

Panel: Respect, dignity and compassion-from the cradle to the grave

SAAFP 26th Annual Practitioners Congress, Protea Hotel Waterfront, Cape Town

7-8 September 2024



Photo by Stefan Els

Agenda

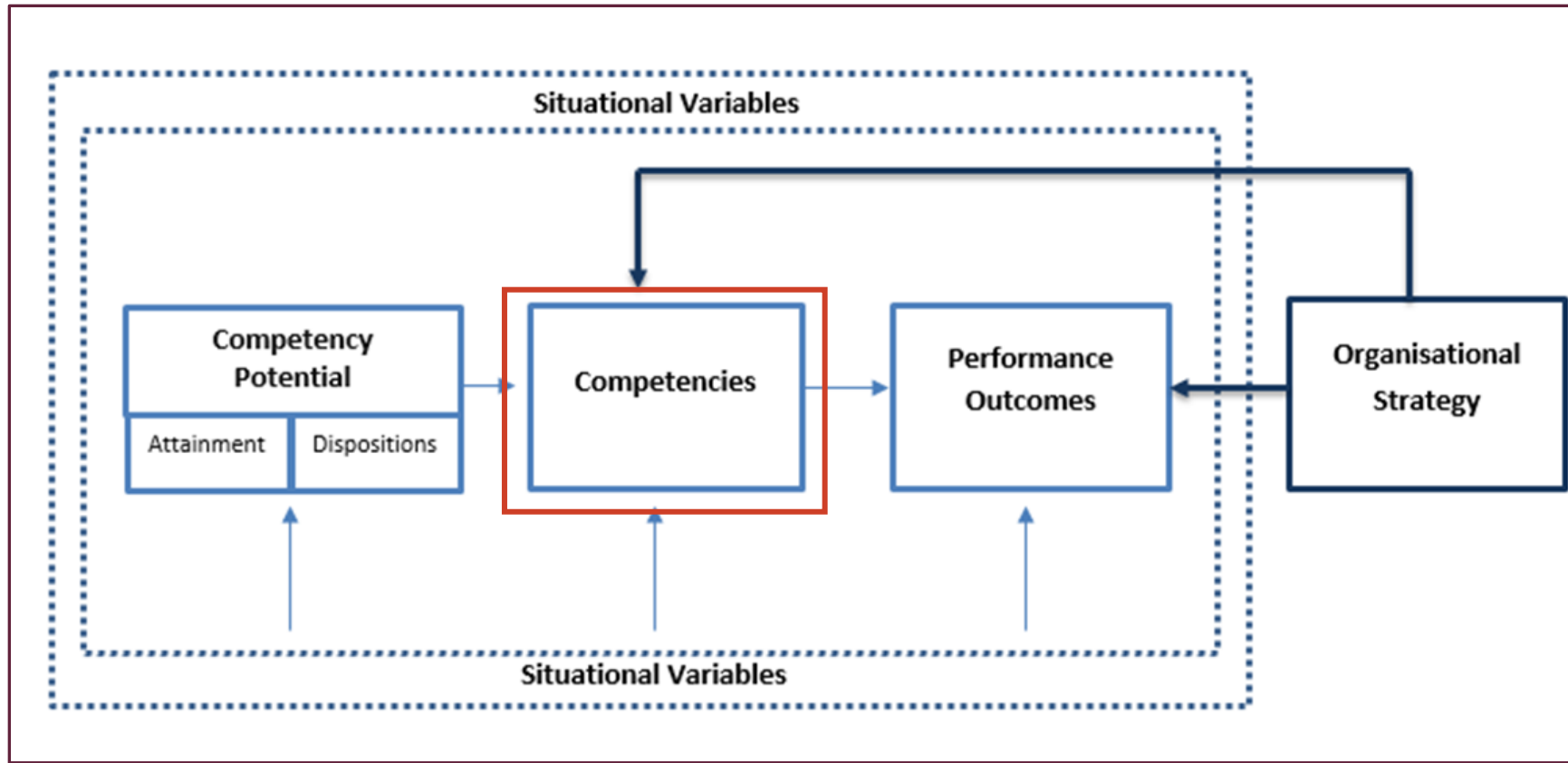
1. Importance of Medical Practitioner Compassion
2. Conceptualising Medical Practitioner Compassion
3. Measuring Medical Practitioner Compassion



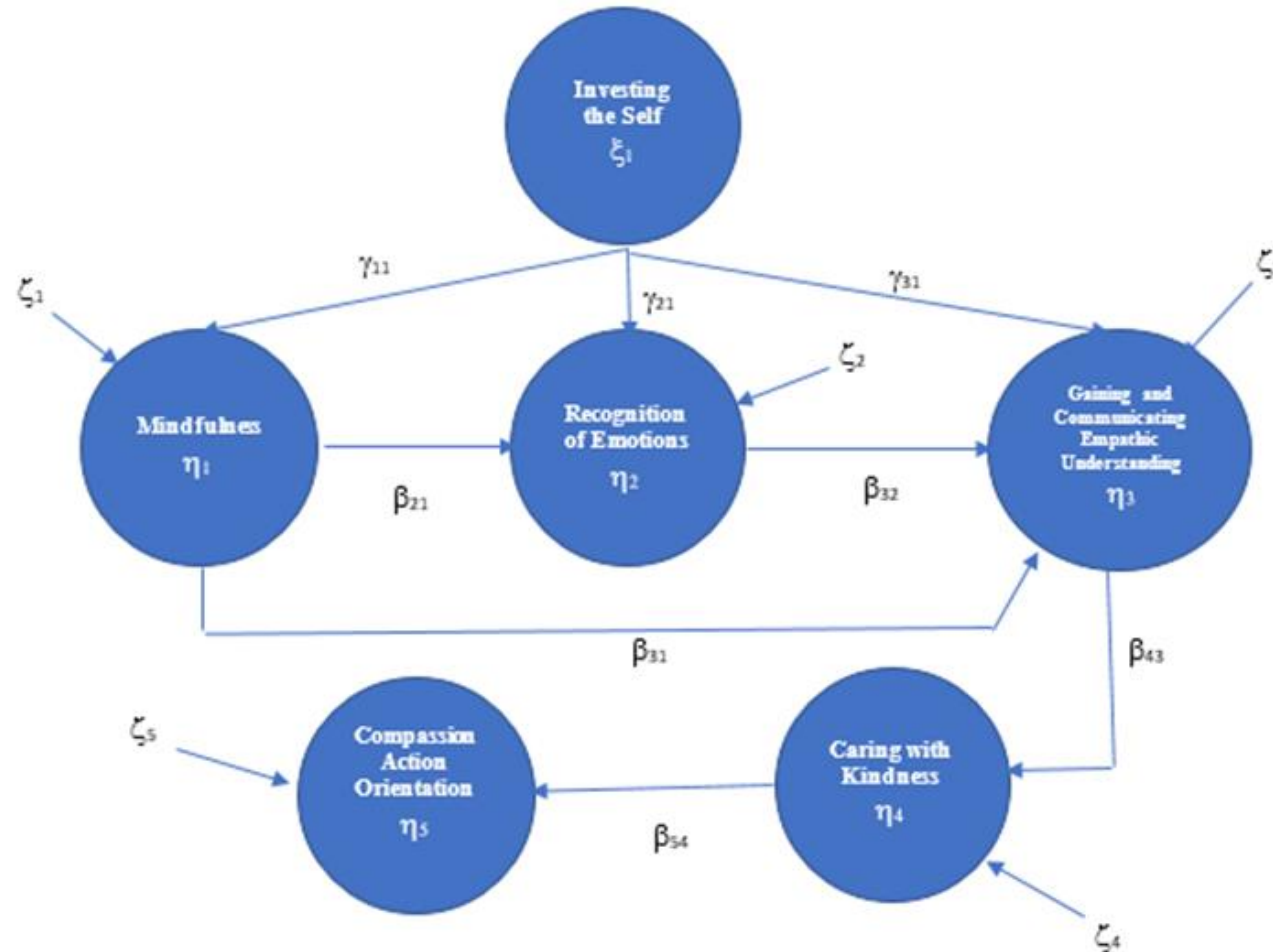
**Medical
Practitioner
Compassion**

Medical Practitioner Compassion: Behaviour

Competency Model



Conceptualising Medical Practitioner Compassion



Measuring Medical Practitioner Compassion (MPCCQv2)

INVESTING THE SELF

The extent to which the medical practitioner invests his/herself into the patient-practitioner relationship; the extent to which the practitioner does not remain distant; the extent to which the practitioner gives him-/herself to the patient; the extent to which the practitioner commits him/herself to the relationship; the extent to which the practitioner is authentically present in the encounter.

Domain		Significant development area	Develop- ment area	On par/ satisfactory	Strength	Well-developed strength	Unable to rate
		1	2	3	4	5	6
11	Medical practitioner - patient involvement	I see and treat each patient as just another case. I focus on my task and do not try to understand patient fears and expectations. I do not spend time in getting to know the patient.		I try to see and treat each patient as a unique person. I attempt to attune and focus myself on the patient and try to understand patients' fears and expectations, but do not always succeed. I try to spend time in getting to know the patients, but this is not always possible.		I see and treat each patient as a unique person. I attune and focus myself on the patient and develop an understanding of patients' fears and expectations. I spend time in getting to know patients.	
12	Medical practitioner patient contact	I keep myself at a distance. I keep a psychological separation between myself and patients. I project myself by being emotionally cool and clinically detached.		I present myself to patients as friendly, but still to some degree as detached.		I purposefully attempt to psychologically connect with patients. I psychologically give myself to patients. I project myself as warm and approachable.	
13	Medical practitioner personal disclosure /exposure	I do not share anything about myself with patients that is relevant to their situations.		I often think of sharing my own story with patients when discussing the diagnosis and/or management plan, but do not always follow through.		I openly share my own story/something personal when discussing the diagnosis and/or management plan when it is relevant. I reveal something about myself to patients when it is relevant to their situation.	

Thank you
Enkosi
Dankie



Photo by Stefan Els