How Intake Screening is Vital to Reducing Liability

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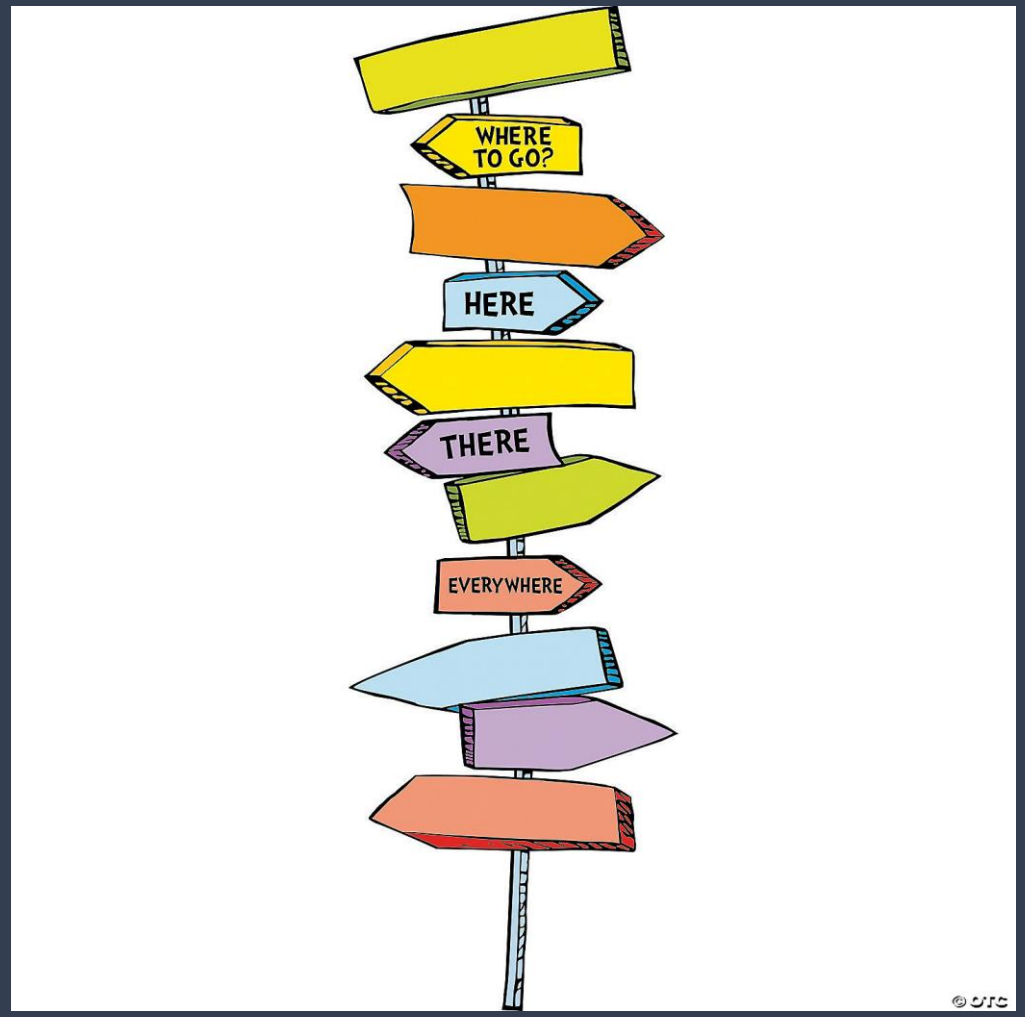
Educational Objectives

- Learning Objective 1: Recognize medical concerns at intake that require immediate intervention
- Learning Objective 2: Define disabilities and chronic conditions identified at intake that require, or may require, follow-up
- Learning Objective 3: Identify the aspects of intake that lead to risk and liability.

Intake Screening: An Opportunity

- Highlights the unique patient-provider relationship
- Health care in custody is constitutionally required. Estelle v. Gamble (1976)



Intake Screening: Nice to Meet You

- First impressions die hard.
- Bedside manner is important.
- Establish rapport
- Invite conversation
- Primacy/Recency

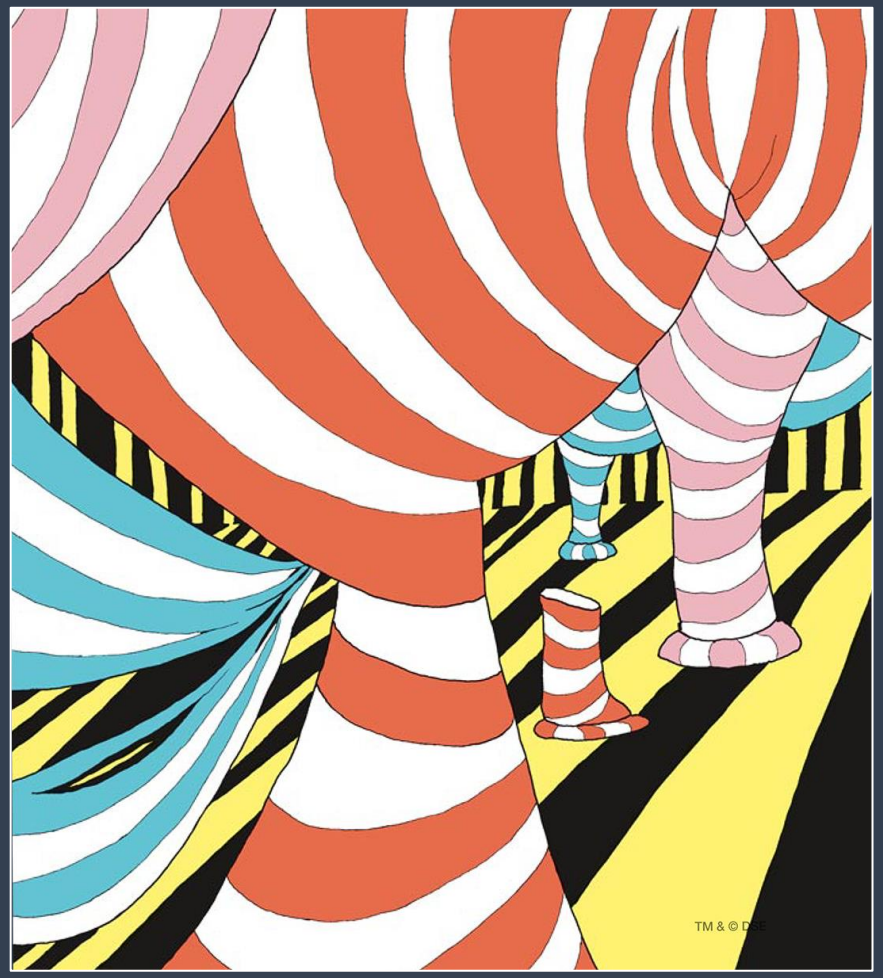
Intake Screening: Interventions

"Although the central purpose of jails is to detain people who engage in criminal behavior and pose a threat to public safety, the poor health status and lack of regular care among justice-involved-individuals make the facilities a potentially important site for health care interventions."

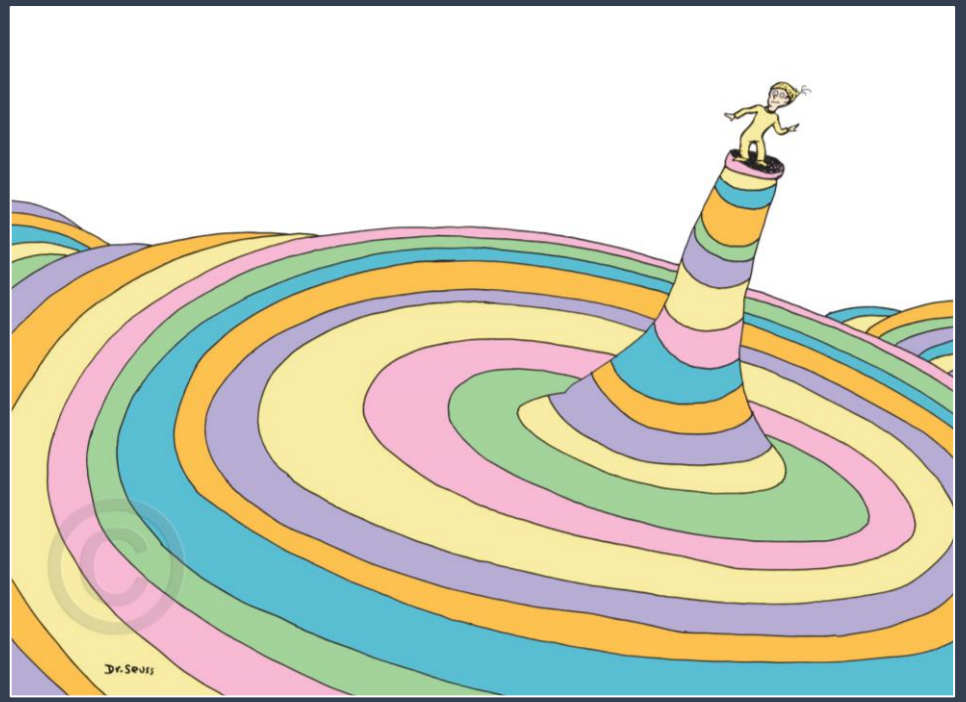
Jails: Inadvertent Health Care Providers. The Pew Charitable Trusts. (Jan 2018).

Intake Screening: Chronic Conditions

- Hypertension
- Heart disease
- Diabetes
- Arthritis/pain
- Hepatitis C
- Pulmonary issues – COPD, asthma
- Depression



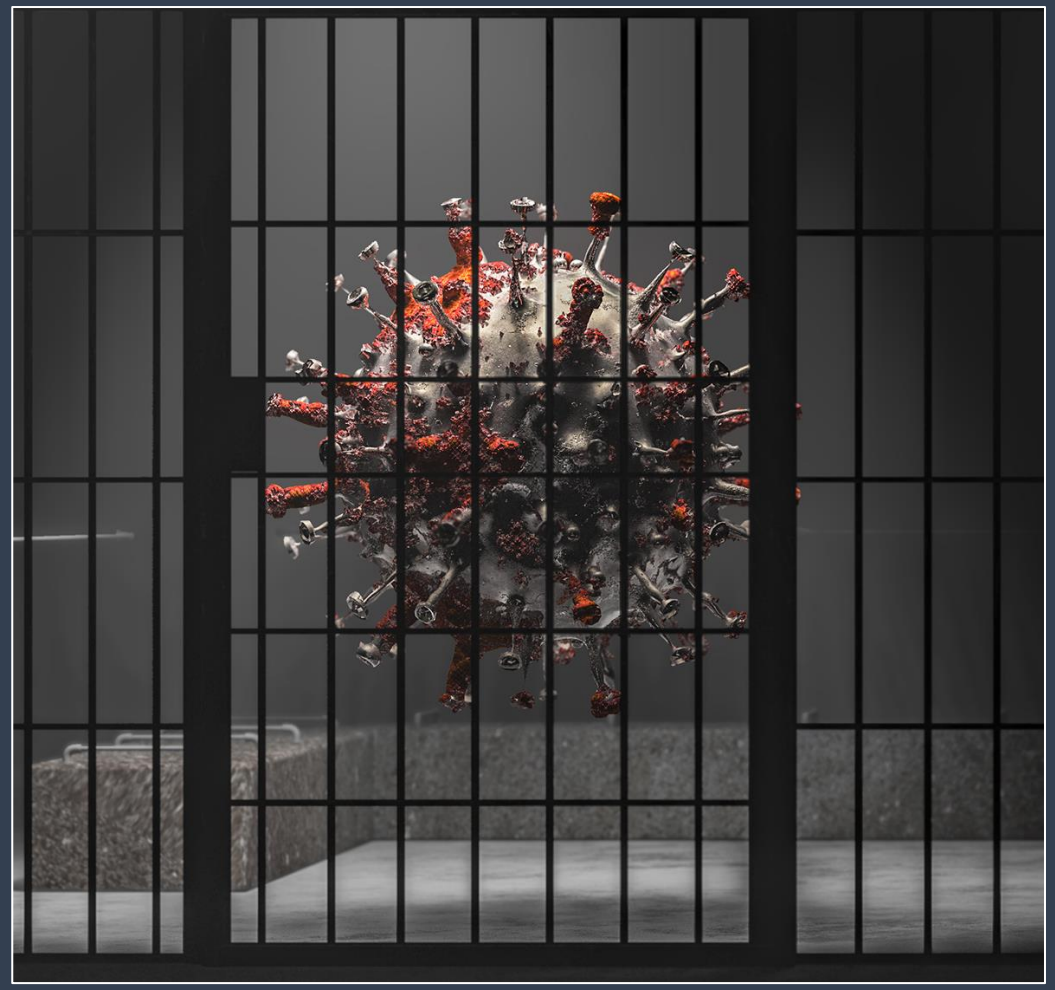
Intake Screening: Withdrawal



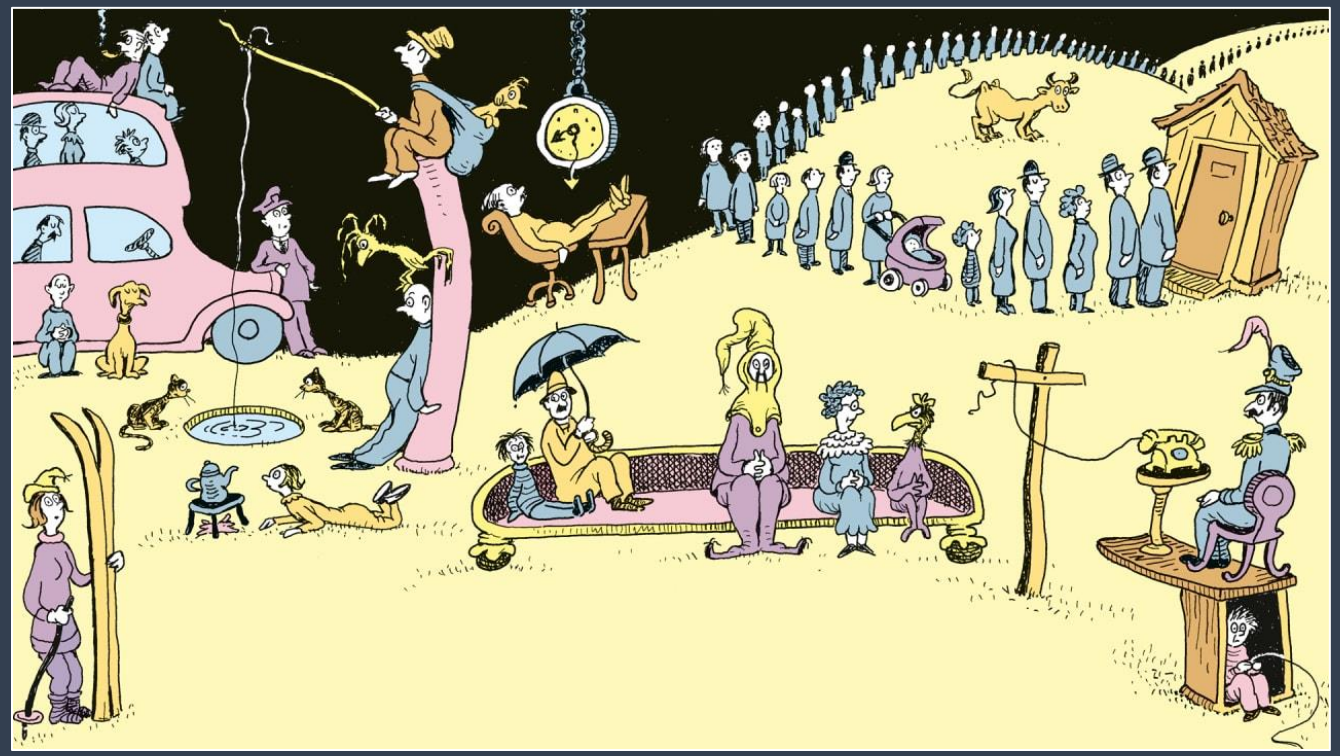
- Acute v. chronic
- Physical space
- Correctional officers ≠ health care providers
- COWS and vital signs

Intake Screening: COVID-19

- Policies vary
- Immunity (?)
- COVID crash
- Document checks
- High risk inmates



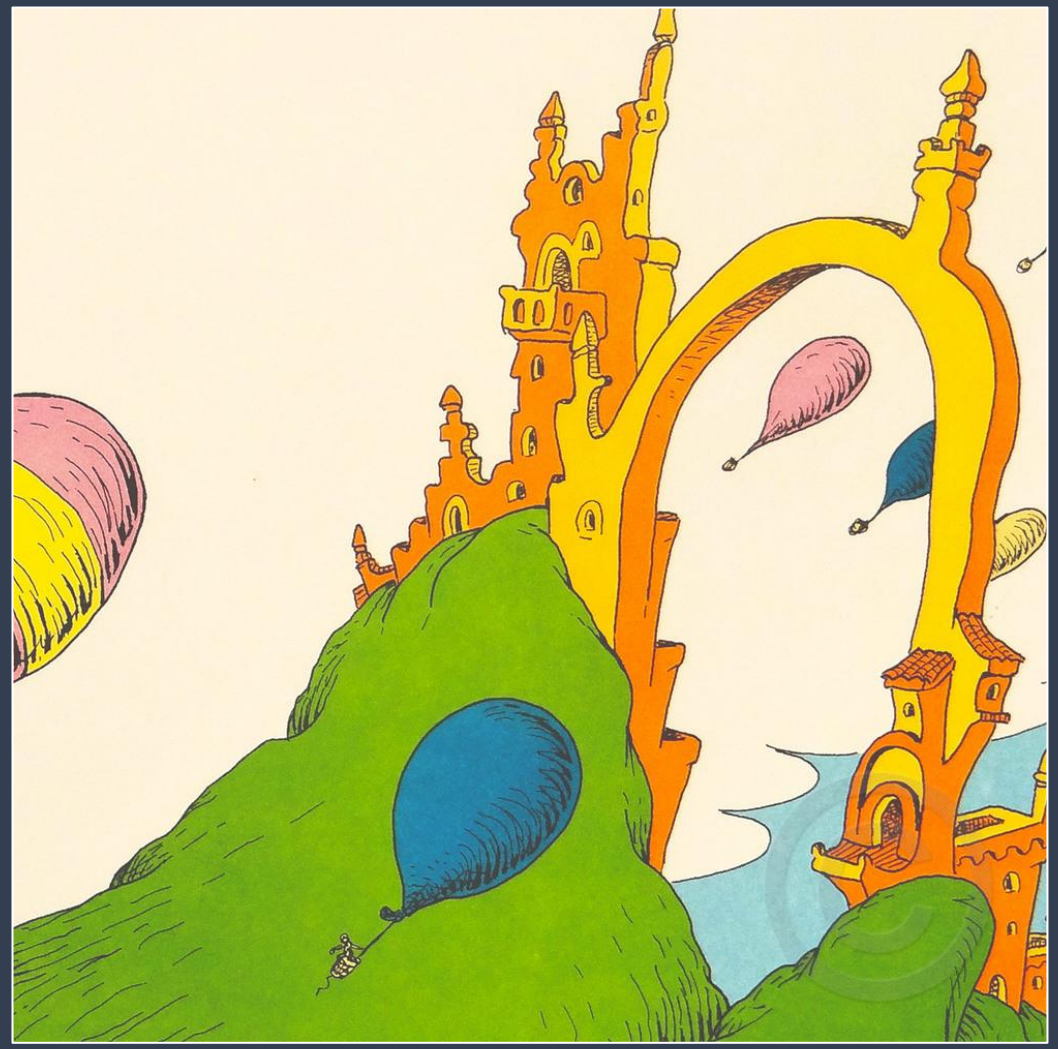
Intake Screening: Mental Health



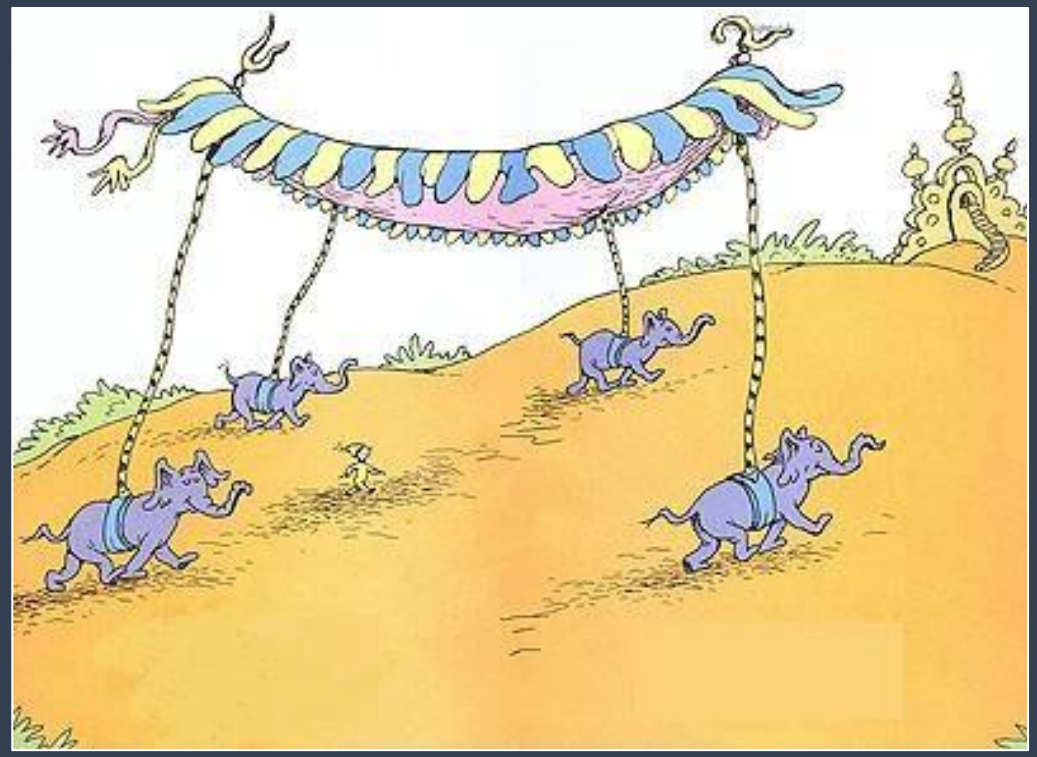
- Documentation
- Drug seeking behavior
- Boy who cried wolf
- Suicide
- Silent inmates

Intake Screening: More is More

- Is there anything about your health we haven't talked about?
- Is there anything you'd like to share about your health that we haven't covered?



Intake Screening: Return from Hospital/Outpatient Visit



- Taking report from discharging facility
- Hospital discharge does not obviate the need for facility exam
- Do not hesitate to send back.
- Advocate

Intake Screening: Suitability for Housing

MEDICAL DISPOSITION OF PATIENT:

1.	Please indicate appropriate housing of patient:	☐ Intake/Reception ☐ Suitable for housing as deemed appropriate by security ☑ **Medical Observation Unit** ☐ Infirmary ☐ Mental Health Referral ☐ Medical Referral ☐ Suicide Precautions ☐ Off-site Medical Emergency Treatment

Special Needs - Special Needs
Housing Location: Gerneral Population
Special Needs: BB
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- Understand the physical processes
- Special needs
- Advocate

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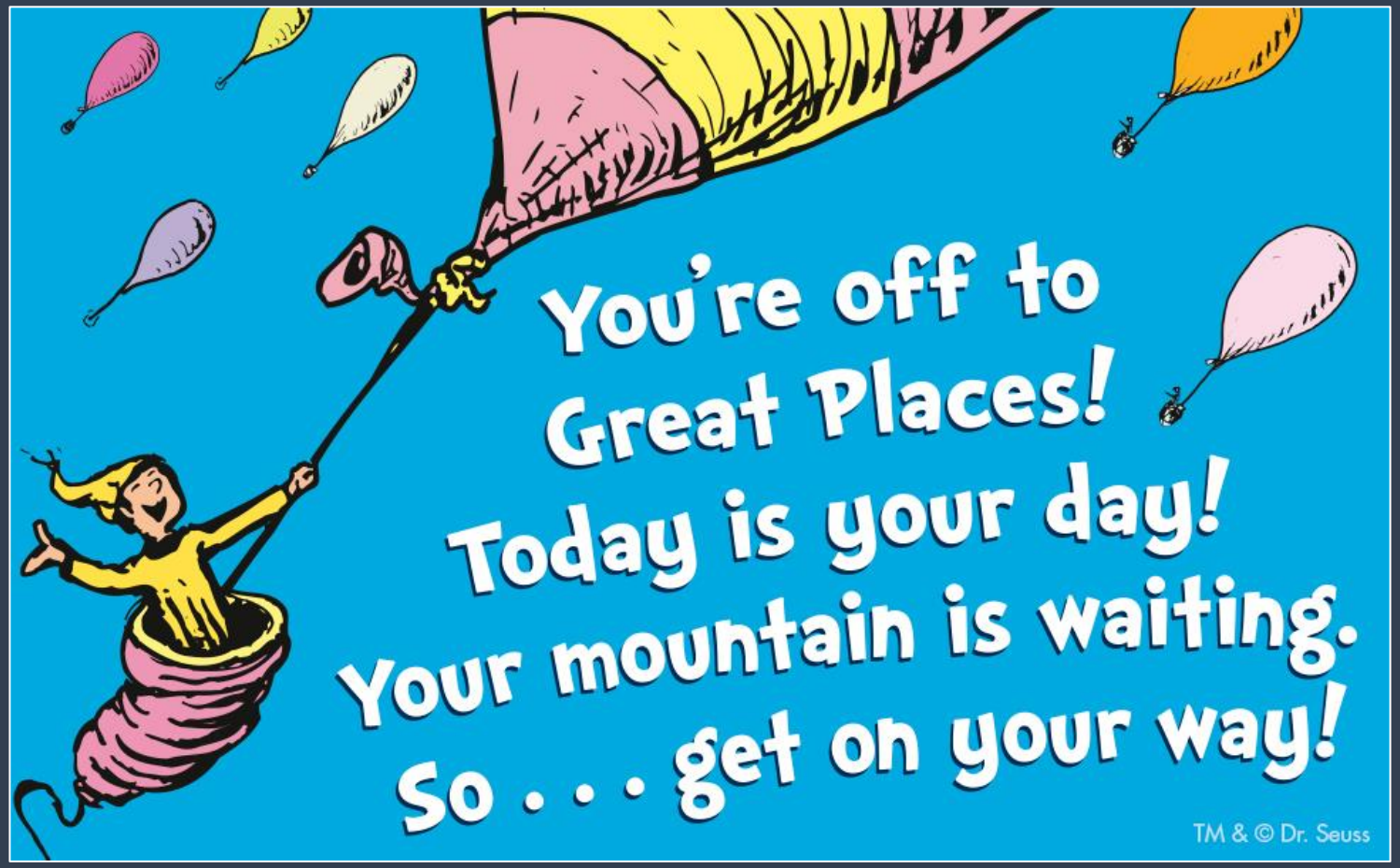
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Your mountain is waiting.
So . . . get on your way!
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