

Implementing Interprofessional Education toward better patient care



Overview

The inter-professional continuing education and inter-professional collaborative practices are the new trends in internationally renowned healthcare sectors when it comes to patient safety, cost efficiency, and prevention of medical errors. (Inter-professional Continuing Education IPCE) "when members from two or more professions learn with, from, and about each other to enable effective collaboration and improve health outcomes". IPCE supports the development and implementation of accurate, balanced, and evidence-based activities free of commercial bias that address practice gaps identified by the healthcare team for the healthcare team. These educational activities are designed to improve the healthcare team's skills/strategy, knowledge, and performance, towards better patient outcomes.

Aim

The overall goal of this initiative is to improve, patient care and outcomes, reduce medical errors, start treatment faster, reduce inefficiencies and healthcare costs, improve staff relationships and job satisfaction by raising awareness about the importance of Interprofessional collaboration and encourage the Hospital departments to conduct an IPCE based education to resolve patient related issues with appropriate communication within the team.

Project Objectives

Recognize The Value of IPE in Healthcare

Highlight and Identify conflicts that might cause obstacles to Patient Care

Be aware of the Roles and Duties of other Healthcare professions

Encourage the initiation and development of IPE-based education to improve patient safety through inter-professional collaboration

Measure the annual change in the team dynamic towards better patient care

Methodology

Follow IPE International Standards and regulate the Process toward better Patient Care.

sy a team of six educators was identified from different specialties to be the advocates and planning committee for this initiative

Safety alerts cases
were adopted in
IPE Educational
sessions based on
a case study
approach where
participants
discuss real
scenarios related
to patient safety.

Patient Safety Alignment

Integrate patient safety learning and practice into the educational and training curricula. Creating a culture of shared learning.

Targeted Population

The project is targeting all hospital healthcare staff through the key personnel to spread the Interprofessional collaboration culture and improve team communication and dynamics toward a better understanding of your teammates' roles and responsibilities which will lead to the improvement of patient care and outcomes.



Summary of Results

A total of 98 Hospital staff including department heads and chairmen attended the sessions. total of 12 professions were represented in the attendees.

4.25 out of 5 average rating for practicing what has been learned in the session

The attendees learned about the roles and responsibilities of 10 new professions other than the own.

The IPCE-based education increased by 100% since the initiative started

Only 5% of attendees knew about the concept of Interprofessional education and collaboration before the sessions and awareness reached 91% after the session.

The session helped in Better Communication, Patient Satisfaction, Team Empowerment & Trust as per the results of the long-term survey

97% Satisfaction rate (very satisfied - satisfied) from 78% received responses from attended

Value & Sustainability

Change Team
Dynamic / Attitude



■ Yes ■ No

Many challenges faced in Healthcare can be mitigated using IPE focusing primarily on effective collaborative practice.

This project by its nature is scalable as the IPE approach applies to almost all the patient-related aspects.

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