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## Chapter 1 : Howard Barrows - Wikipedia

*Students in most medical schools, especially in basic science courses, are required to memorize a large number of "facts," facts which may or may not be relevant to medical practice. Problem-based learning has two fundamental postulates--the learning through problem-solving is much more effective for creating a body of knowledge usable in the future, and that physician skills most important for patients are problem-solving skills, rather than memory skills.*

Problem-Based Learning in Medical Education: The growth of PBL as an educational model brings with it both new challenges and new opportunities for health sciences libraries and librarians. A growing number of medical schools have in the past decade adopted some form of problem-based learning PBL , an educational strategy that many believe responds to the issues behind demands for reform in medical education Rankin, a. In , the University of New Mexico became the first U. When Mercer University established its medical school in , it became the first U. Of those, 33 schools reported using PBL as a major part of many courses or as a curricular track, 38 reported using PBL as a major part of one or several courses, and 43 reported using PBL as a minor part of one or several courses. Problem-based learning developed primarily as an alternative to the first two years of medical school, which are traditionally devoted to the basic sciences. While traditional programs focus on rote memorization of concepts in the basic sciences during the first two years of medical education, PBL uses problem-solving to encourage the learning of basic sciences within the context of clinical applications McGowan, PBL curricula cover the same subject content as traditional curricula while emphasizing additional educational aims, including teaching problem-solving skills, integrating basic sciences with clinical sciences throughout the curriculum, and developing the skills of lifelong learning Rankin, PBL allows information to be mastered in the same context in which it will be used. Rather than emphasizing the traditional method of lectures, the PBL curriculum emphasizes small-group tutorial meetings as the center of learning. Because PBL is a student-centered educational method, the role of the faculty member differs vastly from that in the traditional medical school program. In PBL, faculty members serve first as tutors and second as resource persons when so requested by the students Rankin, As the tutorial group is presented with a biomedical problem, the students identify specific learning objectives or issues: Students then collect needed information from a variety of sources, including the library, the laboratory, other students, and faculty members. After initial information gathering is completed, the tutorial group discusses the findings. Further learning objectives may be identified, and information gathering continues as needed throughout the clinical program. Research has demonstrated that students in PBL programs do indeed use the library differently than do students in conventional medical education programs. Rankin studied second-year medical students at four institutions and found that PBL students used the library more than traditional students Marshall et al. A comparative study by Marshall and her colleagues supports these earlier conclusions that PBL students use the library in greater proportions than do students in traditional programs. Moreover, when PBL students use the library, "they do so more frequently, for longer periods of time, and as a source for a greater proportion of their study materials" p. In general, Marshall and her colleagues found that problem-based learners utilize library resources and services more heavily, including database searching, journals, reserve materials, photocopy services, and audiovisual materials. Problem-based learners "use and value information resources that support the independent learning process, acquire information-searching skills at an earlier stage in their medical education, and report greater ease in using these resources" Rankin, , p. Finally, students in PBL programs are more likely to use self-selected, rather than faculty-recommended, resources Rankin, Problem-based learning raises issues for both health sciences libraries and health sciences librarians. The Health Sciences Library Problem-based learning focuses attention on a broad range of issues relevant to health sciences libraries. First, the physical structure of the library must be viewed with the special needs of problem-based learning in mind. Because PBL students spend more time in the library, "the physical facility, therefore, must be adequate for PBL needs. For example, the library must be near the tutorial areas--a special

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challenge for many medical schools where the library is not close to the medical education facility" Watkins, , p. Since PBL draws so heavily on small tutorial groups, the library must anticipate the need for small group space, both for studying and using library resources Blake, Incorporating additional small group rooms into the library can be challenging, especially if space in the library is already cramped. Large and small libraries alike may face problems related to PBL space needs, which must be balanced with changing institutional missions, new and advancing technologies, and evolving patterns of information use Rankin, Resources such as models, specimens, and X-rays require viewing space so they may be displayed at appropriate points in the curriculum" Watkins, , p. Most libraries find that the traditional 4: Second, the library faces issues relating to its hours as well as staffing and service levels. Several libraries serving PBL programs have already recognized the possible need for additional hours and staff in order to effectively serve PBL students Watkins, In one case study, the challenge to the library was to make sufficient resources available so that students could investigate learning issues efficiently and successfully. Because all students were looking for information on the same general topic during the same independent-study period, it was necessary to plan carefully the logistics of the information-seeking activities. Librarians had to ensure that. Most PBL curricula are planned in shorter modules of four to ten weeks as opposed to the quarters or semesters of a traditional curriculum. In addition, the first- and second year students may be on different schedules for the modules or phases" Watkins, , p. Third, PBL programs often place a heavy burden on collection development. Problem-based learning has evolved along a continuum, with no suggested or required resources at one end, a reserve collection from which students can select in the middle, and a curriculum bibliography consisting of either required or suggested resources at the other end Watkins, Each level of the continuum presents challenges for collection development staff: In the classical PBL curriculum, with only objectives and no assigned readings, a heavy burden is placed on the collection development staff because, despite faculty input, the library must ensure that there are adequate resources for each clinical problem at all levels, from the molecular pathways to the clinical presentation. The library staff must be familiar with the clinical problems in order to select materials to meet the needs of the stated curriculum objectives. These challenges include providing adequate resources to meet student needs, including multiple copies of resources, a well-policed reserve collection allowing fair and reasonable access, and adequate service hours" Watkins, , p. Smaller libraries in particular may face special difficulties in providing both the depth and breadth of materials needed to support PBL students. In general, according to guidelines promoted by Rankin b , a strong book and journal collection and a sufficient collection of basic texts are needed to support the learning objectives in each assigned biomedical problem. In addition, a strong collection of non-print resources may also be appropriate. Fourth, the library faces issues relating to the costs of serving PBL programs. PBL costs may include the purchase of several to many duplicate copies of basic texts, additional library staffing to accommodate extended hours, and capital expenditures for added seating, extra computer workstations, and more audiovisual viewing equipment Rankin, b. There may also be costs associated with providing a wider range of library resources than would normally be required. In times of diminishing library budgets, these additional costs associated with PBL must be studied further and examined seriously. Fifth, the library may face challenges in serving both PBL medical schools along with other patron groups. With PBL students placing heavy burdens on the library, staff must ensure that the entire library is not disrupted and that other clients may continue their activities unhindered. Moreover, libraries serving medical schools with concurrent PBL and traditional tracks may face unique challenges Schilling et al. Many, if not most, libraries serving PBL programs also serve multiple allied health schools that often do not utilize problem-based learning and the different groups may present conflicting library needs Watkins, Conversely, "pharmacy, nursing, and veterinary medicine programs, in addition to medical schools, are shifting in whole or in part to this new curricula [PBL]" Nagle, , p. As the use of PBL in other disciplines grows, the library may feel a cumulative burden on its staff and resources. The Health Sciences Librarian While PBL presents challenges and opportunities for the health sciences library in general, it also raises issues of particular importance to health sciences librarians. First, PBL brings with it exciting and

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challenging new roles for professional librarians. While librarians have long been involved in bibliographic instruction, PBL allows librarians to participate in a much broader range of educational initiatives: In PBL curricula, the health sciences library is generally responsible for giving an extensive library orientation to students beginning the program and assisting with all their information acquisition assignments. In addition, health sciences librarians work closely with PBL faculty to suggest resources, knowledge, and skills appropriate to specific clinical problems. In some instances, medical librarians also serve as facilitators of the small groups. Many observers have suggested that librarians take a proactive role in problem-based learning: Medical librarians should make a commitment to participate in the curriculum development process in all possible and appropriate ways. The UNM [University of New Mexico] experience shows that simply expressing an interest and attending meetings has enabled librarians to respond to aspects of the new curriculum. Involvement in this process has helped to identify opportunities for integrating the library into the curriculum and for anticipating special demands upon library resources. Second, as problem-based learning grows in popularity, librarians are being called upon to redesign the more traditional role of bibliographic instruction. Because PBL students tend to self-select their resources and use a greater variety of resources, "early information search education assumes a greater importance within the problem based curriculum than within the conventional curriculum" Saunders et al. Research suggests that library instruction should be integrated into the PBL curriculum rather than offered as required or optional separate classes. Minchow and her colleagues found that integration of information-seeking skills into the curriculum in specific directed sequence reinforced the applicability of the skills learned in bibliographic instruction. Librarians serving PBL curricula have also focused on integrating aspects of PBL into library bibliographic instruction itself. At one institution, the library instruction module utilizes a problem-based approach. The library instruction session begins with a problem-based case study focusing on hostility as a possible risk factor in coronary disease. Students are guided through the process of formulating a research question, translating key elements of the question into MeSH terms, choosing an appropriate format journal article, textbook, faculty expert, and, in this case, finding an appropriate journal article. At one library, a specific librarian was assigned to each group of students for the duration of the course. Such a role transcends that traditionally associated with bibliographic instruction. In these instances, "the library liaison has gone beyond the former role of distributing information to becoming an active member in teaching medical students life long learning skills" Ohles, , p. Third, despite the numerous new roles and methods of education possible with problem-based learning, critics question whether these roles ultimately go far enough. There is some question whether medical education and PBL curricula in particular effectively utilize health sciences librarians. While the involvement of health sciences librarians in PBL curricula has grown over the past decade, there is still no indication that these librarians are involved in formulating the structured clinical problems used as PBL cases. The librarians were only involved after the cases had been prepared to assist with guiding students through the literature. If the cases had required the need for more recently published information along with background information, the journal literature would have been utilized in combination with textbooks, and skills in retrieving journal articles would have been enhanced. McGowan argues that "the instructor of information literacy, the health sciences librarian, must be acknowledged as an equal member of the medical education team" p. Fourth, problem-based learning requires new responses from the field of library science, both in library school education and professional development. As librarians seek out new roles in problem-based learning, it must be remembered that traditional professional development and continuing education offerings often do not prepare librarians for the roles of facilitator or instructor Satterthwaite et al. Although librarians have not yet been called upon to "design the curriculum, cases, or instructional or evaluation methods, they do contribute knowledge, observations, and opinions on these issues" Satterthwaite et al. As a result, health sciences librarians must have professional development opportunities that meet the special needs of PBL environments. The Medical Library Association may be instrumental in offering such opportunities for practicing librarians, especially through its Problem-Based Learning Special Interest Group. Problem-based

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learning also raises issues related to library school education. In response to the new roles and challenges faced in PBL environments, "information science programs should include formal classes in instructional methodologies and theories, curriculum design, and evaluation methods, with the overall goal of expanding the traditional roles of librarians" Satterthwaite et al. There has even been some interest in incorporating PBL into library and information science education: Fifth, librarians must consider whether problem-based learning deserves so much special attention, especially given that it may be a trend with little or no permanency. Critics of PBL have challenged the assumption that this educational method is effective in promoting its desired skills of lifelong learning. Since problem-based learning is largely an alternative to the first two years of medical school, skills learned in PBL programs may be weakened or lost during clinical clerkships, internships, and residency programs McGowan, Instead of viewing problem-based learning as the end product, librarians and educators may need to regard PBL as the starting point in the promotion of information skills in all types of medical school programs.

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## Chapter 2 : Problem-based learning - Wikipedia

*The problem-based learning approach, of course, has enormous utility for teaching in all the health sciences. This book presents the scientific basis of problem-based learning in medical education. It then goes on to describe the approaches to problem-based medical learning that have been developed over the years at McMaster University.*

What, how and why is problem-based learning in medical education? Barral and Era Buck What is problem-based learning? Problem-based learning, or PBL, is a pedagogical practice employed in many medical schools. While there are numerous variants of the technique, the approach includes the presentation of an applied problem to a small group of students who engage in discussion over several sessions. A facilitator, sometimes called a tutor, provides supportive guidance for the students. The discussions of the problem are structured to enable students to create conceptual models to explain the problem presented in the case. As the students discover the limits of their knowledge, they identify learning issues – essentially questions they cannot answer from their fund of knowledge. Between meetings of the group, learners research their learning issues and share results at the next meeting of the group. How do faculty members participate in this process? Faculty members often participate as facilitators. Indeed, the role of the facilitator and the nature of the problem are key to successful implementation. Facilitators must be supportive rather than directive. They ask questions to assist students with identifying the limits of their knowledge, monitor the group process encouraging participation and provide a framework for constructing models of understanding. Content expertise on the part of the faculty may be helpful but is not considered necessary for effective facilitation. Deeper understanding of the topic may allow the facilitator to guide student discussions to be more comprehensive. It also may increase the challenge of maintaining a nondirective role. Cases contain contextual information so that the patients become more real to the students and therefore more memorable. Why are medical schools incorporating PBL? PBL has become popular in medical schools that have undergone curriculum reforms incorporating multidisciplinary-system-based courses rather than discipline-specific ones. For example, students may learn biochemistry as it relates to organ systems of the human body while they are solving problems presented in clinical cases. This approach provides relevance, encourages self-directed learning, targets higher-order learning and engages students in ways that result in better long-term retention of content than traditional, lecture-based courses. Can you give me an example of how the process works? During a traditional, lecture-based system, students learn the basics about the developmental and cell biology of erythrocytes their lineage, shape, size, absence of nucleus, etc. When asked about the phenotype of a sickle-cell hemoglobin carrier, a student who learned these concepts in a traditional, lecture-based environment might reply that there is no phenotype, unless the carrier is living in a region with malaria, in which case the carrier may be better able to resist the disease because of heterozygous advantage classic concepts learned in genetics. However, if a group of students are presented with a case of a patient undergoing a sickle-cell crisis and are prompted to consider the many aspects of the disease, including the implications for family members, they might arrive at a different answer. They may come to the realization that the phenotype of a carrier could include the presence of some elongated cells in a smear of venous blood, particularly after exercise which appears to occur in the majority of cases. In this manner, knowledge integration leads to critical consideration of how a phenotype is defined and how this indeed can depend on the variable being studied a concept clearly generalizable beyond the hemoglobinopathies. What student skills should we encourage for PBL-focused medical education? Students who demonstrate adequate performance in PBL activities are capable of applying their knowledge to think critically. They must be trained to be able to use information rather than merely capable of remembering it. Students in PBL-based curricula increase the level of self-direction they bring to learning. The more self-direction they develop as undergraduates, the more likely it is that they will become independent learners as practicing professionals. Lifelong learning uses a set of skills that develop over time and require practice. Some of the critical skills can be encouraged and

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practiced in college classes. These include self-assessment, group learning and active learning. Students need opportunities to identify their strengths and weaknesses and figure out what it is that they do not know or thoroughly understand. They need to be encouraged to ask good questions. By encouraging students in formulating good questions, we empower them to identify their knowledge gaps. Students also must develop skills necessary for learning in groups. They must be able to learn from peers and teach peers, moving readily between those roles. They need to be able to assist each other in integrating and applying knowledge to a given problem. These skills are acquired through active learning. Projects and lab work often promote these skills. In summary, students need opportunities to assess their knowledge, identify and remedy knowledge gaps, and integrate and apply knowledge to real-world problems as part of a team. Era Buck erbuck utmb.

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## Chapter 3 : Problem-Based Learning - Center for Innovation in Research and Teaching

*Problem-based learning (PBL) is a student-centered pedagogy in which students learn about a subject through the experience of solving an open-ended problem found in trigger material.*

Barrows and Wee Keng Neo; Lyndia revised pages, paper bound. The Authentic Problem-Based Learning aPBL approach is a challenging, motivating, learner-centered educational method that stimulates learners to both acquire and apply the knowledge and skills they need including problem-solving, self-directed learning and team skills, and to be responsible for their own continuing education. This book has been designed to be useful to teachers in any discipline, subject area, or profession. Barrows pages, paper bound. This book is designed for those medical teachers that either wish to consider problem-based learning as an educational method, have decided on problem-based learning and need guidelines for its design and development, or are involved in a problem-based learning curriculum and want to consider ways for improving their curriculum. An Approach to Medical Education co-authored with Robyn Tamblyn and How to Design a Problem-Based Curriculum for the Preclinical Years have been used extensively over the years by teachers both in and out of medical education interested in or involved in problem-based learning. Now that more has been learned about problem-based learning through the experience of many additional medical schools that have undertaken the method and from an increasing number of studies related to problem-based learning these books are out-of-date. Individual chapters deal with many aspects of problem-based learning such as: Although designed primarily for teachers in medical schools, this book offers much of value for teachers in other disciplines. Barrows 31 pages, paper bound. The Stimulated Recall technique has been used as a research tool for analyzing the clinical reasoning process of physicians. Experience has shown that it is a powerful tool for analyzing the developing clinical reasoning skills of medical students and residents. Experience has shown it to be a valuable tool in the detailed assessment of individual students, residents or physicians suspected of having problems or inadequacies in their clinical REASONING. The results of the Stimulated Recall can be used to design approaches to correct deficiencies that are uncovered. The book is written by a physician who has used this technique extensively both in research and in medical education. It provides the information needed to set up and carry out the technique. Barrows 32 pages, paper bound. This handbook is written for standardized patient SP trainers who would like to train their SPs to have physical signs. The author shares an experience gained in over 30 years of training standardized patients. He carefully takes the clinician and non-clinician alike through the steps necessary to train standardized patients in over 40 physical findings. Barrows 45 pages paper bound. This is a landmark book on problem-based learning as it is written specifically for medical students. In problem-based learning students assume responsibility for their own education. What they can do to maximize on the opportunities the method presents for their own learning and development. This book allows medical students to understand every step in problem-based learning and how to make the process more profitable in providing them with the knowledge and skills needed as physicians. Students in other disciplines will also find it useful. Barrows revised 70 pages, paper bound. This is a companion volume to Problem-Based Learning. This popular, small booklet covers the basics of the PBL tutorial process and describes the tutorial skills needed at every phase of the process.

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## Chapter 4 : Problem-Based Learning: An Approach to Medical Education | American Journal of Occupational

*Shortly thereafter, three other medical schools – the University of Limburg at Maastricht (the Netherlands), the University of Newcastle (Australia), and the University of New Mexico (United States) took on the McMaster model of problem-based learning.*

Meaning[ edit ] Wood defines problem-based learning as a process that uses identified issues within a scenario to increase knowledge and understanding. It maintains a higher level of motivation towards learning, and shows the importance of responsible, professional attitudes with teamwork values. Problem-based learning has subsequently been adopted by other medical school programs [4] adapted for undergraduate instruction, [5] [6] [7] as well as K It is student-focused, which allows for active learning and better understanding and retention of knowledge. It also helps to develop life skills that are applicable to many domains. By harnessing collective group intellect , differing perspectives may offer different perceptions and solutions to a problem. Following are the advantages and limitations of problem-based learning. Fosters student-centred learning[ edit ] In problem-based learning the students are actively involved and they like this method. It encourages self-directed learning by confronting students with problems and stimulates the development of deep learning. Self-direction for lifelong learning: It also greatly helps them better long term knowledge retention. In this method discussion forums collaborative research take the place of lecturing. In-depth learning and constructivist approach[ edit ] PBL fosters deep learning by involving students with the interaction of learning materials. They relate the concept they study with everyday activities and enhance their knowledge and understanding. Students also activate their prior knowledge and build on existing conceptual knowledge frameworks. They themselves will look for resources like research articles, journals, web materials etc. Better understanding and adeptness[ edit ] By giving more significance to the meaning, applicability and relevance to the learning materials it leads to better understanding of the subjects learnt. When students are given more challenging and significant problems are given it makes them more proficient. It will be also very helpful to them not only to visualise what it will be like applying that knowledge and expertise on their field of work or profession. The teams or groups resolve relevant problems in collaboration and hence it fosters student interaction, teamwork and reinforces interpersonal skills. The increase in the percentage of attendance of students and their attitude towards this approach itself makes it very clear that they are self-motivated. They enjoy this environment of learning for it is less threatening and they can learn independently. All these aspects make students more self-motivated and they pursue learning even after they leave the school or college. PBL can serve as a platform for a discursive practices approach to culture that emphasizes the emergent, participant-constructed qualities of social phenomena while also acknowledging large-scale social forces. It requires more staff to take an active role in facilitation and group-led discussion and some educators find PBL facilitation difficult and frustrating. It is resource-intensive because it requires more physical space and more accessible computer resources to accommodate simultaneous smaller group-learning. Students may not have access to teachers who serve as the inspirational role models that traditional curriculum offers. Most of the students might have spent their previous years of education assuming their teacher as the main disseminator of knowledge. Because of this understanding towards the subject matter students may lack the ability to simply wonder about something in the initial years of problem-based learning. All these features of problem-based learning may be foreign to some instructors; hence they find it difficult to alter their past habits. They have to incorporate written examinations with modified essay questions, practical examinations, peer and self assessments etc. Problem-based has also been considered more favourable to female participants, [33] whilst having equivocal impacts on their male counterparts when compared to lecture based learning. Certainly active problem solving is useful as learners become more competent, and better able to deal with their working memory limitations. But early in the learning process, learners may find it difficult to process a large amount of information in a short time. Thus the rigors of active problem solving may become an issue for novices.

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Once learners gain expertise the scaffolding inherent in problem-based learning helps learners avoid these issues. These studies were conducted largely based on individual problem solving of well-defined problems. Sweller proposed cognitive load theory to explain how novices react to problem solving during the early stages of learning. They propose other forms of learning early in the learning process worked example, goal free problems, etc. Many forms of scaffolding have been implemented in problem-based learning to reduce the cognitive load of learners. These are most useful to enable decreasing "fading" the amount of guidance during problem solving. A gradual fading of guidance helps learners to slowly transit from studying examples to solving problems. In this case backwards fading[ clarification needed ] was found to be quite effective and assisting in decreasing the cognitive load on learners. Various factors can influence the implementation of PBL: There are also various outcomes of PBL that can be measured including knowledge acquisition and clinical competence. Demands of implementing[ edit ] Implementing PBL in schools and Universities is a demanding process that requires resources, a lot of planning and organization. Within their group, they develop possible theories or hypotheses to explain the problem. Together they identify learning issues to be researched. They construct a shared primary model to explain the problem at hand. Facilitators provide scaffolding , which is a framework on which students can construct knowledge relating to the problem. After the initial teamwork, students work independently in self-directed study to research the identified issues. The students re-group to discuss their findings and refine their initial explanations based on what they learned. A PBL group at Gadjah Mada University PBL follows a constructivist perspective in learning as the role of the instructor is to guide and challenge the learning process rather than strictly providing knowledge. Students are considered to be active agents who engage in social knowledge construction. PBL assists in processes of creating meaning and building personal interpretations of the world based on experiences and interactions. This effect was especially strong for social and cognitive competencies such as coping with uncertainty and communication skills. The study found that students who were exposed to PBL were better at solving more difficult problems; however, there was no significant difference in student attitude towards mathematics. Several Malaysian universities had begun implementing PBL in their curricula in an effort to improve the quality of their education. In Universiti Malaya , the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery and Bachelor of Dental Surgery courses included several sessions of problem-based learning in their curriculum as a way of teaching interactions between students. More than eighty percent of medical schools in the United States now have some form of problem-based learning in their programs. In the college of medicine and medical sciences was founded in Bahrain as part of the Arabian Gulf University. It adopts a problem-based learning curriculum from the beginning and offers its MD program in PBL only. The curriculum integrates the basic and preclinical sciences while fostering an understanding of the biological, social, and moral contexts of human health and disease. The students spend their last two clerkship years at University of California, San Francisco. Peninsula offered a fully integrated course that prepared students for life as a doctor, with early exposure to clinical experiences and opportunities to discuss them through their PBL and small-group programme. The PBL courses of each school continues to develop and now uses an 8 step process, which is an evolution of the Maastricht 7 jump process. In , Gadjah Mada University of Yogyakarta , Indonesia began offering an International Medicine program based on problem-based learning. In the famous Faculty of Medicine of the University of Khartoum, which was following a traditional curriculum since its foundation in made a being change in curriculum structure by adopting a blend curriculum that incorporate problem solving learning strategies. The learning system was a great success and since has been expanded to lower grades to challenge students to think outside of the box and relate content drive courses to problems in the real world. As they progress freshman through senior year, these vertically aligned projects involve increasingly rigorous Common Core State Standards in research, close reading, quantitative reasoning, argumentation, writing, and presentation skills. The course developed by Dr. Vimalan Jesudason successfully served 85 students, before being offered independently in late , PBL Cheshire. It takes grade 10 and 11 students, and work through the core courses based on the Prescribed Learning Outcomes for the province of British Columbia. Students are

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guided through English, Math, Sciences, and Social Studies, along with physical activity. Ecological economics[ edit ] The transdisciplinary field of ecological economics has embraced problem-based learning as a core pedagogy. A workbook developed by Joshua Farley, Jon Erickson , and Herman Daly organizes the problem-solving process into 1 building the problem base, 2 analyzing the problem, 3 synthesizing the findings, and 4 communicating the results. Building the problem base includes choosing, defining, and structuring an ecological economic problem. Analysis is breaking down of a problem into understandable components. Synthesis is the re-integration of the parts in a way that helps better understand the whole. Communication is the translation of results into a form relevant to stakeholders, broadly defined as the extended peer community. PBL is also argued as a learning method that can promote the development of critical thinking skills. Employers have appreciated the positive attributes of communication, teamwork, respect and collaboration that PBL experienced students have developed. These skills provide for better future skills preparation in the ever-changing information explosion. PBL curriculum includes building these attributes through knowledge building, written and interpersonal interactions and through the experience of the problem solving process. Online PBL is also seen as more cost-effective. For example, the scheduling must be conducive to collaborative activities. Additionally, instructors should ensure that the problems should be relevant to real-life experiences, and the nature of solutions and problem contexts. Furthermore, a sound technological infrastructure is paramount. As instructional technology developed over time coupled with the emergence of the internet in the mids, online education became popular gaining huge attention from organizations and institutions. However, the use of PBL in complete online education does not seem as established based on the relatively scarce references available in the literature. The result showed the significant impact of online PBL on the learning outcomes of students in many aspects including enhancing their communication skills, problem-solving skills and ability to work as a team. Technology has advanced for another decade since then and it should help us take online PBL to a greater height as many more activities such as synchronous online meetings have been made readily available today on numerous platforms. The key focus here is to examine how technology can further facilitate the effective use of PBL online by zooming into the learner needs in each phase of PBL. Collaborative tools[ edit ] The first, and possibly most crucial phase in PBL, is to identify the problem. Before learners can begin to solve a problem, all members must understand and agree on the details of the problem. This consensus forms through collaboration and discussion. With online learning on the rise, it is important that learners can engage in collaborative brainstorming and research through the use of technology. Technology allows for groups to collaborate synchronously or asynchronously from anywhere in the world; schedules and geography no longer prevent collaboration in PBL. Today, there is a plethora of tools available to promote group collaboration online, each with unique strengths and limitations.

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## Chapter 5 : KSR5: Block - Problem-Based Learning in Medical Education

*Introduction: Day after day, the medical education is evolving in many aspects. In order to match this development, this requires changing the traditional methods of learning into a new modern one that embraces the requirements of Knowles' theory of adult learning.*

**Problem-Based Learning Problem-based Learning in the Classroom** Problem-based learning PBL is a student-centered, pedagogical approach that involves students actively working together to solve real-world problems. Problem-based learning gained its momentum in in s in medical school curriculums. Medical students were taught clinical reasoning by collaborating with other students on case students. Research has consistently shown that PBL leads to higher level learning and thinking and improves problem-solving abilities. Therefore, problem-based learning is becoming increasingly common on undergraduate campuses in a variety of disciplines. The instructional strategy is to divide students into groups and provide them with a messy, ill-structured problem that does not have one single right answer. The problem itself becomes the organizing center and the context for learning. Students will approach the process by working together to answer three questions: What do we know? What do we need to know? How do we find out? The students will research and use the tools available to them to find a solution and will present their findings the class. The end result is that students have taken a problem, gathered information and data, worked collaboratively to find a solution, and communicated that solution. This approach to instruction encourages students to use higher order thinking and hone their problem-solving abilities. Problem-based learning requires to students to utilize skills to learn and solve problems in much the same way that they will be expected to do their future careers, leading to students that are better prepared to enter the workforce. Advantages of problem-based learning include: The instructor acts as a facilitator or learning coach. Disadvantages of problem-based learning include: May be difficult to fail a student. **Problem-based Learning Example and Process:** Jones is a 75 year old woman who presented to the emergency room with chest pain and shortness of breath. She had been relatively healthy until last week when she took a hard fall after spraining her ankle. Physical examination does not show a fever or other signs of respiratory illness and the chest x-ray is normal. Students will meet in a group over the course of several class meetings and will follow the steps in the flow chart below to arrive at a solution. Rubrics are an effective tool for evaluation and assessment of the work done by the student group. **Suggested Readings** Albanese, M. A review of literature on its outcomes and implementation issues. The challenge of problem based learning. Handbook of research on educational communications and technology, 3. Characteristics of problems for problem-based learning: Interdisciplinary Journal of Problem-based Learning, 5 1 , 3. The internet and problem-based learning: Developing solutions through the web. Does problem-based learning work? A meta-analysis of evaluative research. Investigating effects of problem-based versus lecture-based learning environments on student motivation. Contemporary Educational Psychology, 36 2 , What students learn in problem-based learning: Instructional Science, 40 2 ,

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## Chapter 6 : MedEdPublish - IT instruments for Problem Based Learning in Undergraduate Medical Education

*Problem-based learning (PBL) is comparable to lectures with regard to knowledge improvement in postgraduate and continuing medical education, and there is limited evidence that PBL in continuing education enhances physicians' performance or improves health outcomes.*

You will also have to be a self-directed learner your entire professional life, as knowledge in the field of management will change, and you will continuously be meeting new and unexpected challenges. The consideration of these factors such as these dictates the wisdom of a problem-based, student-centered, self-directed program that will allow you, the student, in collaboration with your group and instructor, to design an experience tailor-made to your individual needs. Problem-based learning PBL is an approach that challenges students to learn through engagement in a real problem. It is a format that simultaneously develops both problem solving strategies and disciplinary knowledge bases and skills by placing students in the active role of problem-solvers confronted with an ill-structured situation that simulates the kind of problems they are likely to face as future managers in complex organizations. Problem-based learning is student-centered. PBL makes a fundamental shift--from a focus on teaching to a focus on learning. The process is aimed at using the power of authentic problem solving to engage students and enhance their learning and motivation. There are several unique aspects that define the PBL approach: Learning takes place within the contexts of authentic tasks, issues, and problems--that are aligned with real-world concerns. In a PBL course, students and the instructor become colearners, coplanners, coproducers, and coevaluators as they design, implement, and continually refine their curricula. The PBL approach is grounded in solid academic research on learning and on the best practices that promote it. This approach stimulates students to take responsibility for their own learning, since there are few lectures, no structured sequence of assigned readings, and so on. PBL is unique in that it fosters collaboration among students, stresses the development of problem solving skills within the context of professional practice, promotes effective reasoning and self-directed learning, and is aimed at increasing motivation for life-long learning. Problem-based learning begins with the introduction of an ill-structured problem on which all learning is centered. The problem is one that MBA students are likely to face as future professionals. Expertise is developed by engaging in progressive problem solving. Thus, problems drive the organization and dynamics of the course. MBA students, individually and collectively, assume major responsibility for their own learning and instruction. Most of the learning occurs in small groups rather than in lectures. As teacher, my role changes from "sage on stage" to a "guide by the side. Similarly, your role, as a student, is more active, as you are engaged as a problem-solver, decision-maker, and meaning-maker, rather than being merely a passive listener and note-taker. Innovative medical and health science programs continued to evolve the practice of PBL, particularly the specific small group learning and tutorial process that was developed by medical faculty at McMaster University in Canada. These innovative and forward-looking medical school programs considered the intensive pattern of basic science lectures followed by an equally exhausting clinical teaching program to be an ineffective and dehumanizing way to prepare future physicians. Given the explosion of medical information and new technology, as well as the rapidly changing demands of future medical practice, a new mode and strategy of learning was developed that would better prepare students for professional practice. PBL has spread to over 50 medical schools, and has diffused into many other professional fields including law, economics, architecture, mechanical and civil engineering, as well as in K curricula. Traditional education practices, starting from kindergarten through college, tend to produce students who are often disenchanted and bored with their education. They are faced with a vast amount of information to memorize, much of which seems irrelevant to the world as it exists outside of school. Students often forget much of what they learned, and that which they remember cannot often be applied to the problems and tasks they later face in the business world. Traditional classrooms also do not prepare students to work with others in collaborative team situations. Education is reduced to acquiring a

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diploma merely another commodity to be purchased in the marketplace, and the final grade becomes the overriding concern rather than learning. Research in educational psychology has found that traditional educational approaches are ineffective. Despite intense efforts on the part of both students and teachers, most material learned through lectures is soon forgotten, and natural problem solving abilities may actually be impaired. Motivation in such traditional classroom environments is also usually low. Perhaps one of the greatest advantages of PBL is that students genuinely enjoy the process of learning. PBL is a challenging program which makes the study of organization design and change intriguing for students because they are motivated to learn by a need to understand and solve real managerial problems. The relevance of information learned is readily apparent; students become aware of a need for knowledge as they work to resolve the problems. You will begin a PBL investigation by being presented with an ill-structured organizational problem or scenario. Such a presentation may be in the form of a written statement, a video clip of a real manager at a company, or a guest speaker. Your PBL team will be guided in the use of a reiterative problem-solving process. Your team will apply this problem solving process to find, analyze, and solve the presenting problem. In some cases, the PBL investigation will culminate in an oral performance with managers from the business community in attendance. As you work with each problem you can:

- Develop your diagnostic reasoning and analytical problem-solving skills.
- Determine what knowledge you need to acquire to understand the problem, and others like it.
- Discover the best resources for acquiring that information.
- Carry out your own personalized study using a wide range of resources.
- Apply the information you have learned back to the problem.
- Integrate this newly acquired knowledge with your existing understanding.

In short, you will be learning in a highly relevant and exciting manner to problem-solve and to develop self-directed study skills that build toward the skills and knowledge that you will need as a practicing manager. The problem-solving process can be summarized according to three broad and reiterative phases. First, your group will gather information and list it under a heading entitled: Your group will discuss the current situation surrounding the problem as it has been presented. This analysis requires discussion and agreement on the working definitions of the problems, and sorting out which issues and aspects of the situation are worthy of further investigation. This initial analysis should yield a problem statement that serves as a starting point for the investigation, and it may be revised as assumptions are questioned and new information comes to light. Next, you will engage with the problem by also identifying under a second heading, "What do we need to know to solve this problem? It is in this phase that your group will be analyzing the problem into components, discussing implications, entertaining possible explanations or solutions, and developing working hypotheses. This activity is like a "brainstorming" phase with evaluation suspended while explanations or solutions are written on a flipchart or chalkboard. Your group will need to formulate learning goals, outlining what further information is needed, and how this information can best be obtained. The above list should inform your group in what to do in order to solve the problem. In this phase your group will discuss, evaluate, and organize hypotheses and tentative hypotheses. Your group will make a "What should we do? It is in this phase that your group will identify and allocate learning tasks, develop study plans to discover needed information. You will be gathering information from the classroom, resource readings, texts, library sources, videos, and from external experts on the subject. As new information is acquired, your group will need to meet to analyze and evaluate it for its reliability and usefulness in applying it to the problem. In short, you will be spending a great deal of time discussing the problem, generating hypotheses, identifying relevant facts, searching for information, and defining their own learning issues. Unlike traditional and standard classes, learning objectives are not stated up front. All during this process, as a student, you will be actively defining and constructing potential solutions. As an instructor, my role is primarily to model, guide, coach--to support you and your team through the learning and assessment process. The majority of class time will be devoted to working in self-directed, PBL small group tutorials. A portion of class time will be allocated to "Resource Sessions," which may include simulations, case studies, and brief discussions to further explore concepts and issues which arise out of the PBL projects. In many respects, this environment mimics the "real-world. Entering this new type of learning environment requires

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you a willingness on your part to accept risk and uncertainty, and to become a self-directed learner. Every student should feel free to say whatever comes to mind, any ideas or comments, no matter how unsophisticated or inappropriate they might seem, without being put down or criticized. Most students have learned in their prior educational experiences not to speak up or volunteer their thoughts unless they are absolutely sure of the answer. Any show of ignorance was held against them. The same is true for myself as the instructor. We can ALL learn in this course. You also must be willing to speak up when you feel that another member of your group is making statements that you feel are incorrect. It is your responsibility to offer opinions in a friendly and constructive manner. Every student must learn to both give and accept constructive criticism. The Latin origin of this term, *assidere*, literally means to sit down beside. Another way of thinking of assessment is to use careful judgment based on the kind of close observation that comes from "sitting down beside. Rather, assessment is integral to learning. The focus and purpose of assessment is on learning, on how it is done, and how it can be better, not on normative comparisons. Assessment is a continuous process that drives instruction. Further, assessment does not bring an end to learning; it provides information about how to continue to develop your skills, knowledge and abilities with respect to the course learning objectives. Having said this, it is important for you to think of assessment as an active demonstration of your understanding and ability to apply this understanding. Grading on a curve, which sorts students into groups for administrative purposes, says nothing about how each student is using his or her talents or growing toward their potential. With PBL, the instructor is no longer the sole yardstick by which your progress will be measured. Rather, my role as instructor is to help students monitor themselves, to monitor your own progress, to establish criteria for learning and quality work, and to help you devise your own goals for improvement. This means that I will not be the only judge of student work; students will learn to evaluate the work of their peers, as well as their own. In addition, your work may also be monitored and evaluated by real-world assessors--managers and executives from companies in the Bay Area. Students will codevelop with the instructor relevant and meaningful assessments, and play an active role in developing criteria and setting standards of performance for high quality work. Assessments must have meaning for the learner. For assessments to be meaningful, they must have some connection to the real world, difficult enough to be interesting but not totally frustrating, and generative, where a real product, service, or valued information is being evaluated. This concept of assessment-as-learning focuses on what learners achieve--not what teachers provide. Therefore, in this course, student assessment is a multidimensional process, integral to learning, that involves observing performances of individual learners in action and judging them on the basis of collaboratively determined developmental criteria, with resulting feedback to that learner. Assessments may involve a performance or demonstration, usually for a real audience i. Assessment must be seamless and ongoing; it must be part of the PBL process.

## Chapter 7 : Problem-Based Learning

*Introductions: Problem based learning (PBL) is an innovative approach of teaching learning methodology in which, instead of traditional lectures, students are divided in small groups and provided.*

MedEdPublish themed issues - submission of non-themed papers can be made at any time. For further information about <https://www.tcalinici.com>. There are different views about its advantages and limitation, but the added value of this method is well recognized. PBL helps students to develop team working and collaboration. The goal of this research was to identify a web application which has implemented the facilities necessary for Problem Base Learning at the curriculum level: The participants were students enrolled in first year at Faculty of Medicine, and the Problem Base Learning topic was biostatistics. A Problem Based Learning session took place and it was a success. The students had no problem using the on-line interface and the general conclusion was that Moodle is a viable option to be used as support for PBL sessions. Moodle seems to be an appropriate Web 2. It is very important to recognize that Moodle is just a tool which facilitates learning but it not guarantee of the success. The success of the Problem Based Learning method in medical education is in the involvement of the students, in the skills of the facilitator and in the quality of the clinical scenario. Problem Base Learning; E-learning; Moodle Introduction Problem based learning PBL is an educational method in which the learning is made by solving specific problems, using both interaction and individual study, and supervised by a teacher " called facilitator. In medical area, a PBL session will start from a real life situation, most of the time a clinical scenario, which is read and, under the supervision of the facilitator, the students identify the unknown topics that must be understand and learned. After that, the students have a period of time for individual study. The group is rejoining and, applying the new learned knowledge, the problem is solved. The reason for implementing this new method was the statement that the process for diagnosing a patient is based by a combination of clinical reasoning and specific knowledge in different domains. By learning specific disciplines anatomy, physiology, neurology, pharmacology as individual ones, the students fail to integrate the knowledge in clinical context and have difficulties in applying in the practice. The advance of the medical science and the rapid changing of the specific approaches was also an argument for the use of the PBL as educational method in medical education. The conclusion was that there was no significant difference between the results of the conventional tests ex. Another study carried by Denton et al. PBL is a student centered method, so the student has to find out by himself what must be learned, he has to process the information and activate the previous knowledge. In this way he will learn only the things that he considers to be essentials in his own style and pace. This thing motivates the student, and it is easier for him to learn, because he was the one who establish both the learning objectives and the way in which those must be archived. Another strong point of this method is that the students will gain the ability not only to identify what they have to learn but to find the relevant bibliography. So, it is very important that the facilitator not to give to the students the bibliographical resources, only to guide them in identifying the topics that must be learned. The success of the method stays in the students wish to develop themselves both professional and personal. Starting from the problem, the students will learn not only more information about the subject, but also how to learn and where to find relevant information. The problems are the learning vehicles and the group is their fuel. To stimulate own-motivation, the problems must be realistic and the scenarios must be in resonance with the students experience. When the students launch hypotheses in front of the group, they publicly exposed their level of knowledge and they are preparing themselves for future learning. Good problems need multidisciplinary approaches and help to develop the communication abilities. The students must identify the key concepts, to find resources and to collaborate. When a student learns and understands a topic, he automatically applies this knowledge to find the solution for the problem. He must explain it to the others, so the learning became active. Doing that, the students develop social and cognitive abilities, assume responsibilities and gain new knowledge. The second main principle of

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PBL is the group study. The students examine the problem together, coordinate their efforts, cooperate for a collective scope and collaborate for summarizing and presenting the conclusions. To reach the maximum efficacy, the group will need 3 to 5 sessions together. Different members of the group will have, from time to time, different roles – the coordinator of the discussion, the writer, the reader of the case, etc. There are situations where the problem is presented to the group as a written scenario, which must be read, in order, but at the same time, by all the group members. Barrows [9] divided the clinical reasoning in the following steps: PBL allows the identification of these steps and the students will gain the ability to properly approach them. Identifying and clarifying the unknown terms from the clinical scenario – a student will write all the unexplained terms 2. Defining the problem or the problems which must be discussed – students may have different opinions about this, all the opinions must be taken in consideration, a student will write a list of the problems 3. A brainstorming session to discuss the problems, to suggest the solutions – the students are using their previous knowledge in order to identify what knowledge is missing – a student will record the discussion 4. Reviewing steps 2 and 3 – organizing the notes 5. Formulation of the learning objectives – the group reach the consensus for learning objectives, the facilitator ensures that the learning objectives are appropriate, reachable and comprehensive 6. Individual study – all the students gain information about the topics 7. The group share the information – the students solve the problem, the facilitator is able to verify if the learning objectives are reached and also can assess the students. The role of the facilitator is critical in PBL. The facilitator is responsible for moving between the steps and for the monitoring of the group and its dynamic. This is important, because during PBL sessions, all the students must join the discussion, share opinions and discuss other ideas. If the assessing is based on the capability of the students to memorize facts and information, with a big probability, the PBL implementation will fail. The evaluation must be appropriate with the PBL principles. The evaluation must be made during the group activity. The feedback of the facilitator is essential. The group must be encouraged to reflect on their performance, both as individual and as group. The evaluation at the group level all the students receive the same grade encourage the students to reach the PBL objectives. This means the presence, the ability for listening and speaking, the quality of information, the ability to add value to the group etc. The application must cover the needs for the Maastricht 7 steps method and the research team will check its capabilities but also its acceptance from the students. Material and Methods The scope of this research was to identify, implement, test and assess a web application which covers the facilities necessary for Problem Base Learning at the curriculum level: The application must fit the existing hardware and software infrastructure and the implementation must be made without any supplementary costs – no license fee, no supplementary software costs. The installation, configurations, maintenance process and administration tasks must easy to be performed, for the application to fit the existing human infrastructure – no specialized personnel for web-based application. The community of users for this application must be large enough to ensure that the most common problems are documented and the most frequent issues could be solved with own resources. On the following infrastructure: The students were volunteers to join the study, the participation at the study ensuring a bonus at the final grade on Biostatistics exam. Before the study, the students had no previous experience in PBL or in using Moodle and they were regular computer users, having no advanced IT skills. There were two group meetings, the time between them being one week. At both meetings, all 21 students participated, under the supervision of a facilitator. At the first meeting, before the problem to be presented, the Moodle instance was presented to the students and they were instructed how to access the platform, how to log at the platform and how to access the section reserved for this purpose – approx. After that, the problem base learning method was presented to the students, and they receive the text for a real life scenario which involves knowledge in bio statistical area – collecting and analyzing data. Every student was assigned to a group; no students should handle more than one educational objective. The Moodle platform was used as a support to collect both educational objectives and the responsible persons. Having one week time, the students had the task to put the adequate educational material for learning the specific topics and to study it, and at the second meeting the students put together the pieces of

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the puzzle and solve the problem. After solving the problem, they were asked to complete a questionnaire with questions about their opinion on the PBL and on the issues they front when they used Moodle as support tool for PBL. The questionnaire was created using Google Forms [18] and contained 8 questions with closed answer and one question with open answer. The questions are presented in Table 1. The evaluation questionnaire Topic.

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## Chapter 8 : Problem-Based Learning (PBL) - Learning Theories

*Problem-Based Learning Developed by Barrows 1 and colleagues at McMaster University, ON for medical education, PBL is a rigorous, highly structured teaching methodology which places the student in a position of active responsibility for learning and mastering content.*

A framework for fostering coherence in virtual learning communities by Jim Rogers - Educational Technology and Society , " This paper presents a case study of an on-line workshop that was conducted via the WWW. The results indicate that participants interactions in the workshop demonstrated the characteristics of mutual engagement, joint enterprise, and shared repertoire. These three characteristics are what Wenger posits contribute to a cohesive community of practice. Using this framework, some principles are derived that educators can use to design more cohesive learning communities. Abstract " Problem-Based Learning PBL is an educational paradigm that promotes the development of highly valuable soft skills. Nucleo is a blended learning approach where students work in self-regulated teams. Nucleo combines Problem-Based Learning, collaborative learning, role-play game dynamics and a fantasy metaphor. In this paper we describe how the Moodle Learning Management System is being used to support the development of Nucleo learning scenarios in courses with a total of more than students. The approach is implemented by combining built-in tools of the LMS and specific plug-ins. Although this work is focused on the Moodle platform, the paradigm can be repurposed and applied to different environments. Show Context Citation Context Modern LMS offer a wide range of possibilities that enable the integration of PBL and other collaborative paradigms i Athletic Training Education Journal; ;4 2: Modeling Expert Thinking by Paul R. To address the need for a more definitive approach to critical thinking during athletic training educational experiences by introducing the clinical reasoning model for critical thinking. Educators are aware of the need to teach students how to think critically. The multiple domains of athletic training are comprehensive and complex. Thinking is the fundamental connection between didactic and experiential components. Therefore, clinical thinking must be viewed as a critical part of experiential education in athletic training. Research from educational journals in medicine, physical therapy and athletic training, as well as relevant texts, were searched to investigate the theoretical and practical underpinnings of clinical thinking models. Definitions, applications, and the historical underpinnings of the clinical by Nachamma Sockalingam, Jerome I. The relationships between problem characteristics, achievement-related behaviors, and academic achievement in problem-based learning

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## Chapter 9 : Case-based Teaching and Problem-based Learning | CRLT

*Problem-based learning (PBL) is becoming increasingly widespread in U.S. medical education. The growth of PBL as an educational model brings with it both new challenges and new opportunities for health sciences libraries and librarians.*

Barrows returned to New York city in to complete his residency in neurology at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center. He played an instrumental role in creating the journal Teaching and Learning in Medicine and served as an associate editor for many years. He also established the Problem-Based Learning Institute in conjunction with the local public school district to promote the use of PBL in secondary education. After his retirement in , Barrows and his wife Phyllis returned to Hamilton, Ontario. Over his long and productive career, Barrows was to receive a number of awards. He was the first recipient of the John P. Innovations in medical education[ edit ] Early in his career, Barrows conducted basic research on clinical reasoning processes. Barrows argued that the teaching of medicine should be organized in a way that emulates the reasoning of a skilled practitioner. This is thought to foster skills for lifelong learning. Traditionally, the assessment of student learning in medical education has relied almost entirely on written exams. But there would seem to be more to being a competent practitioner than could ever be assessed using a paper and pencil test. An Approach to Medical Education. Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, An overview of the uses of standardized patients for teaching and evaluating clinical skills. Academic Medicine ; 68 6: Personalized Assessment of Clinical Reasoning. An investigation of diagnostic problem solving. Mathematical Biosciences ; The clinical reasoning of randomly selected physicians in general medical practice. Clinical and Investigative Medicine ; 5: Asia Pacific Family Medicine. Journal of Medical Education Academic Medicine 82