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MODERN PECULIARITIES OF SIMULATION TECHNOLOGIES IN THE MEDICAL EDUCATION

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Introduction. The traditional approach of medical education is to continually reduce healthcare tasks to simpler or smaller components, such as facts and simple skills, for the teaching. However, healthcare tasks frequently vary with the need to adapt to particular situations and learners taught in this manner may not be able to grasp the dynamics of variation and adaptation to integrate or link the various components in a way that is clinically meaningful and relevant.

The effectiveness of simulation-based medical education has been analyzed in a recent meta-analysis. Simulation, in comparison with no intervention or when added to traditional practice, was associated with better learning outcomes. Effects were large for knowledge, skills and behaviors, and the confidence intervals excluded small associations. Effect sizes for patient-related outcomes were still moderate.

The main part. To overcome problems of compartmentalization and fragmentation, modern educators adopt a holistic approach and make use of authentic tasks to promote integrated learning. Authentic tasks are obviously available in the real clinical environment, but simulation is a useful adjunct to learning with real patients for a number of reasons:

1. Control over the sequence of tasks offered to learners. For educational purposes learners should start with easier tasks and then proceed to more challenging ones. However, in the real world, it is not always possible to control what tasks are available at the time of training. On the other hand, it is possible to provide learners with tasks of a suitable level of challenge in a simulated environment. Furthermore, simulated tasks are reproducible and can be standardized for training and assessment purposes.

2. Opportunity to provide support and guidance. Learners require support and guidance in learning, which may not always be available in a real clinical setting. This is particularly important as the traditional apprenticeship model, based on the prolonged and repeated interactions between junior and senior healthcare professionals, is increasingly under threat owing to changes in the healthcare system. The ability to pause, restart and replay a clinical encounter provides invaluable opportunities to apply educational principles to the clinical setting.

3. Prevention of the unsafe and dangerous situations. It is important for learners to experience failure, and to recognize when they are approaching or crossing the limits of their competence. However, growing concerns about patient

safety made the idea of inexperienced trainees practicing their skills on real patients morally unacceptable. The simulated environment provides opportunities for learners to practice without the risk of harming patients.

4. Creation of the tasks that rarely occur in the real world. Some clinical scenarios, such as malignancy hyperthermia or para-mortem caesarean sections, happen rarely and it is much better for learners to learn in a simulation environment rather than waiting for these situations to happen in a real clinical setting.

5. Creation of the tasks that would otherwise be impossible owing to limited materials or resources. The design of the education activity should take into account the nature and assumption of adult learning.

There are a number of elements that are needed in order to create an effective learning environment for medical students using full-scale simulation:

1. A team of learners who interact as they have done or would do in real situations.
2. An environment resembling a real clinical environment.
3. Equipment that they would use in real practice.
4. Learning experience that is problem centered and is close to real clinical encounters.
5. Learners need to feel safe to express themselves.
6. Learners receive timely feedback from different sources.

Conclusions. Standardization in simulation modality, equipment and environment are crucial to achieve consistent results in research with the same objectives and learning outcomes. More detailed descriptions of the context including simulation modalities and instructional design within which the interventions occurred in simulation research have been recommended.

The development of a quality assessment guide for simulation scenario as well as learning exercises in simulation-based education may help to guide the accumulation of high-quality evidence for healthcare simulation for education and training. The greatest benefit of simulation-based education is the ability to provide an experience by immersing and engaging learners in an artificial environment that captures their attention and exposes them to important contextual characteristics relevant to their performance.

This well-designed simulation learning is particularly well received by younger learners who have grown up in an internet and game-based environment. Although simulation-based education is becoming increasingly popular, a number of barriers remain to its greater acceptance and utility.

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CHALLENGES OF ONLINE MODALITY IN HIGHER EDUCATION

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In the rapidly evolving landscape of education, the traditional classroom setting falls short of meeting the demands for efficiency, personalization, and learner-centered experiences. Embracing technology becomes imperative to ensure a compatible, flexible, and motivating learning environment. Prominent learning platforms such as Coursera and EdX, interactive boards like Figma and Miro, and tools like Kahoot! and Quizlet have become integral components of modern educational discourse.

In addition to a strong motivational component technologies in education aim to solve a wide range of serious issues. Thus, UNESCO's Global Education Monitoring Report in 2023 emphasizes educational technology's role in addressing current challenges: equality of educational opportunities, quality, and efficiency. While personalized adaptive software holds the potential to improve learning, not