

The PCC Preceptor's Role in Student Videotaping Patient Encounter

As an integral part of the PCC Doctor-Patient Communication curriculum, your student has been asked to videotape a patient encounter in which he/she obtains the patient history and provides an assessment and plan of action. Your student will share his/her tape in a small group discussion session.

Your student has been provided with:

- A consent form for the patient to sign
- digital video recorder, tripod (not at all sites), tapes

Suggested ways you might assist your student with this exercise:

1. Identify an appropriate patient

- Identify a patient with a 30 minute visit who you think would be appropriate for this exercise
 - Ideal: new problem
 - Less ideal: recheck
 - Discouraged: well visits
- To minimize disruption of your schedule you may wish to select a patient with a 30 minute appointment at the end of a morning or afternoon.
- Advise your student of the date and time of the patient's appointment

2. Taping:

- Prior to the student entering the room, either you or your nurse can explain to the patient that taping an interview is an important part of your student's medical school learning experience. Most patients are honored to help!
- If time permits, stay in the room during the taping session to help your student. Remaining in the room can also save time so that the student does not have to re-present the history to you.

Your student's responsibilities

- Ask your preceptor's medical assistant to review the consent form with the patient so that it is signed before you and preceptor enter the room.
- Only tape a history, final assessment and plan. Do not tape the physical examination.
- Set up camera behind the exam room door or in a location not in the patient's direct line of vision.
- In order to capture facial expressions and body language, position the camera so that both the student and the patient can be seen during the interview

Thank you for assisting your student with this important learning experience.

Don't hesitate to contact us if you have questions

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