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Patient safety resources for medical educators

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The Royal College will official launch CanMEDS 2015 at the upcoming International Conference on Residency Education (ICRE) meeting. One of the key changes in the new version is the explicit integration of patient safety and quality improvement. However, teaching patient safety and quality improvement concepts can be challenging and educators might benefit from guidance and support on how to incorporate this in to their teaching practices.

Many readers will already know about the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) Open School Modules, but I would like to suggest a few additional open-access resources that I have found helpful:

1) *The Canadian Medical Protective Agency (CMPA) Good Practices Guide*. This online resource includes a series of modules that include real case files from the CMPA, organized by patient safety domain (e.g., patient safety, teams, communication, managing risk, human factors, adverse events and professionalism). The CMPA site also provides additional resources such as cases and videos with matching facilitation guides and trigger questions.

2) *The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) WebM&M*. The use of cases can be an extremely effective way to introduce patient safety or quality improvement topics . The AHRQ has amassed hundreds of cases intended to highlight specific aspects of patient safety. Each case includes an outline description, followed by a short commentary written by an expert in the field. Many cases include an accompanying PowerPoint presentation that can be downloaded and used in your teaching. The system allows you to browse or search for cases by safety target, approach to improving safety, health profession and setting of care.

In addition to these online resources, many groups in Canada have introduced exciting and innovative safety and quality curricula. Furthermore, the Royal College has included resources for faculty as part of their CanMEDS 2015 roll out, including a guide soon to be published authored by Dr. Roger Wong on how to organize and deliver a quality improvement curriculum.

Hopefully these resources will help those interested in introducing patient safety and quality improvement into their training programs.

Online resources:

IHI Modules: <http://www.ihf.org/education/ihfopenschool/Pages/default.aspx>

CMPA Good Practices Guide:

<https://www.cmpa-acpm.ca/serve/docs/ela/goodpracticesguide/pages/index/index-e.html>

AHRQ: <http://webmm.ahrq.gov/>