Novel Assessment Strategies in an Integrated Curriculum

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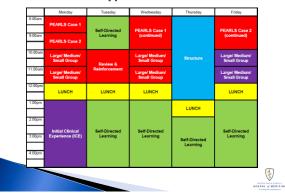
Goals

- Discuss general assessment scheme at Hofstra North Shore-LIJ School of Medicine
- Discuss different uses of formative assessment
- Discuss integration of competency assessment into our UME curriculum





Typical Week

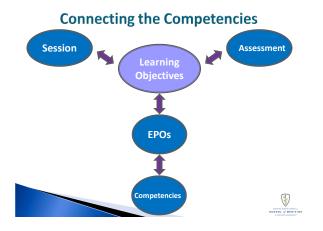


Curriculum Overview: 1st 100 Weeks

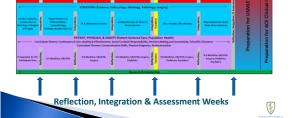


SOM Competencies

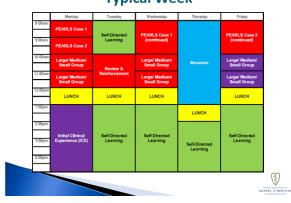




Reflection, Integration & Assessment



Typical Week



PEARLS: Patient-Centered Explorations in Active Reasoning, Learning and Synthesis

- Hybrid problem-based/case-based learning pedagogy
- Students synthesize biomedical science in the context of patient-centered clinical cases with peers
- PEARLS relies heavily upon formative assessments to help achieve goals of competency based component of program

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Patient-Centered Cases: Created by Integrated Design Teams to Expand the Perspective for Learning

Multiple Perspectives



PEARLS in Action

- Monday
- Roles: leader, timekeeper, recorder
- Patient-centered cases
- Explore issues and Actively Reason through cases to develop learning objectives
- Mon-Wed Self Directed Learning
- Wednesday- Synthesize and apply information with peers in group
- Wed-Fri/Friday repeat for second case
- Weekend-complete end of week essay

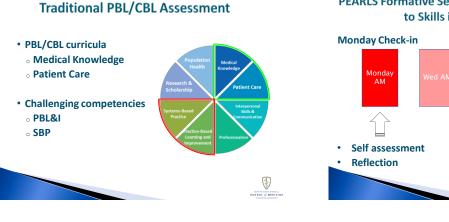


Practice Based

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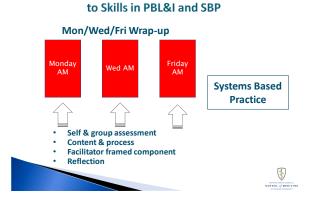
Improvement

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PEARLS Formative Self & Group Assessments Lead

• Early Formative Meetings

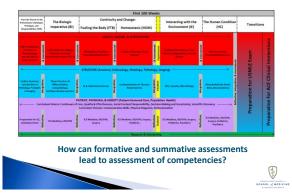
- Compare & contrast self with facilitator assessment
- Emphasis upon demonstrable changes in areas identified for improvement
- How am I doing in this curriculum? • Reliance on formative assessments



PEARLS Competency Based Student Outcomes Driven by Formative & Summative Assessments



Structure: An Integrated Course in Human Form



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- Normal Structure
 - Gross anatomy
 - Embryology 0
 - Histology
- **Abnormal Structure**
 - Pathology
 - Gross
 - Histologic





- **Medical Imaging**
- **Physical Diagnosis**
- Ultrasound

Traditional 'Anatomy' Lab



- No pre-work
- Task (manual) driven
- **Minimal faculty** interaction

Structure Laboratory



- Preparation required **Facilitator direct** • interactions (Socratic)
- Small groups interact with multiple clinical & basic science faculty



Aspects of Course: **Structure Lab Sessions & Problem Based Structure**

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 Students rotate through stations facilitated by faculty



- Group dissection 'cases' Conducted over 12 weeks Student driven
- Integrate dissection with other aspects of Structure
- Student presentations with faculty assessing



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Why Design Curriculum and Assessments that **Address Multiple Competencies?**

- Assessing multiple competencies in a lab based course supports philosophy of integrated curriculum
- 'Effective' doctoring includes all competencies



Traditional Laboratory Course Assessment

- Typical laboratory courses Medical Knowledge
- · What other opportunities are there?



Structure Formative Assessments Lead to **Competencies**

- Structure Laboratory Sessions: Weekly Stations allow immediate and relevant
 - assessment with feedback
 - **Complements PEARLS formative assessment**
- Complex curriculum- How am I doing? •
- How am I relaying Information?



Structure <u>Formative</u> Assessments Lead to Competencies

- Problem-Based Structure
 - Developmental Program: Assessment transitions from formative to summative
 - Peer feedback
 Giving and receiving

Interpersonal Skill & Communication





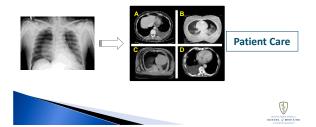
Formative Assessment Without Curricular Revolution?

- Routine feedback regarding dissection skills
- Slight pedagogy adjustments: Incorporate questioning into laboratory discussions
- If no pre-work, focus on review
- Formative assessment and feedback: timely, specific, suggests ways to improve, encourages reflection, follow-up



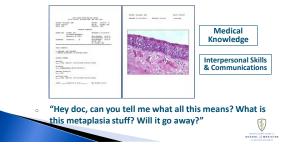
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- Laboratory Exams
 - $_{\circ}$ $\,$ Selection and interpretation of clinical tests



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- Laboratory Exams: Same Question, Multiple Scores
 Oral Examination Questions
 - Path Report Interpretation Questions



Individual Competency Reports

Year 1: Expected level of Competency



Problem-Based Structure Presentations

Structure Summative Assessments Lead to

Competencies

- <u>Do not</u> assess Medical Knowledge
- Ability to draw resources from literature and interpret scientific work Research & Scholarship
- Ability to convey scientific and clinical content coherently





Research &

Scholarship

Some Challenges of Competency-Based Assessment

- Formative and summative assessment- when and how much?
- Shifting perspectives on formative assessmentfaculty and students
- Mapping assessments to competencies
- Making competencies meaningful- faculty and students

Questions

