

ONLINE MEDICINE WORK EXPERIENCE

VIRTUAL WARD ROUND – SELF-REFLECTION

1 PHLEBOTOMY AND LEARNING FROM NON-MEDICAL STAFF

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“practice” on patients?**

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Do you think it is fair for medical students to “practice” on patients?

- Students have to learn and most patients understand that.
- Usually students have practised the skill in other settings before trying it on a patient for the first time.

In what ways do we try to ensure patients are kept safe when interacting with medical students?

- Practice on manikins first
- Ensure close supervision when just learning a procedure

How do you think it feels to perform procedures on patients for the first time?

- Exciting
- Nerve-wracking
- Like you are starting to play a role in the team
- Frustrating – if it doesn't go well
- Incredibly satisfying – if it does go well

How do you think patients feel when they know a student is just learning?

- A lot of patients are happy to be helping
- Some are nervous and can get frustrated if things aren't going well
- Some refuse
- Important they know there is a safety net and they can opt out

Do you think we have to consent patients when they are helping a medical student with their learning?

- Absolutely. Yes.
- How do we do this? Truthfully but ensuring the patient is aware the student is fully supervised and they can withdraw consent at any point.

Do you think it should just be up to doctors to teach medical students – or are other members of the team important in this?

- Different members of the team have different skills and different things to offer.
- Important medical students don't think doctors are "better" than the other staff...they are not - just different.
- Important not to overburden other members of the team with teaching though – they all have their own jobs to do also.

Associated Student Interview Videos

- Working with the Multidisciplinary Team