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Maximizing safeMedicate Across the Curriculum

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Objectives

- Provide a greater understanding of how to engage students with medication administration throughout the curriculum.
- Review the process of changes to math competency testing.
- Explain strategy for expanding use of safeMedicate program.
- Measurement of engagement and competency





Prior math policy

- Passing achieved at 85%
 - Up to 3 attempts time constraints for scheduling
 - Required remediation
- Equated to 3% of overall clinical grade
- Initial competency for medication administration in the clinical setting each semester
- Paper and pencil (or examsoft); physical presence of proctor





Past use of safeMedicate

- Originally purchased as introductory product in September 2019
- 1st semester juniors in Adult Medical Surgical course
- Use for initial competency in med administration





Initial safeMedicate changes

- Expansion of use of safemedicate from 1 test to additional quizzing throughout semester
- Positive feedback from students on confidence and competence





Continued changes

- SafeMedicate program followed students to subsequent semesters for continued benefit
- 2nd semester junior students (new curriculum changes)
- Elimination of psych/mental health math test (same semester)





Current math policy for 2nd semester Jrs.

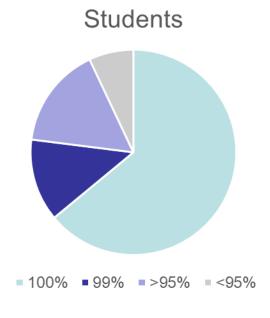
- Passing achieved at 95% prior to medication administration
- Initial competency test = 2% of overall clinical grade
- Weekly quizzing = remaining 1% of overall clinical grade
- 4 attempts per weekly quiz (highest grade)





Student engagement

 Multiple attempts with weekly quizzing motivated students to remain engaged with content areas and to achieve high scores.







Increased access

Before safeMedicate	With safeMedicate
Practice questions provided with answer key	Practice at student's own pace Practice as much as they want
Class time used to practice/review	Formative practice tests provide immediate feedback to students Faculty available as needed for review.
Practice sessions with lead faculty when needed	Summative med admin competency test is time limited and taken at home
In-person proctoring for initial and subsequent tests required (difficulty with scheduling)	Weekly quizzes, with multiple attempts, increases engagement with med calculations and administration





New challenge

- Working through student issue of test question "not the same" as practice.
- SafeMedicate question bank of thousands of questions.





Measurable Outcomes

- Program evaluation
 - Student feedback positive student evaluations
- HESI utilized for comprehensive exam each semester – HESI staff complimented overall math scores of our students.
- Overall pass rate of medication competency test each semester has increases.
 - Fall 2020 = 5 students required 2nd attempt
 - Spring 2021 = 2 students required 2nd attempt





Benefits for faculty

Ease of use

- Cohorts auto-populated
- Feedback spreadsheet easy to navigate
- Grades automatically entered and organized

Options

 Mini-cohorts by clinical sections (but easier to keep students in 1 cohort group because each semester different section number/instructor name)





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