Preclinical Simulation Training for Preclinical Medical Students (PMS) Allows Interdisciplinary Teaching for Master of Science Anesthesia Students (MSAS)

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Objectives:
We propose that having MSAS teaching clinical procedures utilizes the MSAS in a novel educational format, and also promotes MSA learning and leadership abilities as well. Our study evaluated the involvement of MSAS in a PMS skills classes teaching basic hands on procedural skills for preclinical medical students.

- In this time of difficult fiscal flexibility, how do we optimize resources?
- With limited access to experienced teachers and overburdened clinical work, utilizing MSA students to contribute to the school of medicine offers a novel format for peer teaching.
- Group skills sessions and engaging in a team format from the start of their training promotes lateral learning from classmates, a valuable experience for medical students and observed self reflection in their role as teachers participated gave us feedback on the skills session.
- Students could teach up to 4 sessions for 180-200 medical students
- Students that taught all 4 workshops were twice as likely to consider teaching in any format in the future whereas the students that taught 3 workshops were mostly somewhat likely to teach in the future.

Students that taught 1-2 sessions mostly saw the sim lab as a “CV building experience”

The one student in the 3 session group that felt strongly about teaching said: “In my career I will have to teach students and this was an introduction to that.”

One enthusiastic student that only taught 1 session said, “Take every chance you can get to teach these simulations. It’s very rewarding and a great way to pass time in helping others learn the craft.”

“I most likely will be teaching students in the future. Teaching this simulation allowed for me, in a way, to see from the perspective of an instructor. I see this as an invaluable experience. Therefore, even teaching one session can have an enormous personal impact.”

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“Make sure to teach the medical students the proper way to do things, even if it’s not how you do something (ex: recappping a needle)”