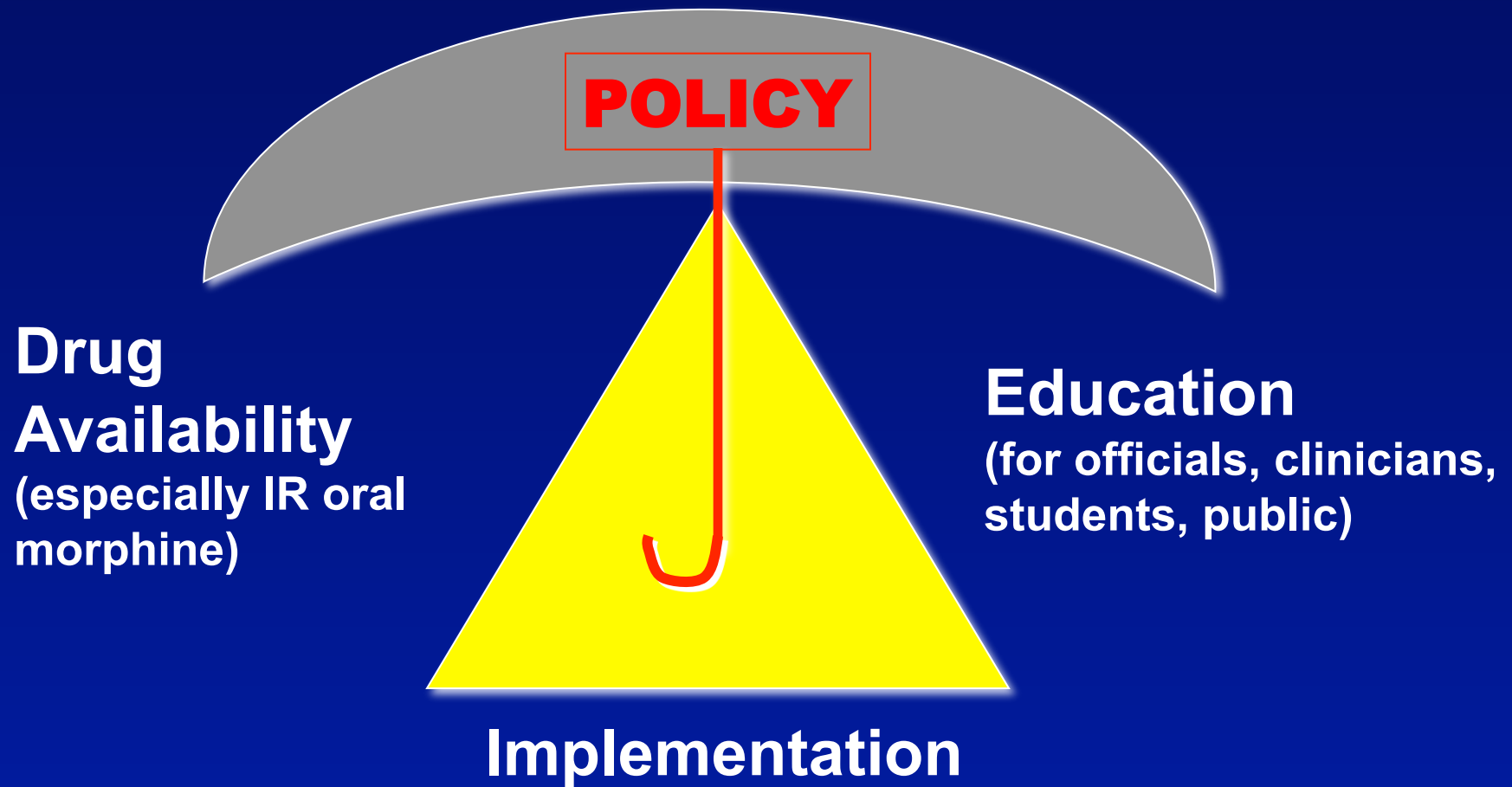


Opioid Availability

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UNITED NATIONS

Balance:

1. Prevent abuse and diversion, *and*
2. Ensure the availability of drugs for medical purposes

International Narcotics Control Board

- Governments must give INCB estimates and assessments of the quantity of opioid needed.
- Allows country to manufacture/import opioids as long as estimate not exceeded.
- Governments can give supplementary estimates to INCB if estimate falls short.

... Opioids ...

- UN Committee on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights:
 - As part of the right to the “highest attainable standard of health,” morphine must be:
 - **AVAILABLE** in adequate quantities
 - **ACCESSIBLE** financially and physically to all, especially the most vulnerable and marginal. This requires access to trained clinicians prescribers as well as to morphine.