

Tips for Clinical Direct Observations

Real-time observation enhances accurate and immediate student feedback.

Considerations



To determine **what should be observed**, have a discussion with the student about their goals and your goals, so you can come together on a decision.

Be aware of the barriers that can disrupt this process.

Mitigate pressures by selecting short tasks. Balance educational goals with patient comfort. Minimize discomfort of observation with humility and empathy.

When Observing Students

Before

- Set them up with an achievable task.
- Demonstrate and narrate patient inquiry.
- Communicate that perfection is not the goal.

During

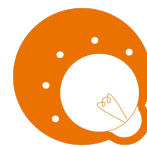
- Ensure the learner is the main focus.
- Only interrupt for crucial teaching or safety.

After

- Ask them to summarize their findings.
- Ask on what aspects they want feedback.



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