Measuring Progress: Competence-By-Design in Obstetrics & Gynaecology

CBD Faculty Development Day
Friday, April 12, 2019 @ 7:45 A.M. - 8:45 A.M.
Women’s College Hospital, 76 Grenville St. C.L.
Burton Conference Centre, Auditorium Rm 2501

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Disclosures

• None to report
Thank-you!

• To the Department and Dr. John Kingdom
• To the CBD Committee
  – Chair: Dr. Janet Bodley
  – Faculty: Drs. Richard Pittini, Donna Steele, Nicolette Caccia, Lilian Gien, Wusun Paek
  – Residents: Drs. Alisha Olsthoorn, Anand Lakhani, Evan Tannenbaum
• To PGME
  – Dr. Sue Glover Takahashi and Lisa St. Amant
• To department staff
  – Jill Tomac, Nicole Patton
Goals and Objectives:

• To review the terminology for CBME/CD and the evidence to support this major curricular change.
• To describe how the developmental stages of CBD will influence postgraduate training
• To discuss how our CBD launch will integrate with ‘non-CBD’ trainees
• To review the curriculum map and contrast this with our current rotation schedule.
Reinventing the wheel.
Knowing *when* and *how*. 
What is CBME & CBD?

• Competency-based medical education (CBME) is an outcomes-based approach to the design, implementation, assessment and evaluation of a medical education program using an organizing framework of competencies (e.g., CanMEDS 2015)

• Competence-by-Design (CBD) is the Royal College’s version of CBME
What is CBD?

- Multi-year, transformational change initiative in specialty medical education;
- Focused on the learning continuum from the start of residency to retirement;
- Based on a competency model of education and assessment; and
- Designed to address societal health need and patient outcomes.
Why Competence by Design (CBD)?
The Rationale
While Canada’s medical education system is exceptional overall, there are gaps and challenges within the current model that need to be addressed.
Drivers for Change

• Potential for students to graduate with gaps in readiness-to-practice

Are Med School Grads Prepared to Practice Medicine?
By PAULINE W. CHEN, M.D.   APRIL 24, 2014, 11:30 AM

Third-year Georgetown medical students getting ready to meet with a patient/actor.

Via: http://well.blogs.nytimes.com
Issues within Current System

• New age of **accountability**

Image: www.rischiocalcolato.it
Drivers for Change

- Increased public concern and need to demonstrate continuing competence

NEWFOUNDLAND: HEALTH CARE

Suspended radiologist erred 708 times, review finds
TARA BRAUGTAM
THE CANADIAN PRESS
NOVEMBER 3, 2007

ST. JOHN'S -- The work of a suspended Newfoundland radiologist was so poor that he missed glaring problems such as tumours, broken bones and cases of pneumonia, the chief of the province's largest health board said yesterday after an in-depth review of nearly 3,800 patient records.

As a result, some patients of Fred Kasirye may have missed potentially life-saving treatment, said Louise Jones, interim chief executive officer of the Eastern Health Authority.

"There have been pneumonias that have been missed, there's been fractures that have been missed, there's been some tumours that have been missed." Ms. Jones did not go back to quantify that. We had over 5,000 on the hands of the physicians and the patients themselves.

Dr. Kasirye was hired at the Bonivista Peninsula Health November. But in May, he was suspended without public concerns over his procedures and decision-making.

'I was defensive and overly confident,' pathologist confesses
Last Updated: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 | 6:14 PM ET
CBC News

Charles Smith confessed on Wednesday in Toronto to deliberately portraying false charges against a mother.

The public inquiry examining the disgraced pathologist's work heard details of inappropriate actions in several of his cases, from visiting a mother suspected of killing her child to expressing opinions about the traits of killer mothers to police and reporters.

Smith was asked questions about the case of Sharon, a seven-year-old who he concluded died of 80 stab wounds.

Second-degree murder charges against the child's mother, Louise Reynolds of Kingston, Ont., were dropped after other experts later concluded the child was killed by a dog.

Smith said he became involved in the case despite his lack of knowledge about Incasomas at the insistence of Ontario's chief coroner's office.

"I certainly recognized that I had limited experience. I made mistakes in the past in the area of forensic neuropathology."

Mr. Smith's own description of himself showed a man who was bad at his job and who persuaded himself that he wasn't. That shows something far worse than poor judgment. Everyone gets in over their head once in a while. What matters is having the wisdom to recognize one's own ignorance, and the grace to admit it, especially when the stakes are high. The stakes were dizzyingly high in Dr. Smith's field: his
Drivers for Change

- Prevalence of failure-to-fail culture

“I have not failed. I’ve just found 10,000 ways that won’t work.”
— Thomas A. Edison
• Concerns about the “tea-bag” model of education which credentials physicians based on the time spent in training, not based on their achievement of necessary abilities.

Image: www.dreamstime.com
How Do You Deliver a Good Obstetrician? Outcome-Based Evaluation of Medical Education

David A. Asch, MD, Sean Nicholson, PhD, Sindhu K. Srinivas, MD, MSCE, Jeph Herrin, PhD, and Andrew J. Epstein, PhD, MPP

Abstract

The goal of medical education is the production of a workforce capable of improving the health and health care of patients and populations, but it is hard to use a goal that lofty, that broad, and that distant as a standard against which to judge the success of schools or training programs or particular elements within them. For that reason, the evaluation of medical education often focuses on elements of its structure and process, or on the assessment of competencies that could be considered intermediate outcomes. These measures are more practical because they are easier to collect, and they are valuable when they reflect activities in important positions along the pathway to clinical outcomes. But they are all substitutes for measuring whether educational efforts produce doctors who take good care of patients.

The authors argue that the evaluation of medical education can become more closely tethered to the clinical outcomes medical education aims to achieve. They focus on a specific clinical programs by actual patient outcomes is not only more patient-centered, it better

Editor’s Note: A commentary on this article by T.J. Nasca, K.B. Weiss, J.P. Bagian, and T.P. Brigham

Does It Matter Where the Obstetrician Trained?
Key Differences

• Time-informed instead of time defined
• Focuses on outcomes
  – ability to perform specific tasks – EPAs
• More direct observation with enhanced feedback
• Separates coaching from judgement
  – shifted to Competence Committee
• Easier for faculty to know what it is they are supposed to assess
• Shared responsibility between residents and faculty
We want our program to:

• meet patient care and societal needs.
• ensure that residents are safe, ready for practice and have the competencies they need.
• provide more timely coaching feedback to residents.
• identify struggling learners at an earlier stage, when interventions are more likely to be effective.
• chip away at the culture of “failure to fail.”
• support residents to take ownership of their own learning and to develop lifelong learning skills.
The promise of CBD

- Enhanced flexibility in training
- Learner-centred
- Supervisor = coach
- Assessment for learning; low stakes
- Issues identified early
- Opportunity for innovation
- Transparent; standards well-described
- Standardization between training sites
- Resident promotion doesn’t rest with one person
What’s Different for Residents & Faculty?

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Overview

1. CBME/CBD – 3 years in
2. Progress to date
3. Different content
4. Different processes
Looking back at progress
...over past 3 years

• Awareness higher about CBME/CBD
• Many involved, many conversations
• Building on the U of TCBME experiences
  – Triple C, Orthopedic Surgery, Psychiatry, Palliative Medicine
• How to build…more systemized nationally, at PGME, in departments
• Re-alignment of people, systems
What WE are focused on

➔ ➔ IMPROVEMENTS to PGME

1. More accurate, varied and focused assessments
2. Improved frequency, transparency, and quality of data for PD, faculty and residents, shared decision making
3. Improved engagement of trainees in learning activities, incl soliciting & incorporating feedback
4. More confident and knowledgeable trainees regarding their performance strengths and limitations
REFRESHER:
Key CBD differences

1. Developmental approach
2. **TIME** is not THE parameter for success but is *part of* the considerations
3. Assessment plan
   - Focus on workplace assessments
   - Instead of G & O, focus on what can ‘do’ (i.e. EPAs)
4. ‘**Trust**’ is explicitly assessed
5. Enhanced **feedback** & coaching
Principles Guiding CBME @ U of T

☑ Quality of patient care and service delivery will not be adversely affected

☑ Workplace team functioning should not be negatively impacted

☑ Implementation will build on the excellence in residency education programs and practices
CBD @ U of T is a local PARTNERSHIP

1. Residency Program
   – Director, Learners, Program Admin, Residency Program Committee, Site Directors

2. Department
   – Chairs, Vice Chair Education, Division Chair, Faculty Development (FD) Lead

3. PGME Office
   – PGME Assoc Dean, Post MD Dean, IT & Implementation teams, FD & Systems

4. Hospitals
   – Cross hospital needs, systems support
CBD @ U of T is a national PARTNERSHIP

• Specialty Committees & the Royal College
  → Program Directors

1) CBD Content
2) Faculty Development in CBD
3) Program Evaluation of CBD
Overview

1. CBME/CBD – 3 years in
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3. Different content (EPAs, RTEs, SCRs)
4. Different processes
CBD YEAR 1 (17-18) @ U of T
• 2 programs/specialties:

CBD YEAR 2 (18-19) @ U of T
• 14 programs/6 specialties

CBD YEAR 3 (19-20) @ U of T
• 23 programs
✔ New or different for residents & faculty & education leaders:

• More frequent observations and/or documentation of assessments
• Entrustment assessments (i.e. residents conducting and receiving)
• Culture of feedback & coaching skills
• Online platform
• Adjustments to workflow
• Learner handover
• Transparency of data
• Understanding the data
• Knowing how to act on the data
Overview

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Different **content**

- Entrustment Professional Activities (EPAs)
- Training Experiences (RTEs)
- Specialty Competency Requirements (SCR)
Overview

1. What our CBME/CBD is focused on
2. Progress to date (cohorts & meantime work)
3. Different content (EPAs, RTEs, SCRs)
4. Different processes (entrustment, observations, online assessments, feedback & coaching, transparency, Competence Committee)
5. Questions
Different processes

• Stages
• Entrustment
• Observations
• Online assessments
• Feedback & coaching culture
• Transparency including handover
• Competence Committee

.....MUCH HARDER to change how we learn, teach and assess
RESOURCES:
PGME CBME/CBD WEBSITE

http://cbme.postmd.utoronto.ca/
Recap

1. CBME/CBD – 3 years in
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Change is Underway...

CBD
What’s an EPA?
Entrustable Professional Activity

• Part of essential work for a qualified professional
• Requires specific knowledge, skill and attitude
• Acquired through training
• Leads to recognized output
• Observable and measurable
• Together, the EPA’s constitute the core of the profession

Ten Cate et al., Acad Med 200; 82: 542-47
EPAs were defined by the national specialty committee for Ob/Gyn over three workshops facilitated by the Royal College.

U of T was well represented.
CBD Competence Continuum

- Entry to residency
- Transition to discipline (orientation and assessment)
- Foundations of discipline
- Core of discipline
- Transition to practice
- Continuing professional development (maintenance of competence and advanced expertise)
- Transition out of professional practice

OSCE: Spring of 5th year
Written: Fall of 5th year
Entrustable Professional Activities - Key Concepts

The work that is done by a specialist

1. Professional activity
2. Stage specific
3. Progression
4. Entrustment
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**Surgical Foundations EPAs:**
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**Total EPAs:** 33

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EPA TTD 1

Performing initial assessments for uncomplicated obstetric patients

Key Features:

This EPA includes assessment, documentation, and case presentation, including a basic differential diagnosis and initial investigation of uncomplicated obstetric patients.
This EPA must be **observed** in a clinical setting

Assessment Plan:

Collect 3 observations of achievement
   - At least 1 antepartum patient
   - At least 1 intrapartum patient
   - At least 2 observations by faculty
At least 3 different observers
Milestones within EPA

Each EPA integrates multiple milestones.
Milestone

A defined, observable marker of an individual’s ability along a developmental continuum

• Marker of achievement

• CanMEDS 2015
Performing initial assessments for uncomplicated obstetric patients

ME 2.2 Elicit a history and perform a physical exam that informs the diagnosis
ME 2.2 Develop a differential diagnosis relevant to the patient’s presentation
ME 2.2 Select appropriate investigations based on the differential diagnosis
ME 2.4 Develop an initial management plan for common obstetric presentations
ME 3.3 Recognize and discuss the importance of the triaging and timing of a procedure or therapy
COM 1.1 Communicate using a patient-centred approach that facilitates patient trust and autonomy and is characterized by empathy, respect, and compassion
COM 1.2 Mitigate physical barriers to communication to optimize patient comfort, dignity, privacy, engagement, and safety
COM 1.4 Identify, verify, and validate non-verbal cues on the part of patients and their families
COM 2.2 Conduct a focused and efficient patient interview, managing the flow of the encounter while being attentive to the patient’s cues and responses
COM 5.1 Organize information in appropriate sections within an electronic or written medical record
ME 2.2 Synthesize and organize clinical information for clear and succinct presentation to supervisor
COL 1.3 Discuss with the patient and family any plan for involving other health care professionals, including other physicians, in the patient’s care
COL 2.1 Respond to requests and feedback in a respectful and timely manner
COL 2.1 Show respect for the diversity of perspectives and expertise among health care professionals
Entrustment

Excellence
Demonstrated leading practice, acted as a role model

Autonomy
Supervisor didn’t need to be there

Support
Required some minor advice

Direction
Required major instruction

Intervention
Somebody else had to complete all or almost all
Surgical Foundations in CBD

Surgical Specialty

Your Surgical Specialty Competence Committee monitors progress of the Surgical Specialty’s EPAs and recommends promotion to next stage of the Competence Continuum.

Surgical Foundations

The Surgical Foundations Competence Committee monitors progress of the Surgical Foundations EPAs and recommends promotion to next stage of the Competence Continuum.

The Surgical Foundations EPAs must be completed to enter the Core of Discipline stage of training in the Surgical Specialty.

Residents complete the Surgical Specialty and Surgical Foundations training simultaneously.

A resident may be eligible to write the Surgical Foundations exam 12-15 months into residency; eligibility for the exam does not require that the Surgical Foundations EPAs are complete.

The Surgical Foundations exam does not have to be successfully passed to enter the Core of Discipline stage of training, but must be passed in order to be eligible for the Surgical Specialty examination.
Surgical Foundations has its own....

- Specialty committee at the RCPSC
- U of T program director (not me!)
- Curriculum, including skills sessions, lectures and projects
- Competence Committee
- Assessment tools
  - 16 EPA’s
- RCPSC exam
  - written in fall of PGY-2
  - MUST be passed before progressing to PGY-4
Prepare and plan......
Start trialing assessment tools
SF trial
SF Roll-out

RCPSC Meetings
Final EPAs

Ob-Gyn Roll-out

Sub-sPECIALties Roll-out

Evaluation and refinement

Faculty Development

Obstetrics & Gynaecology
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
Impact on current PGY 2 residents

• Have been doing CBD for Surgical Foundations
  – SF Exam in September 2019

• Will trial Obstetrics & Gynaecology Foundations of Discipline (FOD) EPAs

• Held to 2016 Royal College standards
  – No changes to rotation schedules

• Will benefit by more systematic review by Competence Committee
Impact on PGY3-5 residents

• Held to 2016 or 2013 Royal College standards depending on entry year
  – No rotation schedule changes
  – No EPA completion requirement

• Will benefit from increased direct observation and improved feedback
  – Improved tools: DEEF and O-Scores

• More systematic review by Competence Committee
• Can contribute to EPA assessment for juniors
Impact on New PGY1 residents

• Surgical Foundations: CBD

• Obstetrics & Gynaecology: CBD

• Will be held to 2019 Royal College Standards

• Rotation schedule changes planned
## PGY1 -2 Rotation Schedule for CBD Cohort

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What can I do?
What does this mean for you?

• Day to day no change
• Continue to teach and coach
• Increase your direct observation to inform your feedback
• Provide formative feedback as a coach (document it using the beautiful easy to use electronic platform)
• Leave it to the competence committee to make judgements
Thank-you!