

# Baseline Deviation



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**BASELINE**

Baseline is how a person presents on an average day.

Part of knowing a person is knowing their baseline, or how they behave and their overall presentation on a typical day.

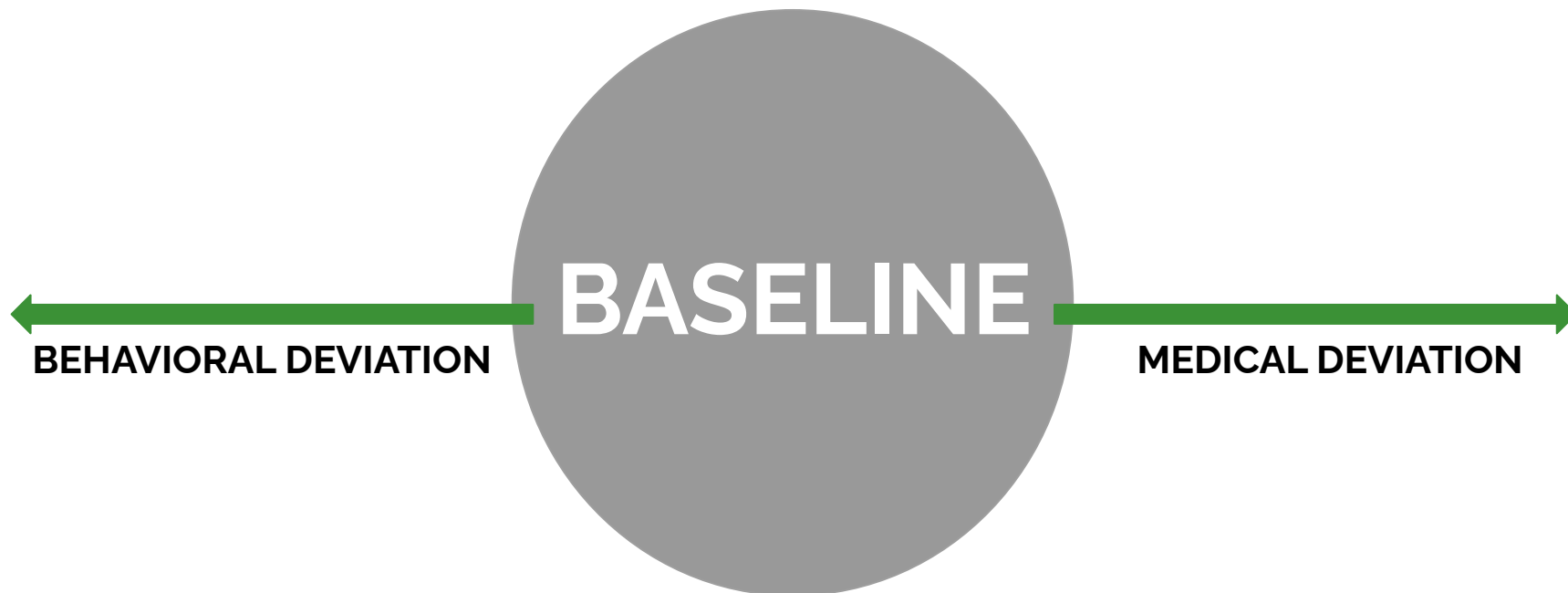
The people you serve have wide-ranging baselines. It is imperative that you take the time to know the person and have a solid working understanding of who they are and what their day-to-day status looks like..

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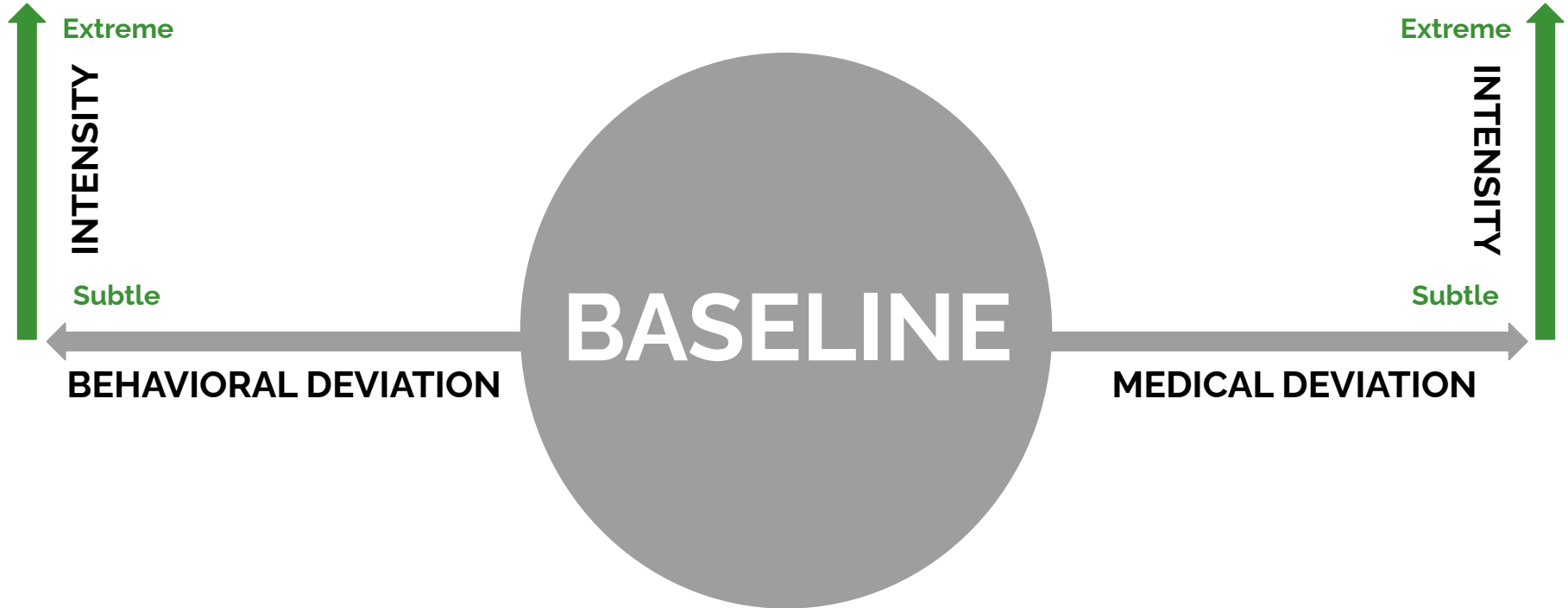


A deviation can be something medical or something behavioral. For example, a person may display moodiness, or be unwilling to participate in an activity they normally enjoy. These would be behavioral deviations that could indicate a problem. They could also complain of pain, or be clammy and have a pale face. These deviations would be medical, and could also indicate that something is wrong.

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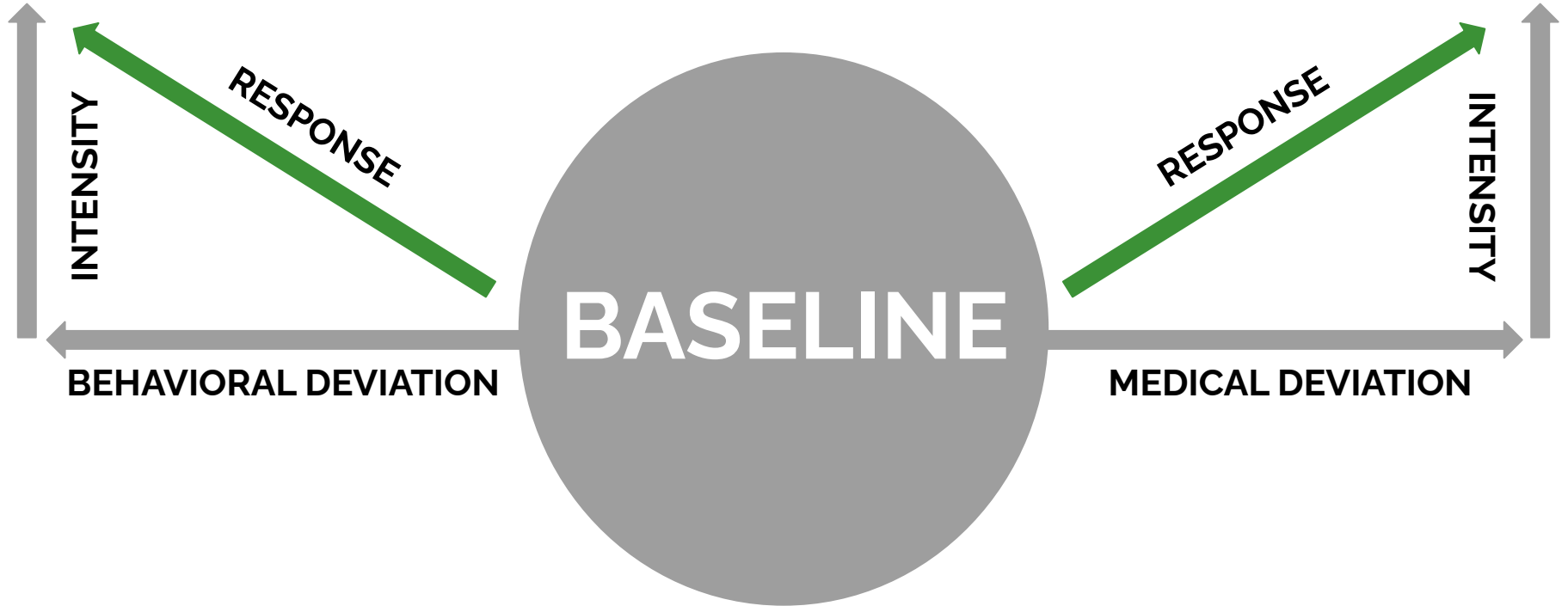


When people deviate from their typical behavior, the deviation can be subtle and not result in any real change for them. The deviation can also be extreme, and result in life-threatening circumstances.

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Baseline response is the action that you must take in order to address what is going on with the person you serve, based on the degree of the deviation that is being displayed. The further away the person is from their baseline, the greater your response will need to be.

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