

HIV/AIDS OVERVIEW

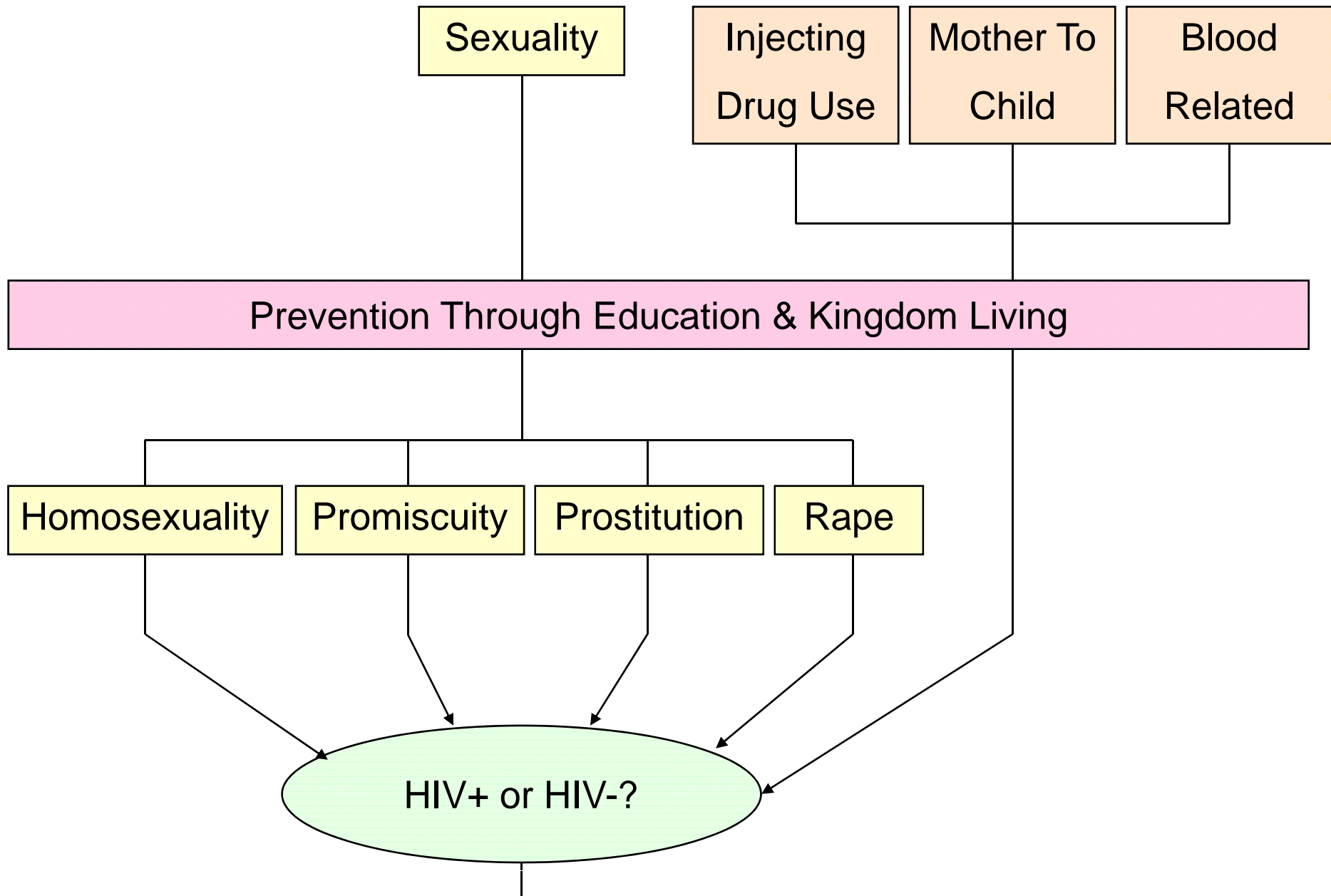
- This presentation explores the course of the disease in the individual, with five questions, and provides a framework for understanding a highly complex pattern of infection, living with the disease, illness, and eventually death.
- Emotional and psychological factors are explored as and when they arise.

Five Questions

- Am I HIV Positive?
- How Do I Find Out?
- What Can Be Done Medically?
- How Will I Be Cared For?
- What Will Happen To My Children?

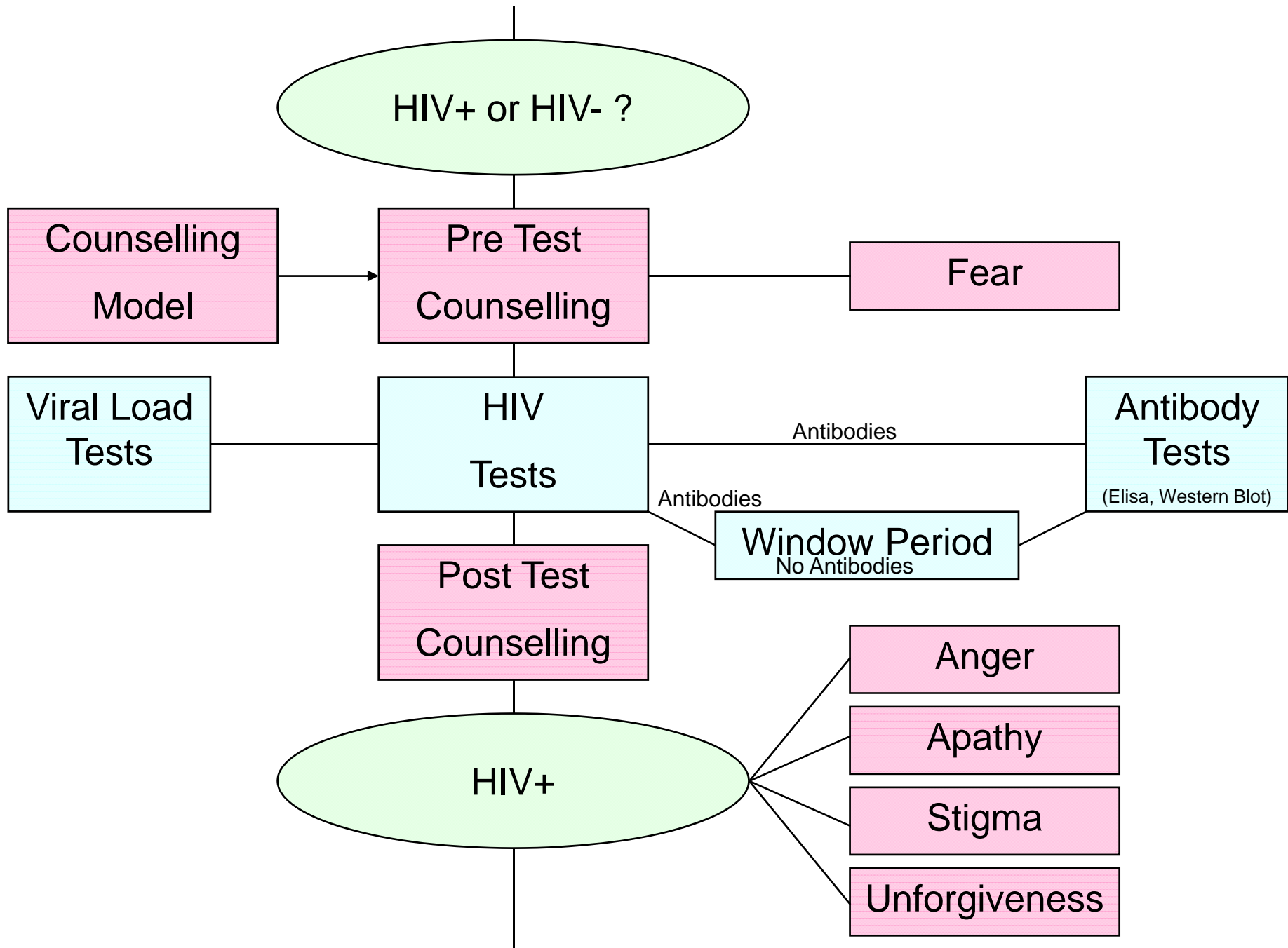
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- No. 1 Am I HIV Positive?
- We explore the factors that prompt a person to ask this question.



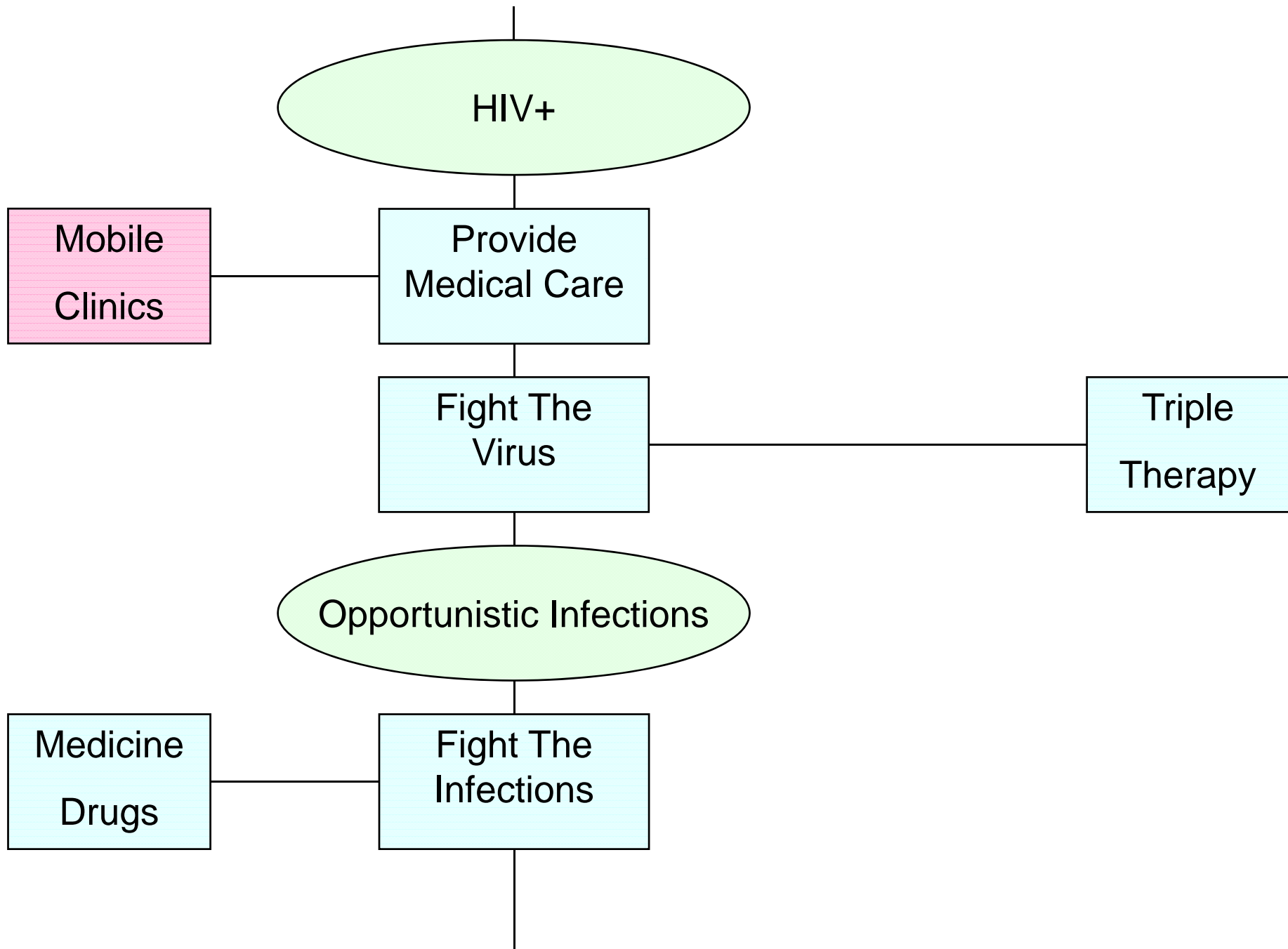
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- No. 2 How Do I Find Out?
- We explore how one is tested for the presence of HIV, the timing of the test, and the implications of the test.



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- No. 3 What Can Be Done Medically?
- We consider how to fight the virus itself and how to fight the opportunistic infections that a weakened immune system permit.

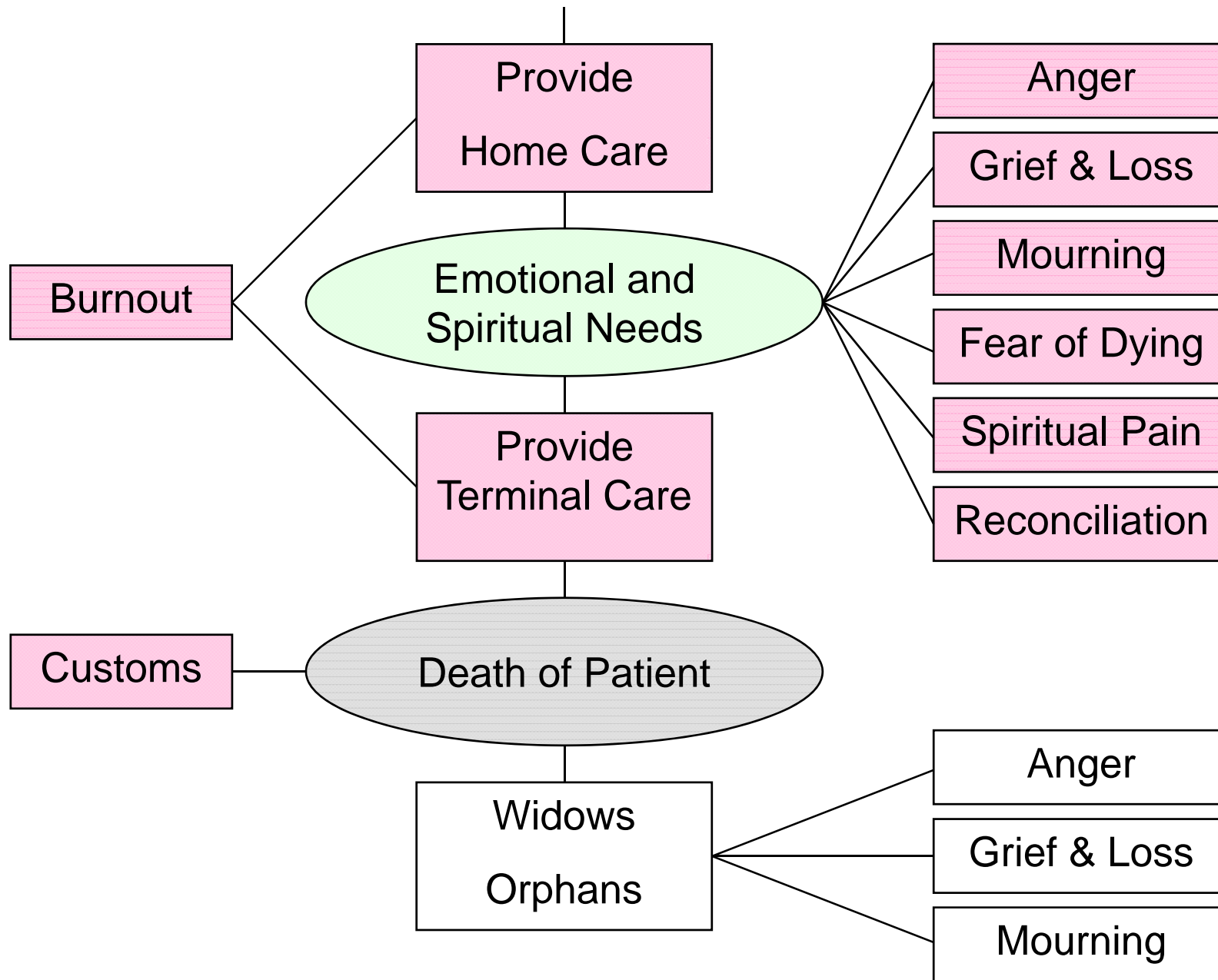


Fight Opportunistic Infections

Name	Type	Common Symptom
• KS Kaposi's Sarcoma	Cancer	Purple blotches
• PCP Pneumocystis Carinii Pneumonia	Protozoa	Breathlessness
• CMV CytoMegaloVirus (CMV Retinitis)	Virus	Blindness
• MAI Mycobacterium Avium-Intracellulare	Bacterium	Gut / Chest Infections
• Cryptosporidiosis	Parasite	Diarrhoea
• Candidiasis	Fungus	Oral & Gut Thrush
• LIP Lymphocytic Interstitial Pneumonitis	Virus	Breathless – children

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- No. 4 How Will I Be Cared For?
- We look at the provision of home care, terminal care, the emotional and spiritual needs of the patient and subsequent issues relating to dependents of the patient.



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- No. 5 What Will Happen To My Children?
- The impact of a dying parent on the children is looked at and the future provision for them as AIDS orphans is considered.

