Teaching Interprofessional Practice Skills by “Saving Humanity”
An Innovative IPE Curricular Method Using a Cooperative Strategy Board Game

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Today’s Workshop Agenda

- Description and Purpose of Pandemic Board Game Study
- Quantitative and Initial Qualitative Results from Study
- Plans for Continued Integration of Pandemic as an IPE Learning Tool
- Learning how to Integrate/Play Pandemic in your Own IPE Curriculum
IPE Pandemic Board Game Study

- In 2015/16, 36 students from Social Work, Medicine, Nursing, PA, OT, and PT participated in the study
- Purpose - to provide allied health students with a unique active learning activity focused on the four IPEC core competencies
  - IPE Teamwork and Team-Based Practice
  - Values/Ethics for Interprofessional Practice
  - Roles and Responsibilities for Collaborative Practice
  - Interprofessional Communication Practices
Aspects of the Study

- Four students from different disciplines assigned to a “team”
- Before game session
  - Completed Attitudes Toward Health Care Teams Scale and Team Skills Scale online
  - Instructions and assigned role for game provided a week before session
- During game session (3 hours total, snacks provided)
  - Refresher of rules and game mechanics, questions answered
  - 1st game attempt (with rule reminders and feedback if stuck)
  - After 1st game (either win/loss)
    - Each student completed a Team Fitness Tool
    - 15 min. debrief – what worked/didn’t work, strategies for more efficiency/effectiveness
  - 2nd game attempt (no assistance or feedback this time) under tighter constraints
  - After 2nd game
    - Each student completed a Team Fitness Tool
    - 30 minute debrief – guided questions on lessons learned and parallels to IP
- After game session
  - Completed Attitudes Toward Health Care Teams and Team Skills Scale online
Quantitative Results of Study – Demographic Data (N = 36)

- **Gender**
  - Males – 18 (50%)
  - Females – 18 (50%)

- **Educational Level**
  - Graduate - 33 (92%)
  - Undergraduate – 3 (2%)

- **Median Age – 22**
  - (Range 20 – 57 years)

- **Prior IPE Course or Activity**
  - Yes - 14 (39%)
  - No - 22 (61%)

- **Discipline**
  - Medicine - 9 (25%)
  - Social Work – 10 (28%)
  - PT – 7 (19%)
  - OT – 4 (11%)
  - PA – 4 (11%)
  - Nursing – 2 (5%)

- **Played Cooperative Strategy Board Game Before**
  - Yes – 12 (33%)
  - No – 24 (67%)
# Quantitative Results of Study

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<td>Value/Process Subscale (max score = 96)</td>
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<td><strong>Shared Leadership Subscale</strong></td>
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Initial Qualitative Results - Themes

- Importance of Understanding Own Professional Role
- Importance of Both Individual and Team Competency
- Importance of Team Communication
- Importance of Team Debriefing
- Importance of Shared Team Values
Challenges of Study and Future Plans for Using Pandemic

- Challenges
  - Logistics!

- Future Plans
  - Jefferson Center for IPE Newsletter – Quantitative data
  - Qualitative manuscript – forthcoming!
  - Using Pandemic as one of the foundational IPE core curriculum at QU (Videotaping game play session and having IPE teams analyze so as to bring up to scale; e.g., 500 students or more)
Learning/Playing Pandemic

- Set Up
- Instructions
- Game Play
- Quantitative Measures
- Debrief Questions and Discussion
Questions??

- Thank you!!
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