ISSUES IN PARAMEDICINE:
Change & Complexity

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About me …
A police operation is underway in Martin Place, Sydney's CBD. People are advised to avoid the area.
Legislation & accreditation

D. Mortiz, 2018

Stretcher bearer →

Ambulance Driver →

Ambulance Officer →

Paramedic →
Dimensions of Practice
R. Bowles et al., 2017

- Practitioner
- Practice Settings
- Care
- Patient Disposition
- “Safety net”
Our Communities

“How can we effectively operate in environments that deal with so much change, complexity and even uncertainty?”
When your only tool is a hammer, every problem looks very much like a nail.

Paraphrased from: Mark Twain
RIGHT

VS

WRONG
GREY

VS

WRONG
Preparing for Complexity

- Diversity & Relationships
Preparing for Complexity

- Reflection, evidence & decision making
Preparing for Complexity

- Teamwork & sociality

- Imagined Experiences
- Mastery Experiences
- Vicarious Experiences
- Somatic & Emotional Experiences
- Social Persuasion

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Thank you & Questions