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Feedback that Motivates & Enhances Learning in Clinical Education

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We'll Talk About...

- The Desired Outcomes of Feedback in the clinical education relationship and the clinical rotation
- The Difference between Feedback and Evaluation in clinical education
- The Challenges of Giving and Receiving Feedback
- A Framework for providing Constructive and Motivating Feedback

And provide some additional resources to explore.....

Why use.....

Supervision and Clinical Education
for today?

Clinical Education/Supervision means....

- Supporting
- Nurturing
- Mentoring
- Monitoring
- Modeling
- Empowering
- Inspiring
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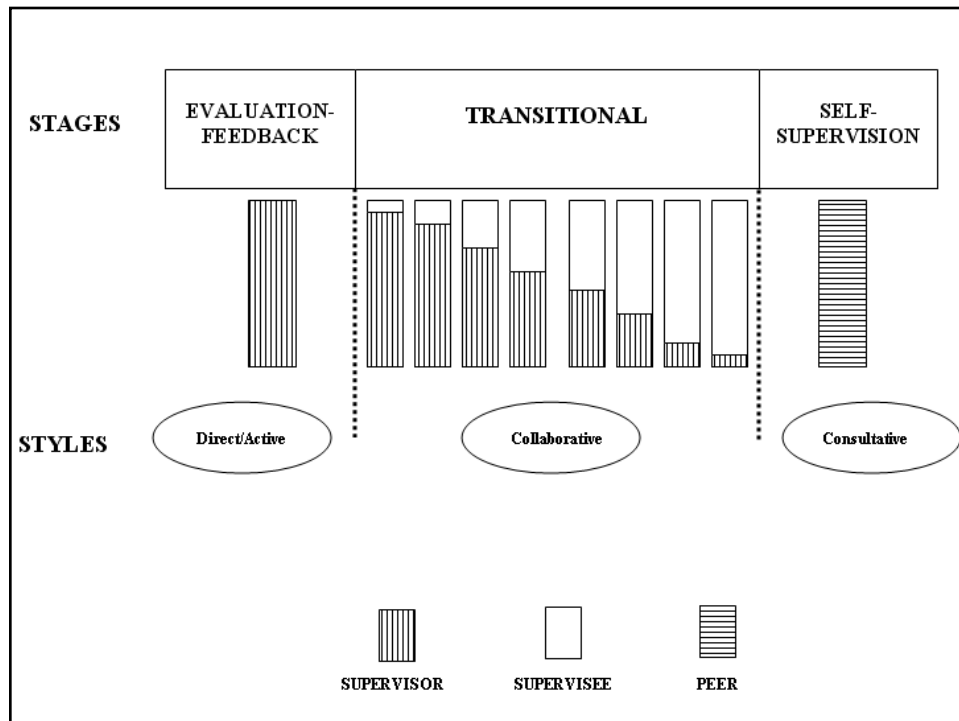
Model of Supervision

- Jean Anderson, PhD – the “mother” of supervision in our professions
 - Stressed the importance of modifying the supervisor’s style in response to the supervisee’s needs
- “The Continuum Perspective” published in 1988

McCrae & Brasseur

The Continuum Stages

- Evaluation & Feedback Stage
 - Supervisor assumes a dominant role
 - Supervisee assumes a *passive/directed role*
- Transitional Stage
 - Supervisee participates in decision-making and learns to analyze clinical environment
 - Supervisor and supervisee *collaborate*
- Self-supervision Stage
 - Supervisee analyzes her own strengths & weaknesses and is responsible for her own growth
 - Supervisor is a *consultant*



Supervisory Styles

Direct-Active

- Used during evaluation and feedback stage
- The supervisor is instructor; provides opinions, suggestions, concrete information

Collaborative

- Used during the transitional stage
- Both parties receive and provide feedback

Consultative

- Applied during “self-supervision” stage
- Problem-solving is key
- Supervisee solicits the supervisor’s advice

What is Our Desired Outcome As a Clinical Educator?

- Ask yourself: “What is my responsibility for this student?”
- Is this the desired outcome?
 - *To provide the opportunity for clinical development*
 - To form the basis for evaluation
 - To foster tomorrow’s leaders

adapted from ASHA, 2008

The Relationship is Key!

Effective Communication

is

Essential

Feedback

Any message
sent by a person with the intent of
affecting the receiver's behavior

Johnson & Johnson

Evaluation

- A systematic determination of a subject's merit, worth and significance, using criteria governed by a set of standards Wikipedia 2014
- A cumulative summary based on evidence, data, observations
- A “final” decision
- A judgment

Feedback vs Evaluation

Feedback

- Integral part of learning process
- Provides information
- Not judgmental
- Neutral
- Uses nouns & verbs
- Formative

Evaluation

- Presents a judgment
- Identifies how well or how poorly a specific goal is met
- Comes after the fact
- Uses adjectives and adverbs
- Summative

Using Feedback

“For learners to grow
and improve their skills,
they need to know what they’re doing well,
and they need guidance
on how they can improve.”

Kaprielian & Gradison

Feedback

Should be:

- ✓ Informed
- ✓ Objective
- ✓ Non-evaluative

Distinctive Tools

	Feedback	Evaluation
<i>Timing</i>	Timely	Scheduled
<i>Setting</i>	Informal	Formal
<i>Basis</i>	Observation	Observation
<i>Content</i>	Objective	Objective
<i>Scope</i>	Specific Action	Global Performance
<i>Purpose</i>	Improvement	"Grading"
	<i>Formative</i>	<i>Summative</i>

Feedback should be....

- ✓ Mutually given and received
- ✓ Well-timed to be relevant
- ✓ Based on 1st hand data
- ✓ Limited to remediable behaviors
- ✓ Dealing with specific performance
- ✓ Descriptive and non-evaluative

Examples of

Feedback

- “Good, clear rationale to parents”
- “Solid professional content in your report”
- “The approach you used to help the child work through that moment was effective”
- “You demonstrated sensitivity in your explanation to the spouse”

Evaluation

- “_x_ was weak”
- “Wow, I really liked your session”
- “That was a tough session”
- “I didn’t care for that choice of activities”
- “That was great!”
- “Perfect!”

Essential Decisions.....

Consider:

- Whether to give feedback or not
- What to say in your feedback
- How to give feedback
- When to offer feedback
- Where to provide feedback
- And, how to handle the supervisee's responses

Preparing to Provide Feedback

- Focus on observed behaviors
- Be limited to behaviors that can be modified
- Be limited in quantity
- Be specific
- Be timely, frequent and expected

Providing Feedback

- Agree on the goals
- Allow opportunity for self-assessment
- Focus on needs and goals of supervisee
- Use non-judgmental terms
- Include subjective information but label it as such
- Allow for supervisee reaction

The Medium

- Face to Face
 - In person
 - Skype, FaceTime or similar web-based connectivity
- Phone
- Email or Hard Copy
 - The “7%” rule from “Group Harmonics” video by Ed Muzio is thought-provoking in this context
<http://www.groupharmonics.com/HelpDesk/Email.htm>

Types of Feedback

- What are you most comfortable with?
- What did you have in school; what have you experienced?
- Types:
 - Narrative
 - Rating scale
 - Objective
 - Competency-based

Narrative Feedback

- Content and form can be highly diverse
- Structure is important
- Clarity is provided via information and observations
- Use of questions should be carefully considered

Rating Scale Feedback

- Establish the criteria for judging
- Agree within the facility on the meaning of items
- A rating scale can be subjective and highly inconsistent
- Applying an overall average can be misleading and lead to skewed picture

Best rating scales have specific items related to performance

Objective Feedback

- Not evaluative or judgmental
- Included formal observation and informal “counting” of behaviors
- Must be done on an ongoing basis

Feedback using a Competency Based Assessment

- Assessments categorized into competencies
 - Interpersonal communication
 - Planning
 - Assessment skills.....
- Provides valuable structure
 - ASHA Standards: KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS ACQUISITION (KASA)

Cautionary note: Using this type of tool may lead to an evaluation when feedback was the intended focus

Barriers to Effective Feedback

Supervisor's Perspective

- Past experience with negative feedback
- Presence of strong positive or negative feelings between supervisor and supervisee
- Marked age/generational differences
- Worry about hurting feelings
- Uncertainty about own judgments
- Lack of time to organize
- Concern about popularity
- Desire to keep relationships comfortable
- Lack of 1st hand observational data
- Overly biased by 2nd hand data
- Difficulty in differentiating feedback vs. evaluation
- Fear that feedback will have effects beyond its intent

Barriers to Effective Feedback

Supervisee's Perspective

- Wanting only positive feedback
- Perceiving feedback as statement about personal worth
- Perception that feedback is unfair if goal has not been stated
- Embarrassment
- Feelings that feedback is irrelevant
- Lack of respect for supervisor
- Eliciting feelings of parent-child relationship

Giving Feedback

Susan Leahy : www.susanleahy.com

- Create a Space
- Feedback is merely information
- Information is power
- It's about "creating a powerful team"!

“CHIRP Technique”

- C = Create trust – a trust relationship
- H = Help them see their behavior
- I = the Impact of that behavior on you
- R = Remember to ask the question,
“Help me understand what you are thinking or feeling?”
- P = Put this behavior behind us, and how are we going to move on....

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_bArBXdMQVw

“THE COMPLIMENT SANDWICH”

Feedback: Learning in a variety of ways...

- “Learners learn about evaluating their own performance
- Feedback serves as a mirror in which learners can see what they do well and what they need to improve.
- It helps learners understand expectations and whether they are meeting those expectations.
- Regular feedback encourages learners to try new skills: they can challenge themselves, experiment with new skills, and receive guidance that helps them develop mastery *before* being graded”

SNHAHEC

Feedback

Supervisors reported:

- “Easier feedback” is generally related to clinical problems
- “Difficult feedback” pertains to the supervisory relationship, the supervisee’s personality, or professional behavior

“Supervisors avoided difficult feedback when there was ambiguity about the supervisory boundary, a weak supervisory relationship, or lack of supervisee openness or when the supervisory relationship was at risk”

Hoffman, et. al. 2005

Practical Tools

- Writing talking points prior to coming together
- Reflecting back: “This is what I’ve heard”
- Summarizing: “Tell me what you’ve heard”

Consider these Words

- “Help me understand....”
 - What are you thinking
 - What are you feeling
 -
- “I” and “We” in the same conversation
 - Speak for myself
 - Speak as a team

The Relationship

The feedback process is particularly problematic because of a power relationship.....interwoven with emotion

A clinical educator plays two roles:

- Assisting the student with on-going shaping through feedback
- Passing judgment on the student's work
 - With the supervisor as the "expert," that can naturally elevate the status" of judgments and bring about supervisee feelings on a continuum of pride to shame

Hiller et al 2001

Power:

- Is dynamic and multi-dimensional
- Incorporates the perspective of both parties

The outcome of an interaction is tied directly to how power is used

Dunbar 2004

The Relationship

- In part, the student makes an emotional investment in an assignment (their work) and expects some "return on that investment"
- The student's view suggests the salient factors in the feedback process are related to issues of:
 - Emotion
 - Identity
 - Power
 - Authority
 - Subjectivity and Discourse

Higgins, et.al. 2001

Communication in the Relationship

“Our everyday communication usually ‘works’ because it is based on shared understandings”

- Shared histories
- Shared discourse experience for reference
- Shared ability to interpret implicit messages

Students in an educational relationship may be challenged to interpret the intended messages

Higgins, et.al. 2001

What Might Hold Us Back

- Emotional involvement
- Avoidance of conflict
- Resentment of time/effort required
- Questioning our perspective
- Fear of negative perception
- Denial of the seriousness of the problem
- Hope the problem will resolve itself
- Fear of legal ramifications

What Might Influence How We Handle a Conversation

- Our own emotional investment
 - In the patient care
 - In our job
 - In the profession.....
- Our History with “conflict” in and out of work
- Productivity and Workload
- Internal/External stresses
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Three P’s to Ponder

- Passion
 - If you touch people’s hearts, their minds will follow!
- Purpose
 - A purpose-driven life
- Practical Skills
 - Professional timeliness
 - Organize your day
 - Priorities for the work ahead
 - Bring your “A” game!

and this Practical Skill..... Modeling

“What you permit, you promote”

Resource Ideas: Closing Thoughts

- Establish your supervision expectations and know the degree program's expectations
- Set and share expectations with the supervisee
- Gather your feedback tools
- Set some time for feedback
- Check your words & ask “Am I evaluating or shaping?”
- Develop next steps – just like a lesson plan
- Review feedback and convene for a mid-point and final evaluation, or an annual review time

What Do We Bring to the Table?

“Supervisory Intelligence”

- Discipline-specific Intelligence
and
- Emotional Intelligence
 - ✓ *Self-regulation*
 - ✓ *Motivation*
 - ✓ *Empathy*
 - ✓ *Social skills*

Goleman 2004

Supervision is a Multifaceted Complex Process

Going Forward:

- Reflect and acknowledge those who laid that professional foundation for you and me
- Recognize the investment that you and I are making in the next generation of professionals when we “pay it forward”
- Advocate for CEs in clinical education to continue to strengthen our own skills

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