You observe one of your interns go in to interview and examine a patient. The patient complains of symptoms of heroin withdrawal. The intern seems to ignore the patient's concerns, and using lots of medical jargon, tells the patient that she will die unless she "kicks the habit". ALL parties are extremely frustrated after a few minutes yourself included.

#### You follow him out of the room and:

- a) Smack him on the head- that should knock some sense into him
- b) Tell him that he should rethink his career decision, as he clearly lacks people skills
- c) Shrug and ignore the episode-he is really bright and technically excellent
- d) Choose the appropriate time and offer some thoughtful and well directed feedback

## **Effective Feedback**

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Through feedback, the teacher can provide learners with guidance regarding their <u>KNOWLEDGE</u>, <u>SKILLS</u> and <u>ATTITUDES</u>.

Reinforce good behavior Correct mistakes



Improved performance



"Keep up the good work, whatever it is, whoever you are."

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- 4) Include learner selfassessment

### Fostering self-assessment:

"Do **YOU** feel that **YOU** are able to identify alcohol withdrawal symptoms in a hospitalized patient?"

"Are **YOU** comfortable with **YOUR** skill at eliciting a substance use history?"

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- 8) Offers concrete suggestions for improvement



"The Delivery"

- Choose the time and location
- Decide how much to "dole out"
- Acknowledge the learner's situation
- Give the learner the opportunity be involved in creating plans for improvement

"Feedback sandwich"

"Feedback on a cracker"

# "Catch them doing something right"