The Assessment and Implementation of an Electronic Health Record (EHR) in an Interprofessional Student-Run Free Clinic

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INTERPROFESSIONAL SERVICE LEARNING



- LEARNING BY DOING
- EXCHANGE BETWEEN UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY
- MUSC CARES THERAPY CLINIC
- TEAMS-MHA, PT, OT



The Challenge

- Problem: Communication
- Solution: EHR
- Funding: Department of Health Professions Seed Grant Program



PURPOSE OF PROJECT



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Interprofessional Teams







PHYSICAL AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DOWNTOWN

- CARES Therapy Clinic
- Student Run
- Pro-Bono
- High Volume of clinicians and student clinicians





Project Timeline

Tasks/Milestones	Week 1-2	Week 3-4	Week 5-6	Week 7-8	Week 9-10	Week 11-12	Week 13-14	Week 15-16
Introduce project and faculty advisors								
Provide instruction on Lean/Process								
mapping; give all teams process								
mapping homework assignment								
Teams present homework process								
map to class								
Teams meet with faculty advisors to								
review scope of team's charge								
Teams 1 & 2 visit CARES Therapy								
Teams 1 & 2 present findings to class								
(workflow issues; user								
needs/requirements								
Team 3 presents EHR options to class								
(ACHE and Spring Break)								
Teams 4 & 5 present findings to class								
Teams 6 & 7 present findings to class								
One representative from each team								
prepares for presentation to CARES								
Therapy Board								
Team representatives present findings								
and recommendations to CARES								
Board								
Each team gives 20-25 minute								
presentation to faculty advisors at								
designated time								



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Opportunities	Barriers		
Improved documentation	Clinician Experience with EHR		
Speed of documentation, decreased time in the clinic nightly	Use of EHR for communication with outside entities/Medical CARES		
Pre-clinical experience with EHR	Cost to the clinic		



Student Survey Results

Table 1. Themes of Student Responses Following Participation in Electronic Health Record Project

Themes	Benefits of Project
Real World Experience	"I thought this provided a real life atmosphere that allowed the student to react in a scenario that they would see in the real world"
	"It showed me how to apply skills learned in the classroom to real world setting"
	"It helped create a culture where understanding the positives and negatives of each group should be used in the real world"
Building Interprofessional Team Skills	"I definitely learned how to work with people in different healthcare fields and work better with other MHA students regarding conflict resolution"
	"My interpersonal and interprofessional skills were strengthened by working on this project. I also learned a lot by interacting with the PT and OT students and staff"
Application of Class Material	"Very applicable with the material learned in the course"
	"Invaluable to see real world application of textbook concepts"
	"It was great to get this type of hands-on experience. We really haven't had a chance to do something on this scale and it's been a true learning experience"



Student Survey Results

	Challenge; Suggestions for Future Projects				
Communication	"Require monthly status reports and make sure the project is moving along the way the professor wants it to.				
	"In future, I think it would be extremely helpful to set up a person within each group to act as liaison to the other groups and perhaps come up with a way (maybe Moodle) for teams to share information"				
	"Provide a timeline guide for when each team should begin working or require status reports be submitted from each team to incentive proactive involvement in the project"				
Interprofessional skills; Working on a team	"Find ways to deal with conflict within a group, learning how to approach issues in a professional manner"				
	"My teamwork and time management skills were tested"				
	"More collaboration between teams"				



Next Steps



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