Progress Testing of Basic Science Application During a Clinical Competency-Based Curriculum Pilot

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Progress Testing for the ENCORE Pilot

- 1 ENCORE: A student-centered, experimental curriculum
- 2 A Progress Test made Fast, Frequent, Formative
- 3 Results

Students learn from feedback Topic differences remained consistent Students were frustrated

4 Conclusions



ENCORE: A Clinical competency-based curriculum





Outcomes: The Michigan 9





















990

Clinical learning objectives

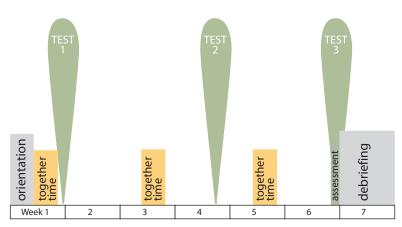
Hyperglycemia 3.08-1: "Determine if changes need to be made to the anti-diabetic treatment regimens. Propose and justify specific recommendations to your attending. Review and implement them with your patient."

Fast, Frequent, and Formative





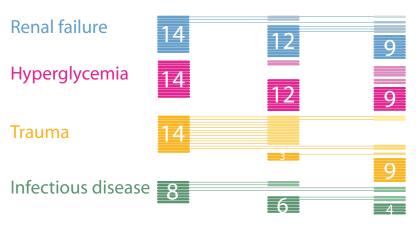
Progress Tests



Three tests: pre, mid, and post



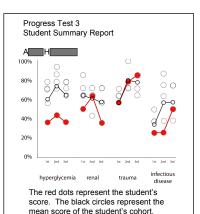
Progress Tests



Repeating items to probe learning from feedback



Feedback

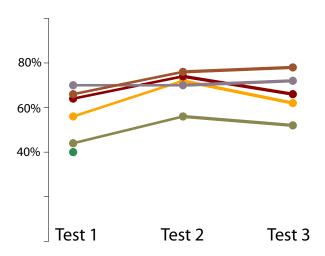


Gray circles are other students'

scores.

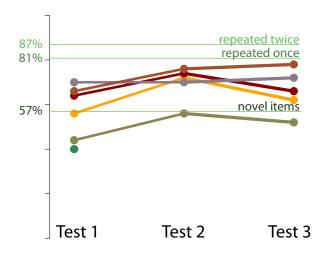


Students' scores improved slightly



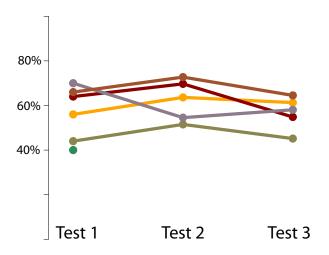


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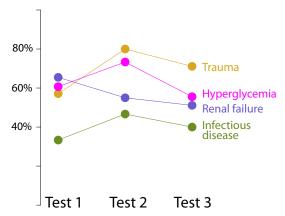


Removing repeated items: no score improvement





Target topic performance consistently above control



Means of student topic subscores; novel items only



Feedback

"At first I was counting on the progress test to tell me what to learn. After the second progress test I realized it didnt help me at all."



Feedback

"Sometimes I felt like the questions did not apply to what I was learning. They were more detailed than the learning objectives."



Conclusions

- Fast, Frequent, and Formative is Feasible
- More harmony between learning objectives and items
- Focused tests (maybe 50 items per topic)
- Best frequency? Probably > 2 weeks



Thank You

