A Ferris wheel is the central focus, silhouetted against a sunset sky. The sky transitions from a deep orange near the horizon to a dark blue at the top. In the background, the tracks of a roller coaster are visible. The foreground is dark, with some foliage and a body of water reflecting the light from the Ferris wheel.

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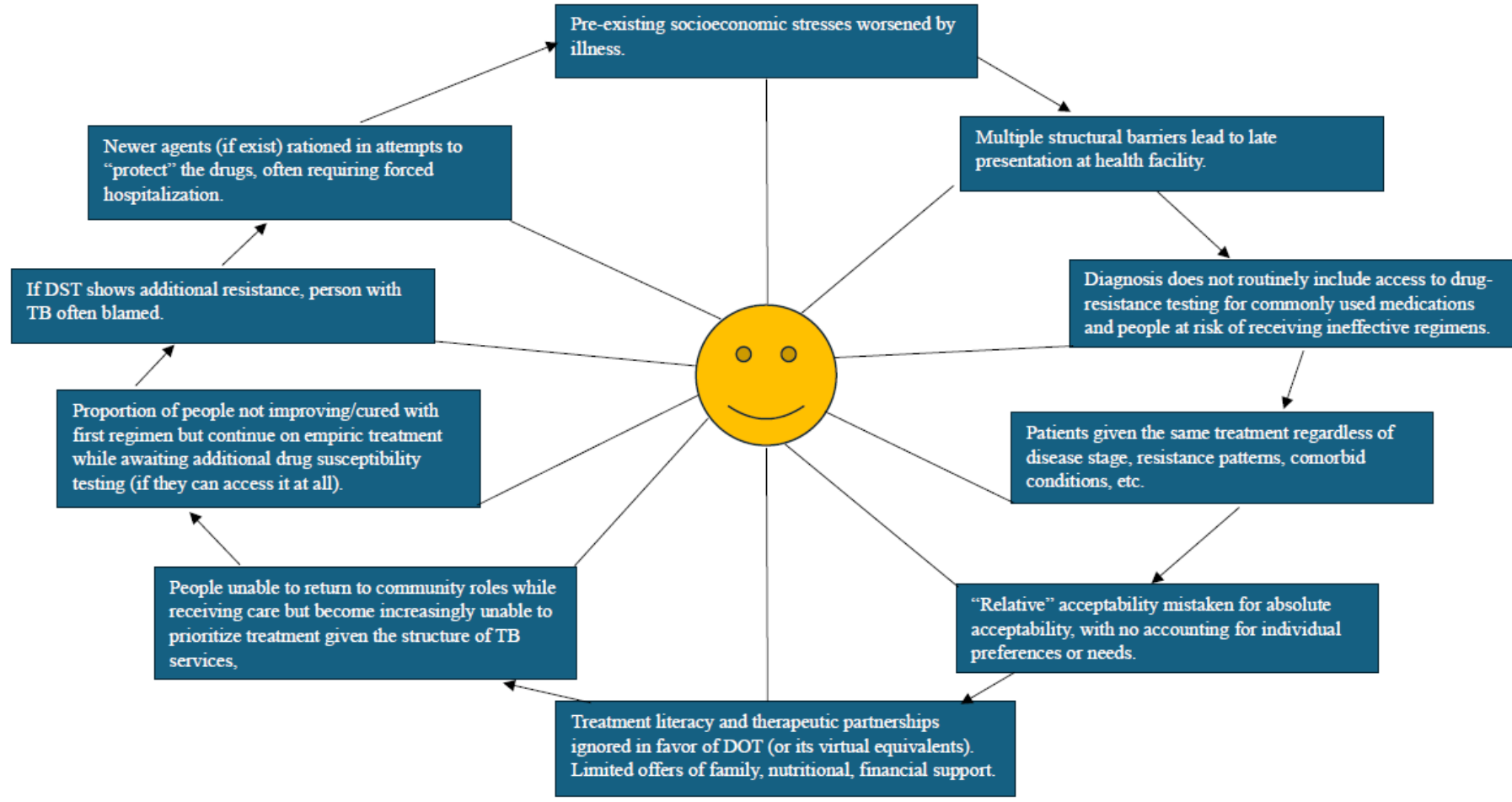
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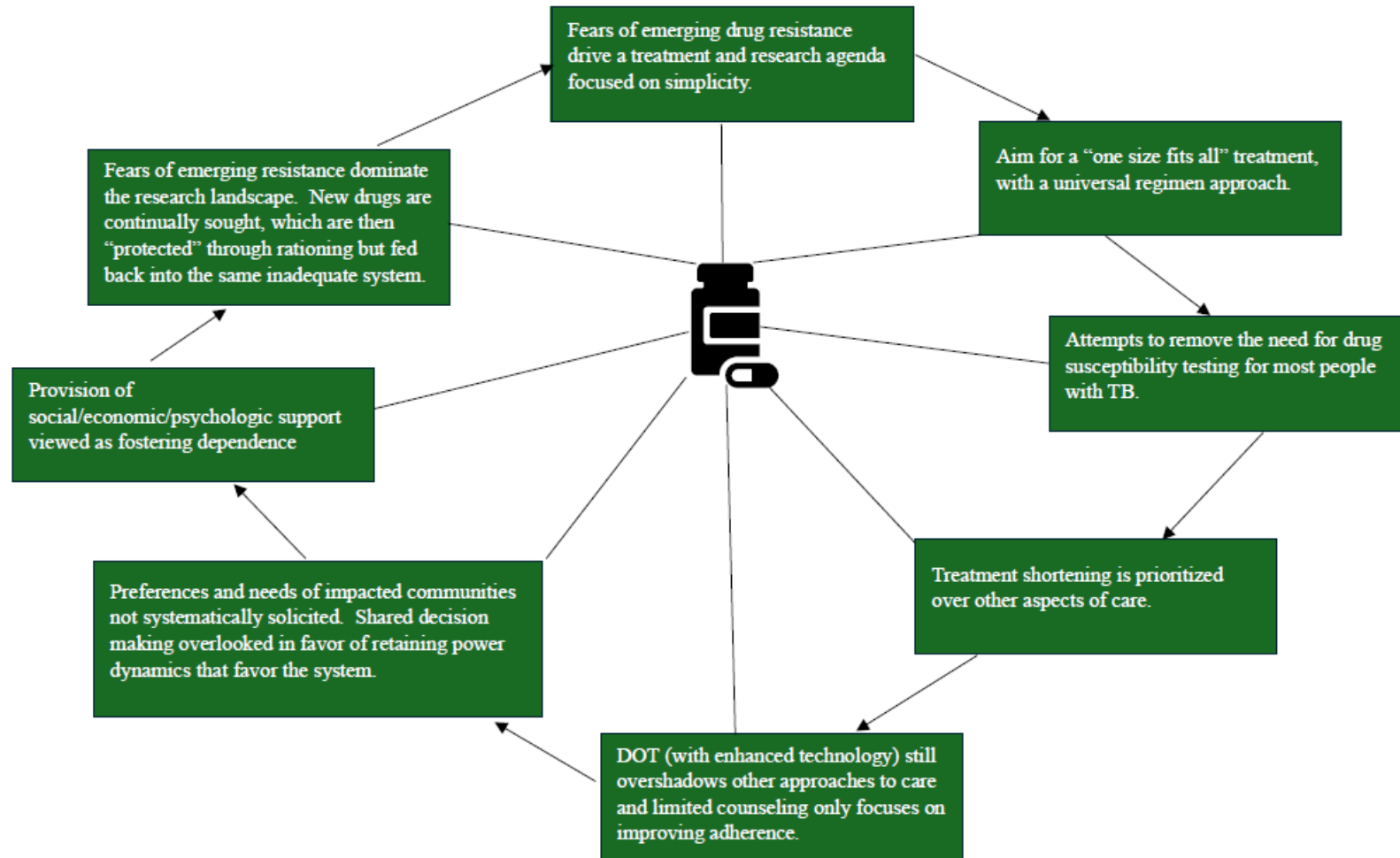
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With these considerations in mind, **a specialized unit for dealing with MDR tuberculosis may reasonably be regarded as an expensive luxury which is only affordable where national resources are moderate or good**, and after full implementation at country level





- “The excuses of our times can be ingenious: failure to provide access to treatment becomes reframed as failure to adhere to prescribed drug regimens. This perceived ‘noncompliance’ of the poor (but not other classes of patients) is reframed, in turn, as a public health issue. Not only are ‘precious pills’ wasted on such patients, but *their* noncompliance is seen as leading to new drug-resistant strains....Thus does denial of access to treatment become transformed into a rational public health strategy.”

-Dr. Paul Farmer, *Pathologies of Power*, 2003

