

Organizing Teaching program for medical student volunteers who worked in the medical wards during the covid pandemic

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Background :

- Staff sickness and shortage has been a major concern for NHS during the covid pandemic
- Employing Year 3 and 4 medical students to cover the low intensity wards was the strategy which was experimented by the Trust to deal with the staff crisis .
- The medical students who volunteered to take up the role shadowed the junior doctors and helped them with the jobs .
- Teaching program was organised to help them with practical skills

AIM

To organize a Teaching program to benefit the medical students who volunteered to help the junior doctors during the pandemic

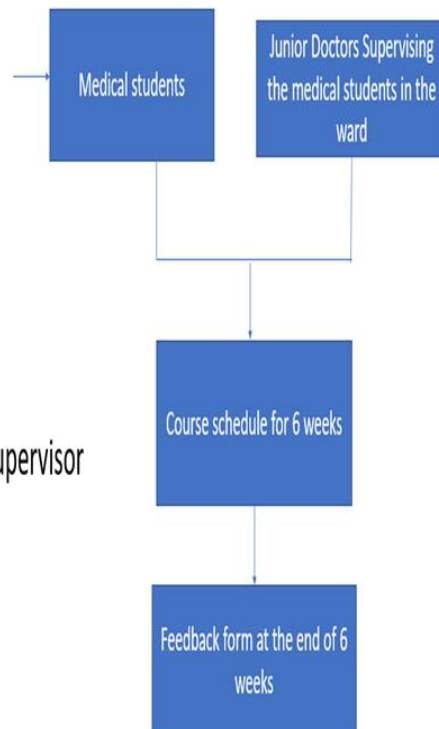
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BASELINE DATA:

100 % of the junior doctors and medical students felt a short practical teaching classes once a week will be necessary
Though more than 90 % of the medical students agreed on topics like making a telephone referral to specialist ,radiology referral,work ethics in the ward and management of medical emergencies
However due to current staff shortage, only virtual practical learning was organized .
Last week the class was cancelled due to university exams

METHODS

- Baseline Survey from



- After Discussion with the supervisor

RESULTS :

About 80% of the students found the classes useful and 90 % of the doctors felt that the topics were relevant for working in the ward .
90% of the medical students felt that the session did not cover technical skills like IV cannulation ,catheterization and abg to be demonstrated in wards than in simulation and half of the junior doctors felt that the teaching session should continue
Main reason for medical students not wanting to continue classes – university exams and end of term

Learning points:

While planning teaching programs the current onus is more on reinforcing the local or trust guidelines and very little focus on the practical problems faced in the ward which should be the focus

FEEDBACK FORM

