



The Professional Health Communication Wheel A TEACHING TOOL

Workshop Objectives

At the end of the workshop, the participant will have:

- Familiarized herself/himself to the wider conceptual model of professional health communication and its components
- Experimented the use of the "Professional Health Communication Wheel" in different teaching activities
- Discussed the applicability of the "Professional Health Communication Wheel" in their own teaching setting

Workshop Outline

- · Welcome and presentation of participants
- · Brief presentation of the model
- Exercise #1: Building a case-scenario
- Exercise #2: Teaching from a video
- Implementation and use of the Communication wheel in teaching activities
- Conclusion

Attendees

- Residents ? Students ?
- Clinical communication skills teachers ?
 - What type of teaching tools have you been using?
- Curriculum developers ?

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communication professionnelle;	taire orienté sur l'approche par compétences, un groupe de travail a recensé les contexus de la formation en communication médicale à donner et a identifié les habiletés communication-
communication módecin patient ;	nelles à maîtriser. La description des différents contenus et habiletés en communication pro-
relation raddecin-patie	fessionnelle en médecine permettra de guider les étudiants dans leur curriculum de formation t et de soutenir les enseignants dans le développement d'activités pédagogiques. Méthodes 1
	Depuis 2007, un groupe de représentants des départements de médecine familiale, de méde- cine d'urgence, d'autres spécialisés médicales et chirargicales, d'experts en pédagogie et en
	communication et un étadiant s'est réuni régulièrement. Il a proposé une définition et une
	description de l'ensemble des constituantes de la communication médicale en tenant compte des données scientificates subliées en communication et en nédatorie. Résultats : Une reo-
	position d'organisation des connaissances et des habiletés nécessaires au développement de la compétence en communication a émergé du travail du « conseil de compétence communi-
	cation ». La représentation développée suggère une approche systématique et graduelle de la
	formation où la réussite repose sur la maltrise progressive des différentes constituantes. Ainsi, les formateurs discoseront d'un contexte théorique, d'une identification des différents suvoirs
	et savoir-faire nécessaires à une communication professionnelle efficace, ainsi que d'un outil pédagogique seus forme d'une roulette combinant les différentes facettes de la communica-
	tion et les multiples situations professionnelles que le praticien rencontre. Conclusion : Ce
	document servira de base aux responsables pédagogiques facultaires et aux enseignants pour organiser l'enseignement de la communication dans leur spécialité.
Keywords: Competence;	Abstroct - Introduction: It is now widely accepted that medical communication training should be rooted in clinical practice. Still, many pedagogical initiatives remain theoretical
professional	and cut off from clinical activities. Moreover, these initiatives seldom consider the most ap-
communication;	promise and proven effective teaching methods. The objective of the University of Montreal









The model: 4 meta-categories

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- 1. Generic functions and dimensions of communication
- Medical interviews fundamentals:
 The Calgary-Cambridge Guides
- 3. Medical interviews across the spectrum of clinical practices
- 4. Medical communication: its many forms and expressions



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Situation/Context

- Your Program Director has asked you to prepare a communication skills teaching session for residents.
- During a recent survey, the residents from your program indicated they needed more training on how to <u>break</u> <u>bad news</u>.

Small Group Task

You have decided to work on **communicating an initial diagnosis of genital herpes.**

Use the wheel to create:

1) A simple case (medical student/clerk or junior resident)

1) A complex case (senior resident)

SPIN THE WHEEL 2X2!

Large Group Discussion
Large Group Discussion
Sharing case scenarios? – Simple? – Complex?
Which components of the case scenario did you change to raise the level of difficulty of the case? How did the wheel help?
What is the usefulness of the wheel to create scenarios?

Direct observation: a video review

EXERCICE #2

Using the Wheel during Direct Observation

- Melissa is a pediatrics resident (R4) working in the ambulatory clinic of a pediatric university hospital. She is seeing a 5 year old asthmatic boy for a follow-up visit after an ER visit. Adherence to treatment at home is an issue.
- You have agreed with Melissa that you will observe the last part of the encounter with the child's mother to give her feedback on her communication skills when explaining and planning the treatment and follow-up.

Task
1) Observe the interview
1) Use the communication wheel to structure/
1) Use the communication wheel to structure/ prioritize your feedback to Melissa

Video
Video

Feedback to Melissa
What specific feedback will you give to Melissa?
• How did the wheel help you? Or didn't help?



Video
Example of our feedback to Melissa using the Communication wheel
Communication wheel





Integrating the communication wheel to teaching Advantages and Limitations

Adolescents
Specific populations
IC unit
R3

• R4

Problematic situations (dealing with emotions...)
 Sensitive topics (intimacy issues...)

- Disclosing unexpected complications and errors

Use and Advantages

1. Teacher and learner Supervision tool

- Shared vocabulary and conceptual framework
- Overlapping of different variables (age, gender, context of care...)
- Explicit curriculum for the learner
- Useful tool for the resident to prepare a teaching session with a video

Use and advantages

2. Faculty

Teaching tool

- Helps to create scenarios for teaching sessions and role plays
- Maps the communication skills repertoire

3. Program director

- Curriculum guide
- Supports the development of a communication competency program curriculum
- Adjusts the communication skills to the program specificity

Limitations

- Descriptive model
 - Doesn't tell you how and what to teach
- Easier to use in a clinical setting than to teach communication challenges between health professionals
- Doesn't cover the complexity of all interactions a clinician faces
 - But does do justice to a multitude of communication situations in practice

Conclusion
The Communication Wheel
 provides a structure for professional health communication teaching and feedback provides a visual support for communication feedback helps to build teaching sessions on communication skills allows to "play" with the different dimensions of a case
It can be a game changing tool !