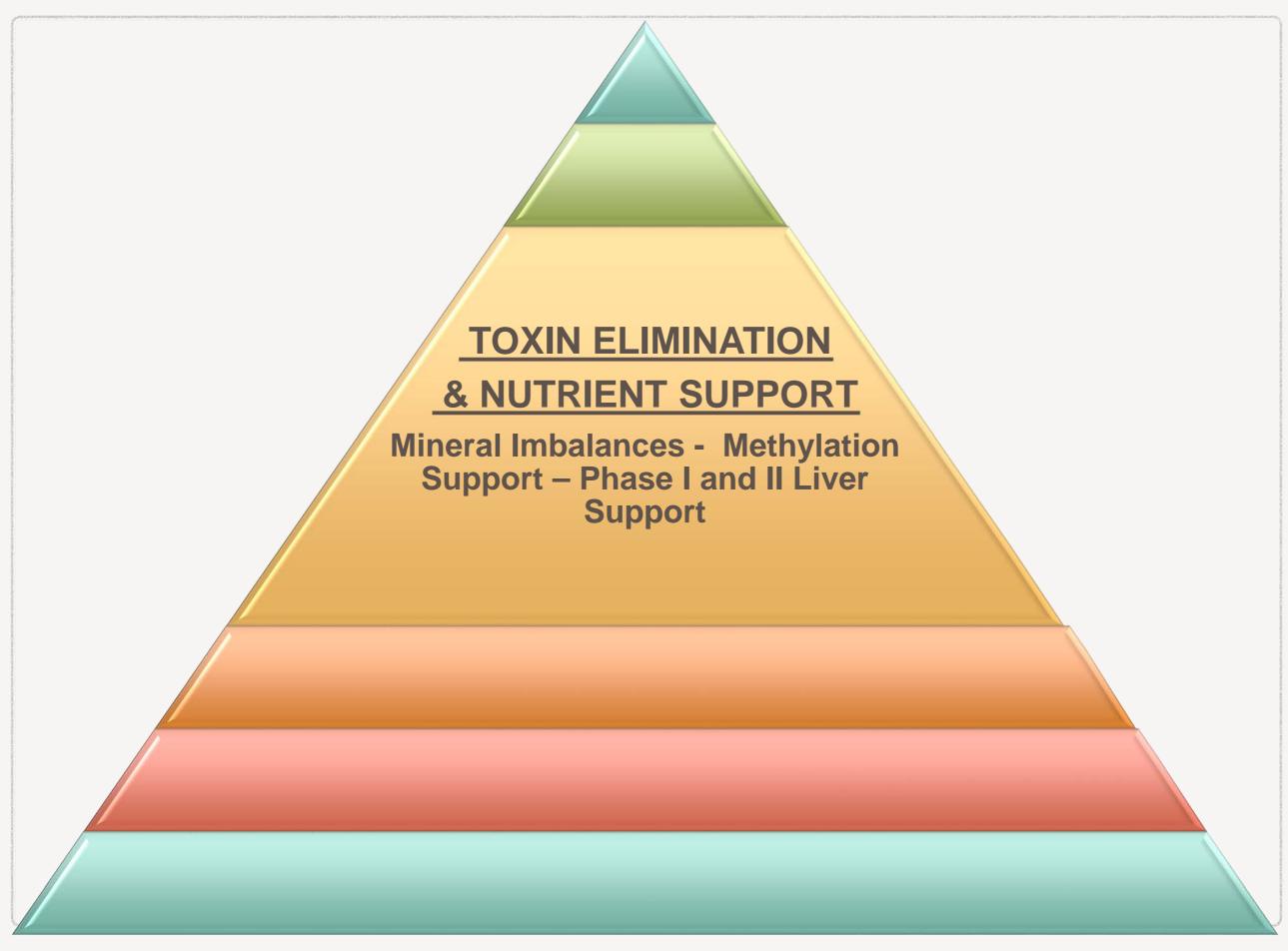


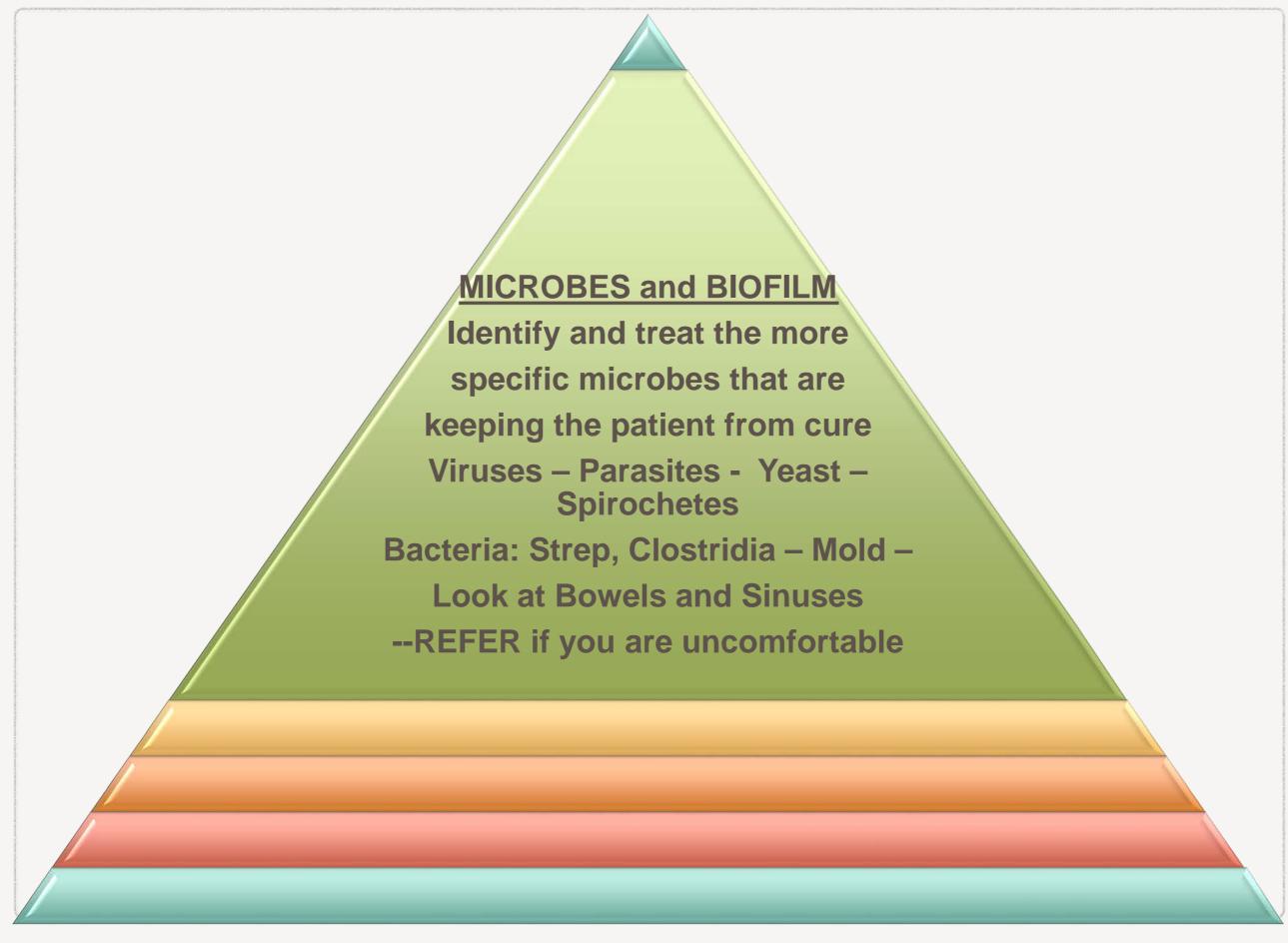


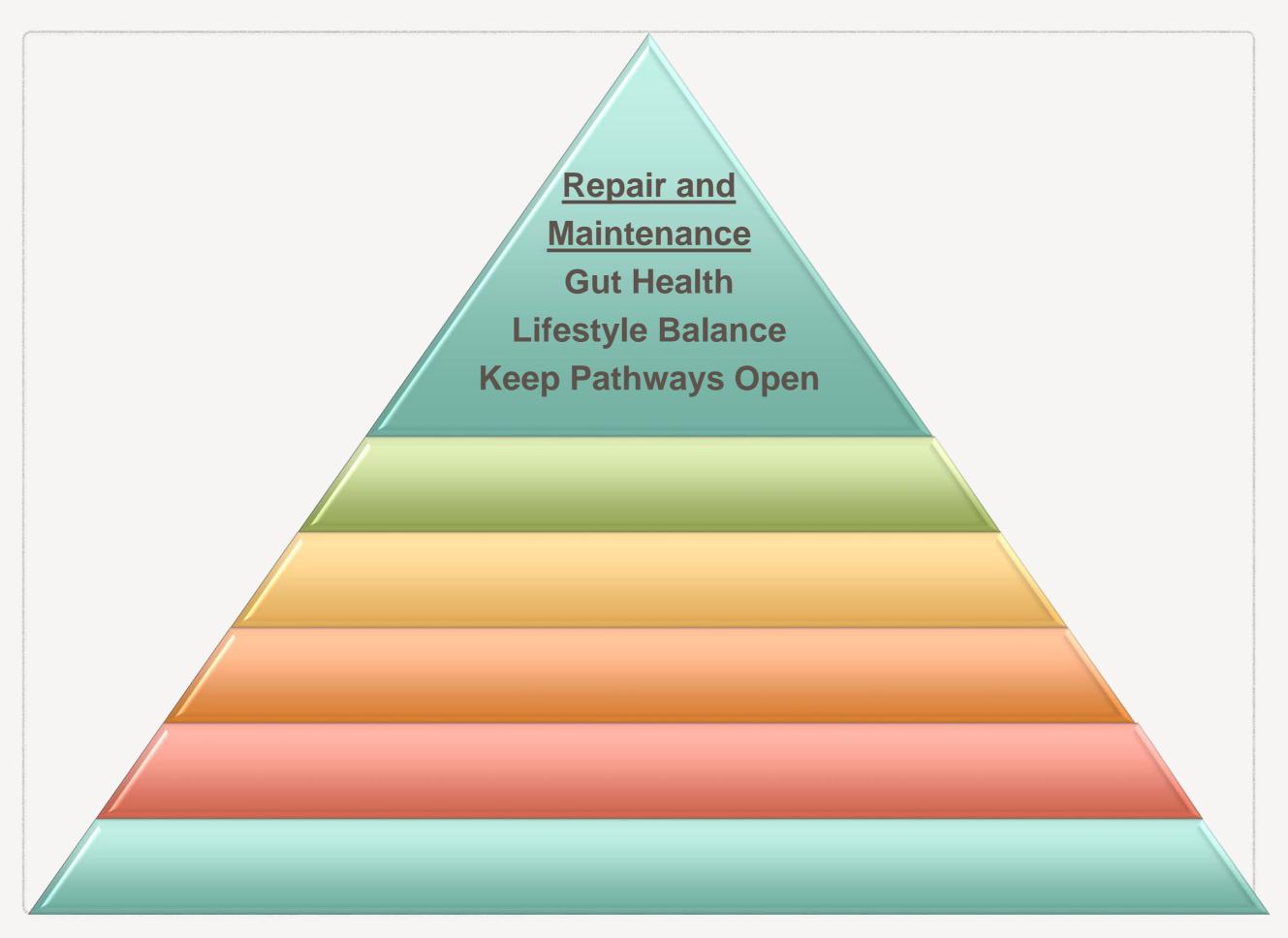












LOOK FOR THE INFECTIONS TREAT THE TERRAIN

- Don't be afraid of infections
- Use your tools
- Don't be afraid to seek advice
- This is a journey
- It's not easy for the patient either!

