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Inter-professional Education (IPE)/ Inter-professional Care (IPC) for High Quality Patient Service

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Contemporary health care challenges

- Humanitarian crisis and conflict
- Epidemics, pandemics, natural disasters
- Ageing and chronic disease
- Mental health
- Enhancement of health systems and service delivery
- Globalisation of the health workforce
- Increasing technology in delivering health care
- Better informed patients with expectations
- Need for quality reporting of health care outcomes, greater accountability
- Many types of health professionals, each with their own role and responsibility



Safety and quality indicators in health care

- Avoidable hospital readmissions eg. Pressure injuries, infections, DVTs
- Hospital acquired complications eg. Infections, falls, surgical complications, medication errors
- Misdiagnosis, mismanagement
- Patient experience



Patient safety

- Research conducted in the US from 1995-2005 demonstrated that ineffective team communication was the root cause for nearly 66 percent of all medical errors during that period.
- When health care team members do not communicate effectively, patient care can suffer.
- Errors may occur more frequently when healthcare team members are under stress, performing in complex situations, and when they do not communicate clearly or effectively.
- (Institute for Healthcare Communication, 2011.
- http://healthcarecomm.org/about-us/impact-of-communication-in-healthcare/)



Effects of collaborative, team-based

care

- Enhanced access to coordinated health care services
- More appropriate use of specialist health services
- Improved health outcomes for people, particularly those with chronic illness
- Improved patient safety and care, less errors
- Decreases in patient complications, length of hospitalisation, admissions to hospital and mortality
- Improved staff satisfaction and reduced staff turnover
- Increased patient satisfaction and acceptance of care
- Elimination of redundancies in medical tests
- Reduced costs and burden to the system





Benefits for patients

- Improves care and management through better coordination of services
- Allows better integration of health care for a wide range of health needs
- Empowers patients to be more active partners in their own care
- Better care for patients from diverse cultural backgrounds
- More efficient use of their time







Benefits for health professionals

- Increased professional satisfaction due to clearer, more consistent goals of care
- Shift in emphasis from acute, episodic care to long-term preventive care and chronic illness management
- Enables health professionals to learn new skills and approaches to care
- Creates an environment that encourages greater innovation
- Allows care providers to focus on their individual areas of expertise







Benefits for the organisation

- More efficient and streamlined care delivery
- Maximised use of resources and facilities
- Reduced errors and better patient outcomes





What makes a good health care team?

- 1. Leadership and management
- 2. Communication

work

- 3. Personal rewards, training and development
- 4. Appropriate resources and procedures
- 5. Appropriate skill mix
- 6. Climate: trust, valuing, and interprofessional atmosphere
- 7. Individual characteristics: knowledge, skills, reflection, insight
- 8. Consistent and clear vision
- 9. Quality and person-centred care focus
- 10. Respect and understanding of each others role's

Nancarrow et al. Human Resources for Health 2013, 11:19 http://www.human-resources-health.com/content/11/1/19	HUMAN RESOURCES
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Ten principles of good interdisciplinary team	

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Challenges faced by interprofessional teams

- Developing an effective team can be time consuming
- Managing schedules of different team members
- Time needed for communication between team members which can take time away from providing clinical care
- May require more services and resources due to better coordination of care
- Successful teams requires on-going review and work
- Each team member needs to remain committed to the collaborative approach



Interprofessional Education

Interprofessional education occurs when students from two or more professions learn about, from and with each other to enable effective collaboration and improve health outcomes.

(World Health Organization, 2010)









(WHO, 2010)





Principles underpinning effective IPE

- Aims to improve the quality of patient care
- Focuses on the needs of service users and carers, and should involve these groups in development of the learning activities
- Promotes interprofessional collaboration, team work and joint decision making
- Encourages professions to learn with, from and about one another
- Respects the integrity and contribution of each profession
- Learning experiences jointly developed by all professions represented, and linked directly to the curriculum requirement of each
- Enable all professions to function within, and to their full, scope of practice



What are the benefits of IPE?

- Enhanced team work, communication and collaboration
- Greater awareness and valuing of the roles and scope of practice of all members of the health care team
- More seamless, integrated health care delivery
- Enhanced quality of health care delivery
- Enhanced patient satisfaction



Approaches for delivering interprofessional education

- Team-based simulation
- Formal interprofessional education subjects
- Inservice education seminars
- Case-based group learning in the clinical setting or university
- Peer-assisted learning activities
- Interprofessional clinical placements
- Interprofessional discussion groups, grand rounds
- Online learning activities







Interprofessional Emergency Birthing Simulations

- To examine whether an interprofessional team-based simulation birth scenario would improve undergraduate paramedic, nursing & midwifery students' clinical knowledge and self efficacy score in managing birth in an unplanned location – the Emergency department
- Woman in late stage labour being transported by ambulance to hospital. Birth imminent so diverted to the ED. Participants final year undergraduate Paramedicine, Nursing and Midwifery students



- Simulation design each discipline briefed separately
 - Phase 1 Paramedic students assess and transport Felicity from the ambulance into the ED (Simulation Laboratory)

– Phase 2 Paramedics handover to waiting Nursing students. Interrupted by birth of baby

 Phase 3 Midwifery student arrives after delivery – receives handover and completes third stage of delivery



Evaluation

- Group debriefing and review of video-recording of simulation
- Eye tracking glasses worn by the simulated patient and videorecorded from the patient's perspective
- Analysis of video-recordings to explore decision making, teamwork and communication
- Evaluation tools:
 - Self-efficacy for Interprofessional Experiential Learning Scale (SEIELS) (Mann et al. 2012)
 - Satisfaction with Simulation Experience Survey (SSES) (Levett-Jones et al. 2011)



Outcomes

- Students self-identified professional roles and scope of practice in the debriefings.
- The videos showed students comfortable with own roles, but less so with interprofessional roles





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Challenges implementing IPE

- Logistics
- Curriculum constraints
- Time
- Resources
- Tokenism

Fear

- Clinical practice
- Stereotypes
- Sustainability
- Equality





Assessing teamwork in IPE

TEAM[™] tool developed by Simon Cooper and colleagues at Federation University in Australia

Assesses effectiveness of teams, particularly designed for IPE activities:

Measures:

Leadership: leadership control, communication, cooperation and coordination

Teamwork: team climate, adaptability, situation awareness

Task management: priorisation, clinical standards

TEAM



http://medicalemergencyteam.com/

Conclusion

- Effective interprofessional teams are important to ensuring patient safety
- IPE exposes students to working with other health care professions as part of interprofessional teams
- Many different approaches can be used to promote IPE
- For IPE to be successful, there needs to be shared educational outcomes for all involves health professions
- Specific tools allow measurement of team work effectiveness in IPE



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