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How to integrate E-lessons into Face-to-face sessions?

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How are they connected? Just offering e-lessons is a waste of money! Analyze the educational problem, then design and implement e-lessons



Blended learning model 1: Prepare for Skills Training

Clinical skills like learn to do a physical exam: - inspection, palpation, auscultation, percussion - make a differential diagnoses

Skills training is about:

- Apply knowledge in a new situation
- Explain course subject in-depth
- Practice skills in small groups
- Not about: Acquiring knowledge

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Without preparation...

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Results online test

Knowledge Test (on neurological examination): 85% (n=373) had a sufficient score (= 80% correct)

2/3 of students made it in 1 or 2 attempts 1/5 of students only do the test

Skill Training session:

- knowledge level students is considerably higher!
- training is much more effective



Summary: Blended learning model (1) Prepare for skills training



Blended learning model 2: Prepare for technical skills training

Basic technical skills: venapunction, insert infusion, bladder catherization, suturing (psychomotor skills)

Technical skills training is about:

- Developing basic and procedural knowledge
- Apply knowledge in a training situation, train, feedback

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- Practice with patients
- Training <u>before</u> the job











Blended learning model 3: Prepare for lectures or groupwork

Knowledge acquisition is about:

- Using advance organizers
- Activating prior knowledge
- Integrating new / existing knowledge

E-lessons can be used to prepare for lectures or groupwork:

- Explaining complex subjects
- Exercise with important concepts
- More efficient learning











Potential advantages of E-lessons

1. Flexible learning (time/ place/ content)



- 2. Interactive, multimedia learning (attractive, effective)
- 3. Self-study possible reduction of teaching time
- 4. Easy to combine with online testing
- 5. Easily updated when new kowledge is available
- 6. Standardised knowledge



Potential disadvantages of E-lessons

- I. No personal contact
- 2. Students and teachers need to have access to appropriate technology
- 3. Students and teachers need to have IT skills
- 4. Organization needs knowledge and budget to develop and implement good quality content

How do you view advantages and disadvantages of *E*-lessons?



E-lessons: effectiveness

- Internetbased instruction is equally effective as traditional methods of learning
 - Applies to a wide variety of learners and topics Applies to learning knowledge, skills and behaviour outcomes
 - Effectiveness is determined by instruction principles (feedback, student control, exercises), not choice of modality
- Cook et al. (JAMA 2008), Ruiz et al. (Acad Med 2006), Bates (2000), Clark (Educ Technology Research & Development '94), Dankbaar (TMO, '09)

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Cook, Ac Medicine ('10), Gormley et al, Med Teacher '09.

Provide good structure
 Clear interface, 'chunking', summaries
 prevent cognitive overload
 Stimulate active learning
 exercices with feedback, assessment
 make students reponsible for their own learning
 Use multimedia (prevent 'page-turners')
 visualization is a strong didactic principle
 students highly rate it
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 students who valued them performed better in clin skills OSCE's

Mayer, R.E. The Cambridge Handbook of multimedia learning (05)
Rosenberg, Beyond E-learning(06), Driscoll, Webbased training (198),

Blended design: implementation

- 1. Make your educational problem the focus of the design
- Provide variety in the teaching and learning modalities (different blended approaches)
- 3. Do not just add E-lessons, but make
- a new design, leaving out other parts of the curriculum 4. Look at the curriculum from the student's perspective
- 5. Deal with the potential disadvantages (IT infrastr and skills)



