

MEDICAL EDUCATION IN THE INFORMATION AGE: Engaging learners and creating change across the continuum

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Objectives

- Discuss innovative effective education practices.
- Define metrics/surrogate markers to assess retention and behavior change.
- Describe practices/setting where learning translation to behavior can/should/does occur.

Opportunities and Challenges during a Pandemic

Opportunities

- Increased attendance & engagement for virtual activities
- Engage a broader diversity of faculty and learners from remote locations
- Innovations in educational delivery
- Necessity to evolve = investment in CME
- Use the additional flexibility afforded by ACCME to offer easy and more efficient activity approvals and support

Challenges

- Innovation & change are disruptive
- More demanding educational design and delivery
- Staff, faculty, and learners more stressed
- Some learners skeptical; non-participatory learners are a problem
- Zoom fatigue is real
- Planning amid uncertainty about financials (commercial support and pricing models)

Innovative Effective Educational Practices

1. Fundamental soft learning
2. Case-based learning
3. Team-based learning
4. Adaptive learning
5. Best practices for faculty

Fundamentals of Learning

WHO HERE IS BELOW-AVERAGE DRIVER?



WHAT REACTION OF PHYSICIANS CONSIDER THEMSELVES AT LEAST AVERAGE IN THE CARE THEY PROVIDE?



What's Holding us Back?

- Many people are complacent about and have difficulty identifying their own areas for growth
- It is nearly impossible to surmise what you do not know
- We are poor assessors of the extent of our own deficits
- Practice types and learning needs are extremely diverse—there is no standard curriculum for clinicians in practice

Mastery Learning

- Carefully designed and managed curricula
- Engaged learners and teachers in effortful activities
- Assessments with actionable feedback and steps towards constant improvement



- Knowledge
- Skill
- Better patient care practices
- Improved patient outcomes
- Lower healthcare costs

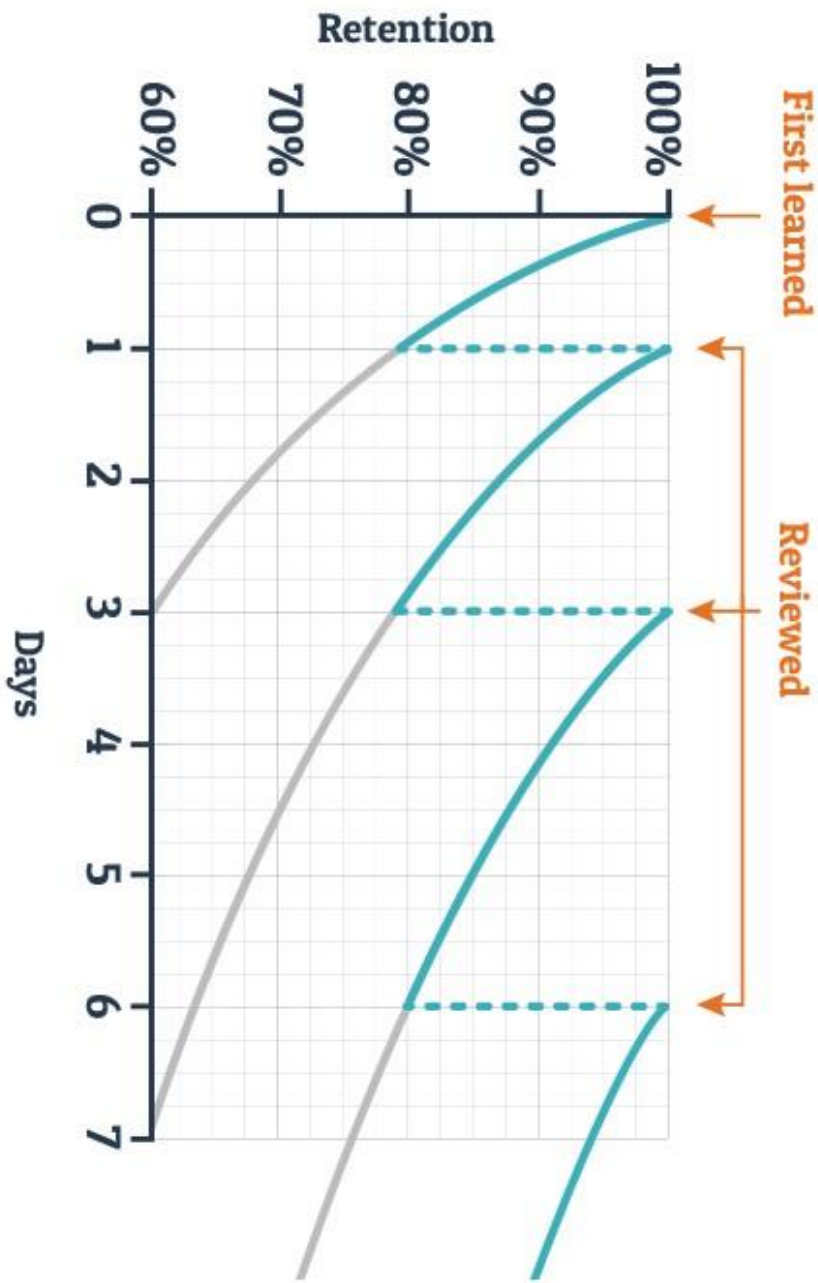
Learning can be Transformative



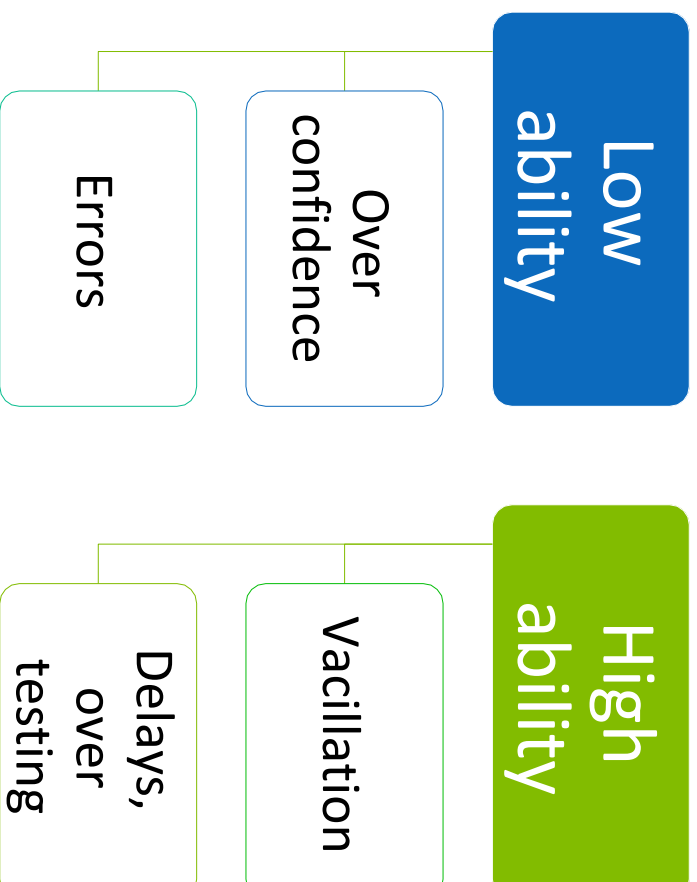
Importance of Assessment

- Learners adapt learning approach to context in which learning occurs
- Three basic approaches identified
 - Surface (memorization)
 - Deep (comprehension and application)
 - Strategic (adapted to expectations)
- Teaching methods influence learners' approach to deep learning – can be positive or negative
- Education of competent physicians requires “substantial changes in teaching, curriculum and, particularly, assessment...”

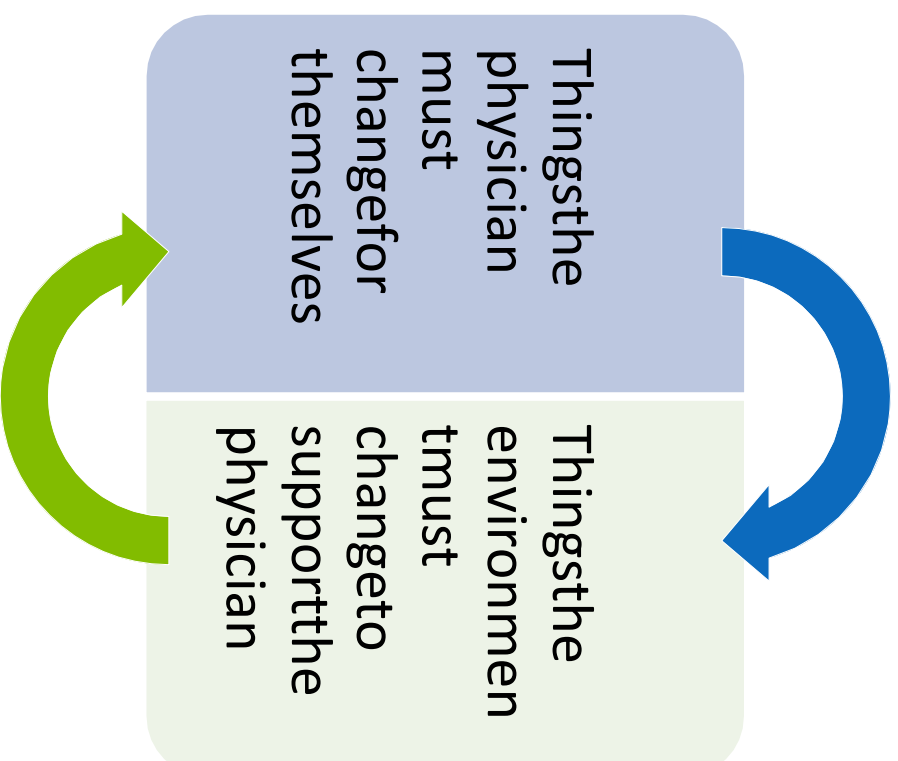
Typical Forgetting Curve for Newly Learned Information



Impact of poor self-awareness



What
need to
change?



HOW DO WE BECOME MORE SELF
AWARE?

Curiosity &
Humility



.Case-BasedLearning

Social Learning

Social learning theory holds that learning

- is a cognitive process that takes place in a social context
- can occur purely through observation or direct instruction
- can occur in the absence of motor reproduction or direct reinforcement

WHAT'S HOLDING US BACK?

Some powerful questions

- Can I run this case by you?
- Can you come look at this with me?
- I don't know this. Do you?
- What do you think?

Barriers to Learner Engagement

- Lack of time/competing demands
- Distraction/low attention span
- Fatigue
- Poor self-awareness/over-confidence
- Ambivalence/lack of motivation
- Group mentality



Creating Engagement

- Engage the heart, the mind, and with others
- Interesting, meaningful, achievable goal
- Individualize the offering
 - Build on prior learning
 - Personalized comparative feedback
- Make it collaborative
- Make it efficient
- Make it rewarding
 - Goal oriented, fun, positive

Small Cooperative Groups Online

- Learning is active, and skills developed through interaction with the environment (constructivism) and others (social learning)
- Expected skill sets
 - team player
 - good communication
 - ability to work virtually
- Synchronous or asynchronous
- Parallel vs. associative cooperative
- When effective
 - Positive interdependence
 - Creates comparison and reflection
 - Shared achievement
 - Relationship development

Attributes of Engaging Games

- Clear and consistent rules
- Clear goal
- Clear rationale
- Mission connected to and dependent on your ability
- Plenty of support
- Lots of positive feedback
- Shared experience



Team-Based Learning



Dinner

Sweetpotatoes	Package of cubed stuffing
Whole milk	Pumpkin pie mix
Bread rolls	Fresh Berries
Leeks	Pie shells
Whipping cream	Frozen green peas
Meat	Cloves
Celery and carrots	

A different world...

- Staggering rate of change of expected knowledge and skills
- specialties and >100 subspecialties in medicine
 - Growing depth, less breadth
- Increasing variety of healthcare professions with specific expertise
 - In 1900 ratio of physician:non-physician was 1:3, now it's 1:20
- Increasing interdependence

Definition of a Team

- A small group of people...
- With complementary skills...
- Who are committed to a common purpose and approach, for which...
- They hold themselves mutually accountable

Teaming is a VERB

Teaming is teamwork on the fly—coordinating and collaborating across boundaries, without the luxury of stable team structures.

Teaming is especially needed when work is **COMPLEX** and **UNPREDICTABLE**.

Maslow's Hierarchy of Human Needs

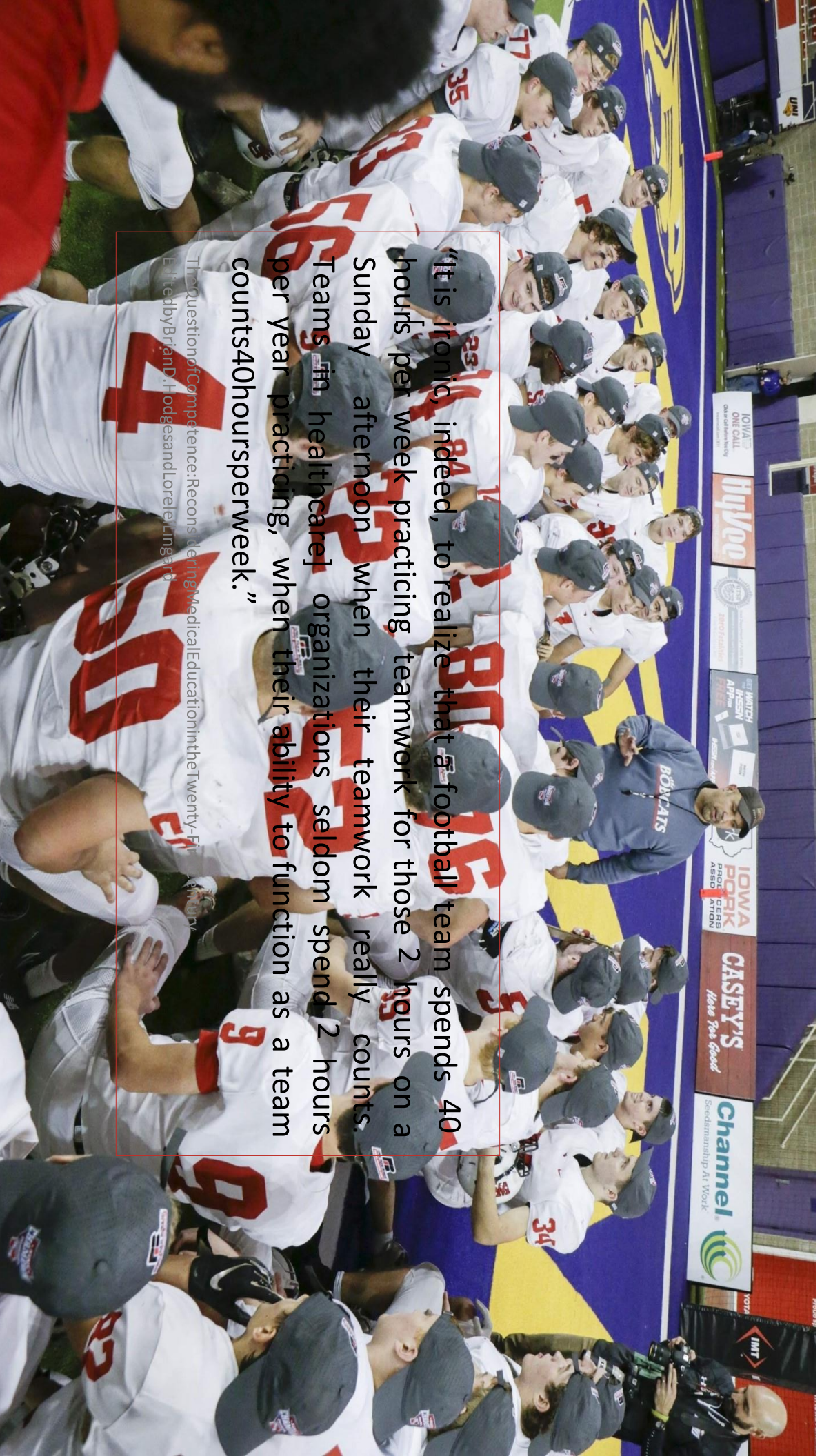


None of us want to look:	It's easy to manage for individuals:
Ignorant	Don't ask questions
Incompetent	Don't admit weakness or a mistake
Intrusive	Don't offer ideas
Negative	Don't critique the status quo

Efficiency Focused	Improvement Focused
Leaders have the ANSWERS	Leaders set DIRECTION strategy
STABLE work processes are put in place	TENTATIVE work processes provide a starting point
IMPLEMENTING CHANGE is a huge undertaking	CONSTANT SMALL CHANGES are a way of life
Feedback is ONE-WAY	Feedback is TWO-WAY
Employee judgment is DISCOURAGED	Employee judgment is ESSENTIAL
Fear (of the leader) is NORMAL	Fear inhibits EXPERIMENTATION, ANALYSIS, and PROBLEM SOLVING

"It is ironic, indeed, to realize that a football team spends 40 hours per week practicing teamwork for those 2 hours on a Sunday afternoon when their teamwork really counts. Teams in healthcare organizations seldom spend 2 hours per year practicing, when their ability to function as a team counts 40 hours per week."

The Question of Competence: Reconsidering Medical Education in the Twenty-First Century
Edited by Brian D. Hodges and Lori E. Langford



Psychological Safety



Psychological safety is a belief that one will not be punished or humiliated for speaking up with ideas, questions, concerns, or mistakes .

IT'S ESSENTIAL TO TEAMING.

What gets in the way?

I'm a nice
person and a
terrific team
player. I just
have high
standards



She's
impossible!!

Why teams fail

- Inadequate communication
- Lack of team infrastructure
 - Goals, roles, process
- Authoritarianism & hierarchies
- Lack of psychological safety
- Inadequate attention to people and their needs
 - Fixed mindset



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gettoknowyou,
Ijustneedthe
workdone

Justletmedoit
myway

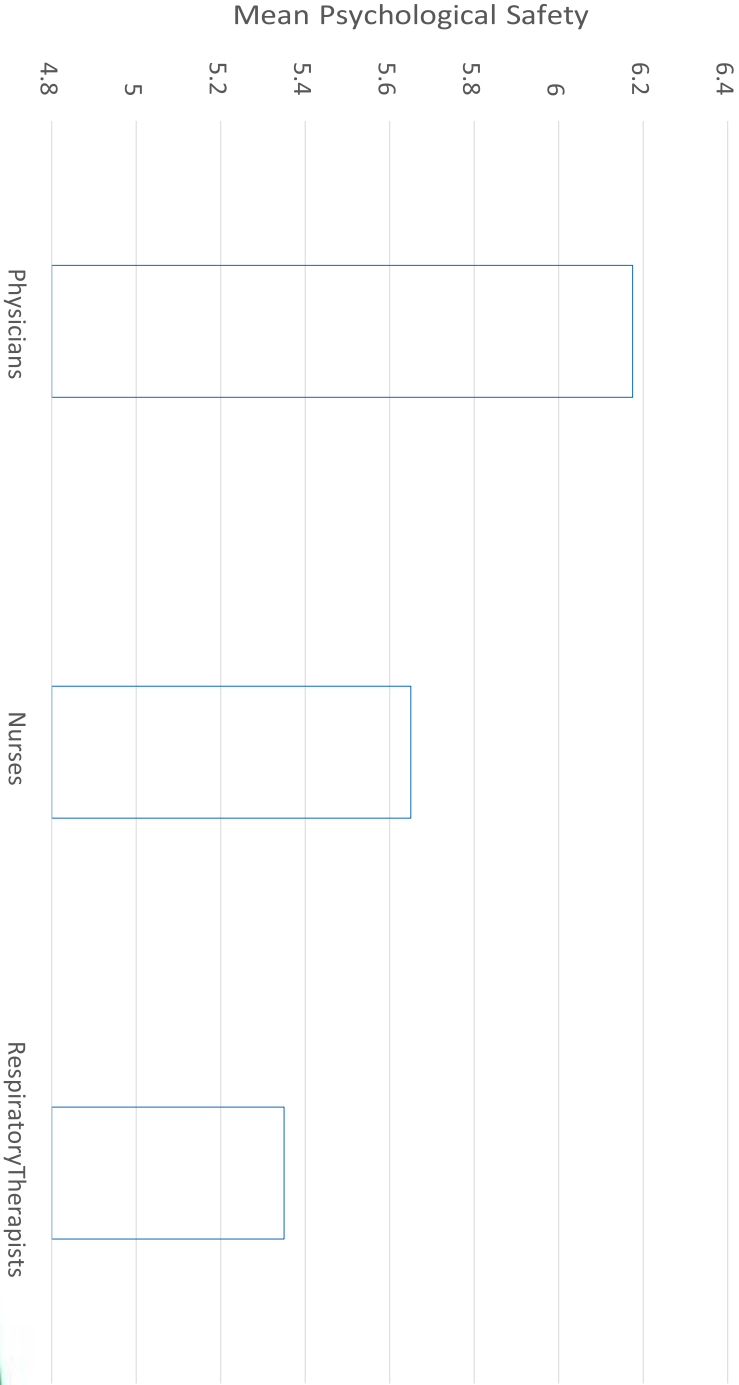
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Cross-Disciplinaryteamworkishard

Professionalhierarchyespersist

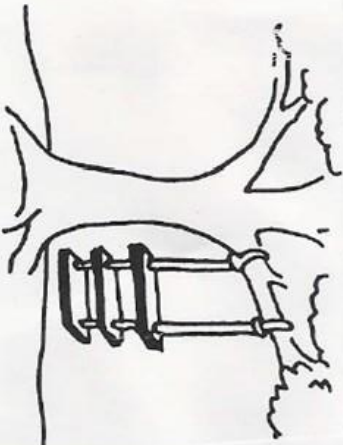


Hierarchy and Psychological Safety

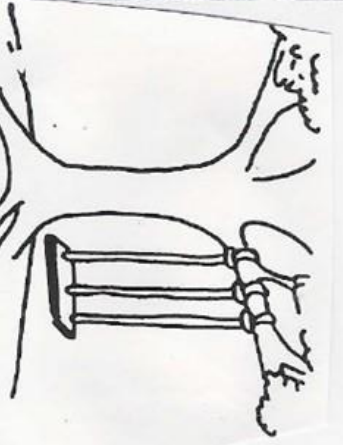


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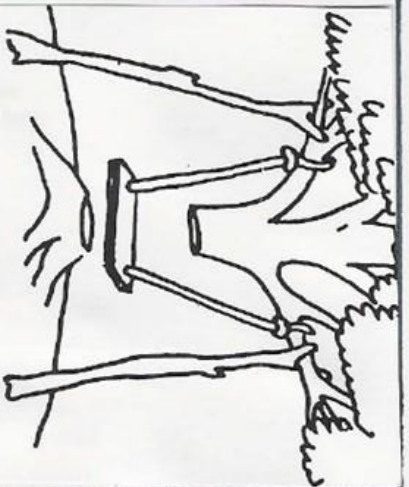
As designed by
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As produced by
the programmers.



As installed at
the users site.



What the user
wanted.



Why Diversity is Important

- Acknowledge and move beyond:
- Implicit bias
 - Hierarchies of trust

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"I'm afraid I'm going to have to let you go, Phillips. You're just not fitting in around here."

Leading the Learning Organization

VISION

Set a clear direction that engages hearts and minds

CULTURE

Model and reward beliefs that make it safe for learning

TEAMING

Institute and support team-based processes

Team goals

Team roles

Team norms

Key approach to deploy

- Maximize consistency of the team
- Create a communication vehicle and approach
- Rotate leadership
- Ensure the team knows what their colleagues are capable of
- Solicit input from team members, and listen
- Assign, delegate, ask for and share the load
- Set goals that are bigger than a single patient's outcome
- Resolve difficulties efficiently
- Check in periodically on function as a team
- Do other things together (learn together, socialize, eat)

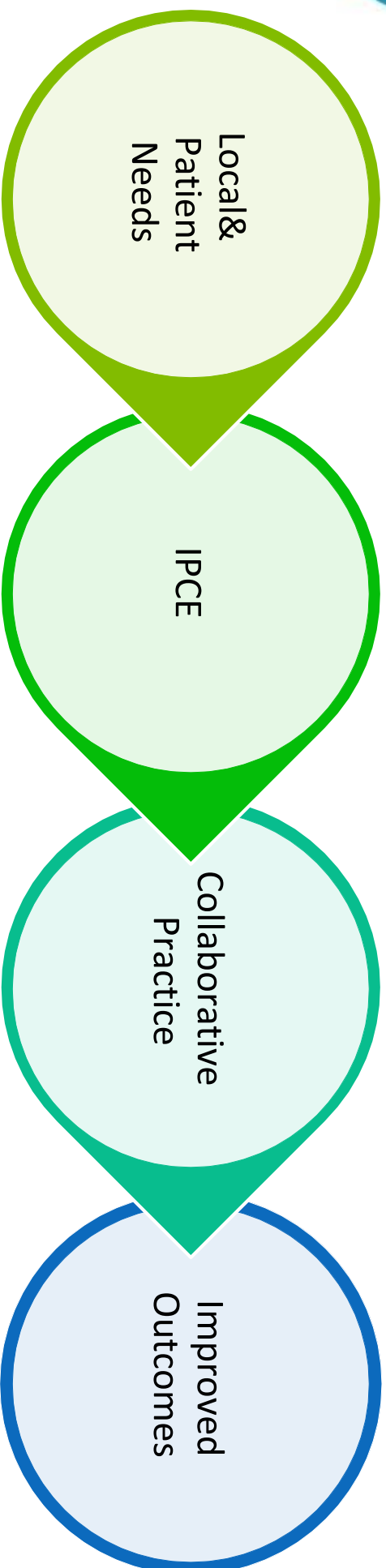
Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE)

When members from two or more professions learn with, from, and about each other to enable effective collaboration and improve health outcomes .

www.jointaccaccreditation.org

definition derived from the WHO definition of IPCE

IPCE



Joint Accreditation

- Single pathway for accreditation to provide interprofessional continuing education (IPCE) of the healthcare team through one, unified application process, fee structure, and set of accreditation standards.
- Offer interprofessional education (25% minimum)
- Offer single professional education
- Offer “credit” to physicians, pharmacists, nurses, PAs, optometrists, social workers, psychologists, dentists, dietitians, and athletic trainers
- Offer IPCE credit

.AdaptiveLearning



Educational technologies are advantageous in providing:

- safe, controlled environments that eliminate risk to patients
- enhanced, realistic visualization and problem representation
- authentic contexts for learning and assessment
- instruction tailored to individual or group needs
- efficient learner control of the educational experience
- repetition and deliberate practice
- uncoupling of instruction from place and time

Educational Technology

- Effective & Efficient
 - Individualized
 - Adaptive
- Social
 - Connectedness
 - Comparative

- Fun
 - Games
 - New insights
- Data
 - Informative
 - Seamless

Adaptive Spaced Education

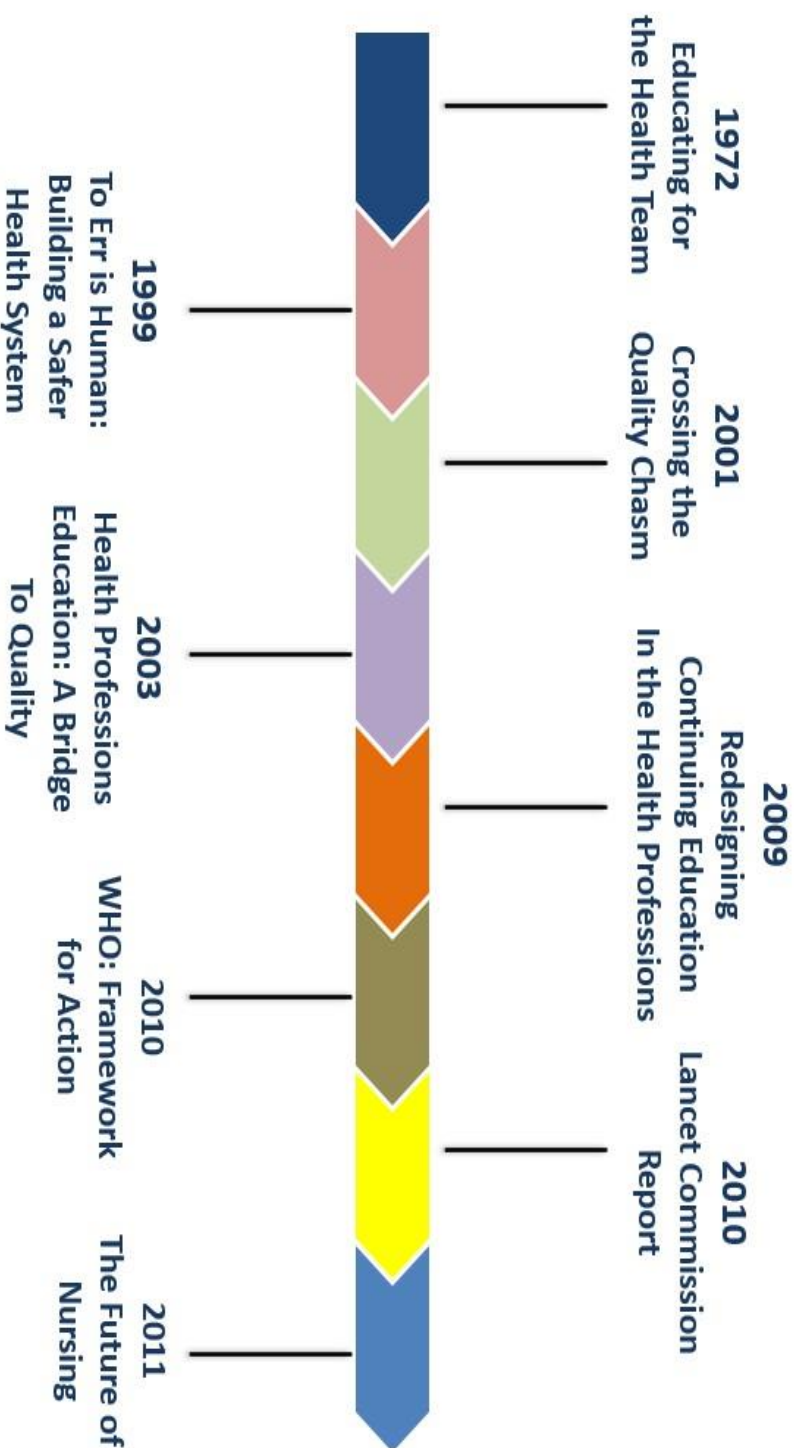
Personalize the content and spacing of the spaced education course for each learner

- Example—
 - Learner receives two spaced education questions every day.
 - Incorrect → repeated 2 weeks later.
 - Correct → repeated 6 weeks later.
 - Correct twice in a row → item is retired & is no longer repeated.
 - Learners complete the program when all are retired.
- Advantages:
 - Reduce the unnecessary repetition of mastered material.
 - Turn the spaced education course into a game.
 - Measures not only what physicians know, but how well they learn .

Increased Efficacy with Online Learning?

- Evidence suggests that online learning is more efficient
 - Gains in knowledge, skills, and attitudes occur faster than through traditional instructor-led methods.
 - Improved efficiency increases motivation and performance.
- Online learning is more flexible
 - Can accommodate diverse learning styles
- Online learners have demonstrated
 - Increased retention rates
 - Better utilization of content
 - Better achievement of knowledge, skills, and attitudes

History of Appeals for Collaborative Practice



Evolving Continuing Education Environment

1. Continuing education is a professional responsibility
2. Learning can be fulfilling, can bring people together effectively to improve and change performance
3. Practice environments and burdens on clinicians dramatically; learning environments haven't
4. Most clinicians scan and need to improve, but it's poor self-awareness.
5. To be effective, learning needs to be in a creative, include periodic comparative performance, group-learning, and allow data to be aggregated. Technology can help.

Learning
Technology
 Convenient
 Effective
 Social
 Fun
 Data



StrategiesforFaculty

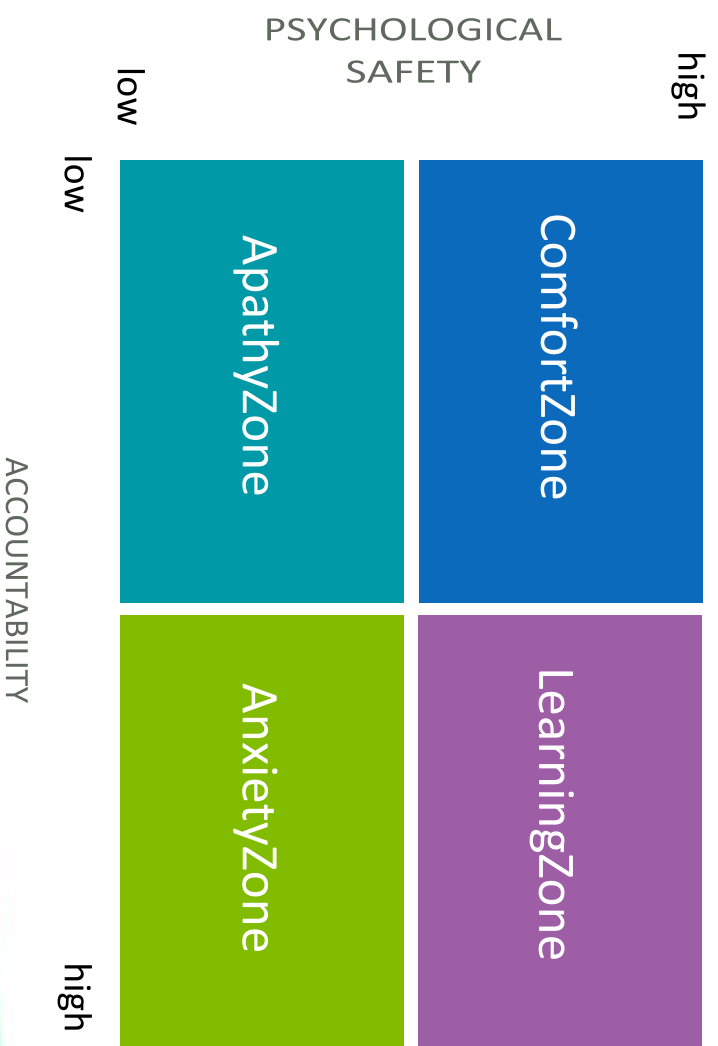




Competencies

- Administration
 - Administrative Skills
 - Leadership Skills
 - Learning Environment
- Well-being
- Educational Theory/Practice
 - Feedback
 - Scholarship
 - Professionalism
 - Learner Assessment
 - Program Evaluation
 - Remediation
 - Clinical Teaching
 - Science of Learning
 - Learner Professional Development

Psychological Safety and Accountability





Summary

- Teaming and collaborative practice
 - Improve the wellbeing of the individuals
 - Improve the performance of the team
 - Improve health outcomes for our patients
- Teaming can be successfully engineered
 - Even in health care!
- Teams that learn together perform together

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