

Healthcare professionals' collaboration as a key to patient-centred care

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Before starting ... let's introduce ourselves

Hello ... my name is Antonella

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I am originally from Malta but moved to the UK with my husband around 18 years ago



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 Using the chat function ... or if brave enough, turning camera on and speaking to the whole group

Introduce yourself please

Where are you from?

Are you a student pharmacist? What year of your studies are you in?

 If in practice, where do you work and for how long have you been in practice?



Learning objectives

 To explain the advantages and disadvantages of applying a patientcentred approach in interprofessional collaboration

To identify obstacles to interprofessional collaboration

To solve problems that arise in relation to interprofessional collaboration



Session Overview

Define collaboration in healthcare

Importance of collaboration in healthcare

Ways of encouraging effective collaboration

Patient perspectives

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Many different ways of describing collaboration in literature

Interprofessional collaborative practice ... WHO

Multidisciplinary team working

Interdisciplinary team working

Seamless teamwork

Transfer of patient care



Definition of interprofessional collaborative practice

"Collaborative practice happens when multiple health workers from

different professional backgrounds work together with patients,

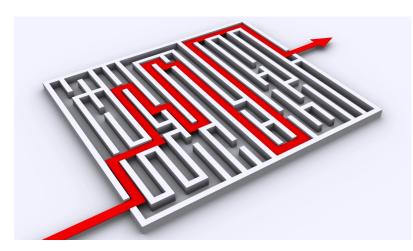
families, carers and communities to deliver the highest quality of care

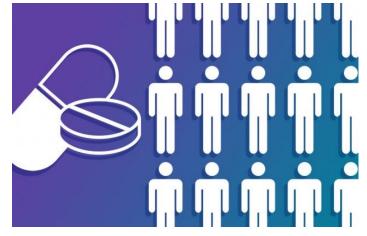
across settings" [WHO, 2011]



Why is healthcare professional collaboration so important?

Increased complexity and specialization of medicines





What is best practice? How do I stay updated?

Guidelines

New concept of
"Living network
guideline" in response
to COVID19

Reporting of clinical trials





Why is healthcare professional collaboration so important?

Increasing elderly population



Increasing co-morbidities

Improved access to healthcare

A Change in the way healthcare is delivered due to the pandemic

Increase in chronic diseases e.g. heart failure, renal disease, diabetes, hypertension



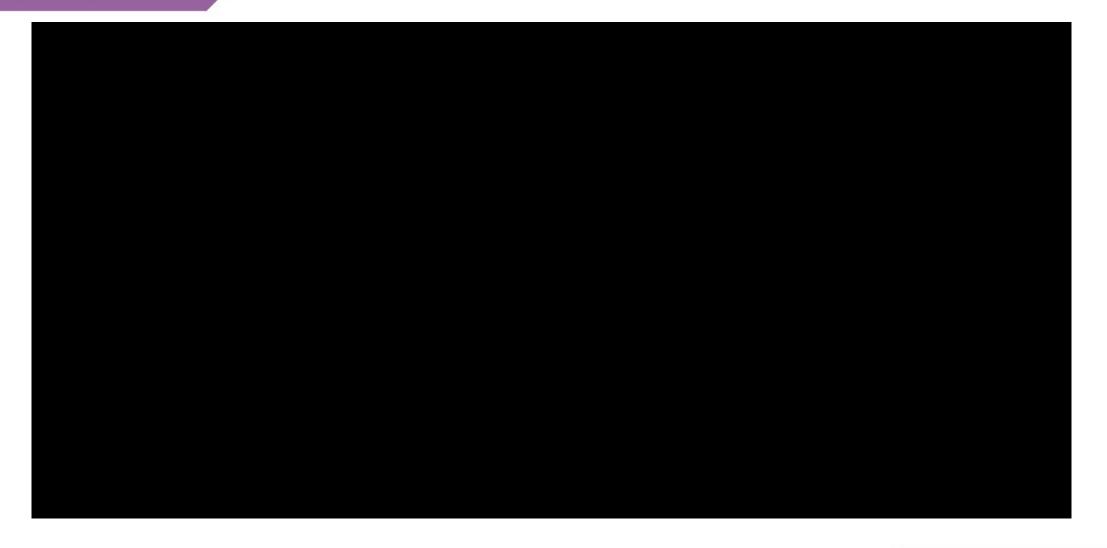
Let's watch the following clip together.

What areas of poor collaboration can you identify?

What can poor collaboration lead to?

Please share your thoughts using the chat function







Thoughts Please share





Poor collaboration

- Disorganized staff
- Disinterested staff
- Lack of respect for other members of the team
- Lack of patient centred care
- Lack of information
- Lack of good leadership
- No awareness of roles and responsibilities of other team members

Lack of effective communication







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What areas of good collaboration can you identify?

What are the advantages of good collaboration?

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Part Two: Good collaboration



Thoughts Please share





What makes a collaboration effective?

- An awareness of the roles and responsibilities of others in the team
- Effective distribution of tasks
- Effective communication and particularly effective communication in a crisis
- Strengths and weaknesses of own profession when is it important and when do we need to reach out to other disciplines
- Keeping patient interest at heart of collaboration throughout



Sharing same goals

Having clear objectives

Mutual trust,

understanding

and respect for

the entire team

and each team

member's

contribution

A common shared sense of purpose

These may be for the individual patient or the healthcare organisation

Effective and good communication

High quality and safety standards

A desire to continuously improve healthcare delivery



Effective collaboration leading to greatness ...

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aHSUp7msCIE



A few general questions to gauge thoughts on topic

Trust and respect within a team results in effective interprofessional collaboration

Poor collaboration may lead to compromising patient safety

 Healthcare professional collaboration does not need to be tailored for each individual patient

 I am aware of the SBAR communication technique referred to in the You Tube clip



Applying this to a patient ... how aware am I of what other professionals can contribute to patient care?

Mrs HB is an 84 year old woman with osteoarthritis and is overweight. She has poor understanding of dietary requirements and weight loss.

 A referral to a physiotherapist is likely to provide her with accurate information about her diet. The physiotherapist is also likely to support her in obtaining weighing scales she could easily access.



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On speaking to her the hospital pharmacist finds out that she is struggling with taking her medicines at home finding her regimen very complex. She is particularly struggling with collecting her medicines from the pharmacy.

- It is a good idea for Bill Clinton, the hospital pharmacist to review her medication before hospital discharge
- The social worker, Annie Lennox, may be involved to organise a home support package for Mrs HB



Applying this to a patient ... how aware am I of the stage the patient is add in their journey? [this may differ depending on the healthcare system]

Mrs HB is admitted to hospital for elective surgery for a knee replacement. She has undergone rehabilitation with lots of input from the physiotherapist and is ready to go home.

• Mrs HB is therefore in the acute phase of her patient journey.

 At this stage, the hospital pharmacist may think it is necessary to liaise with the community. This will allow a safer transfer of patient care.



Effective collaboration – enhancing patient care – some points to take home

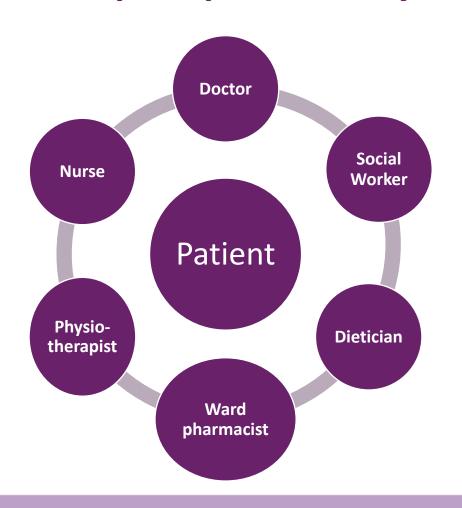
• Where in your work [or work experiences] have you seen positive examples of interprofessional collaboration that enhance patient care?

 Are there any opportunities for interprofessional education within your University?

• How can you reach out to other professions so they are more aware of what you can contribute to the team?



All contribute towards better care for patient ... for example a hospital patient may be cared for by:





The last word goes to the patient ...

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iBLQnThJ6w0



