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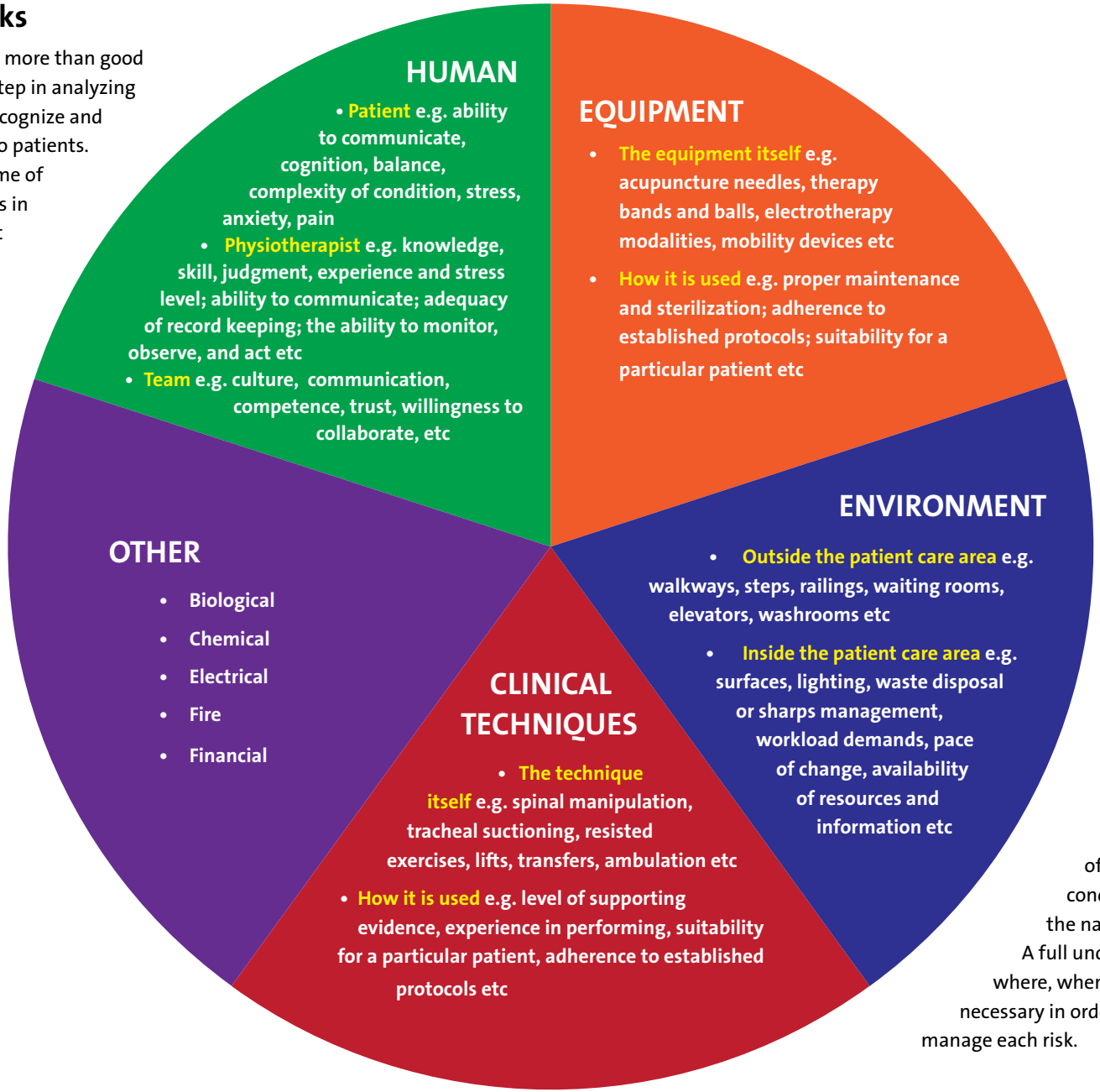
# Risks in Physiotherapy Practice

## Identifying Risks

Patient safety relies on more than good clinical care. The first step in analyzing risks in practice is to recognize and define potential risks to patients. This graph outlines some of the more common risks in PT practice. Use the list to assist in identifying risks in your practice. Note that while this is specific to PT practice, it is not exhaustive.




Once practice risks have been identified, a systematic analysis of each risk can be conducted to understand the nature and level of risk. A full understanding of what, where, when, why and how is necessary in order to appropriately manage each risk.