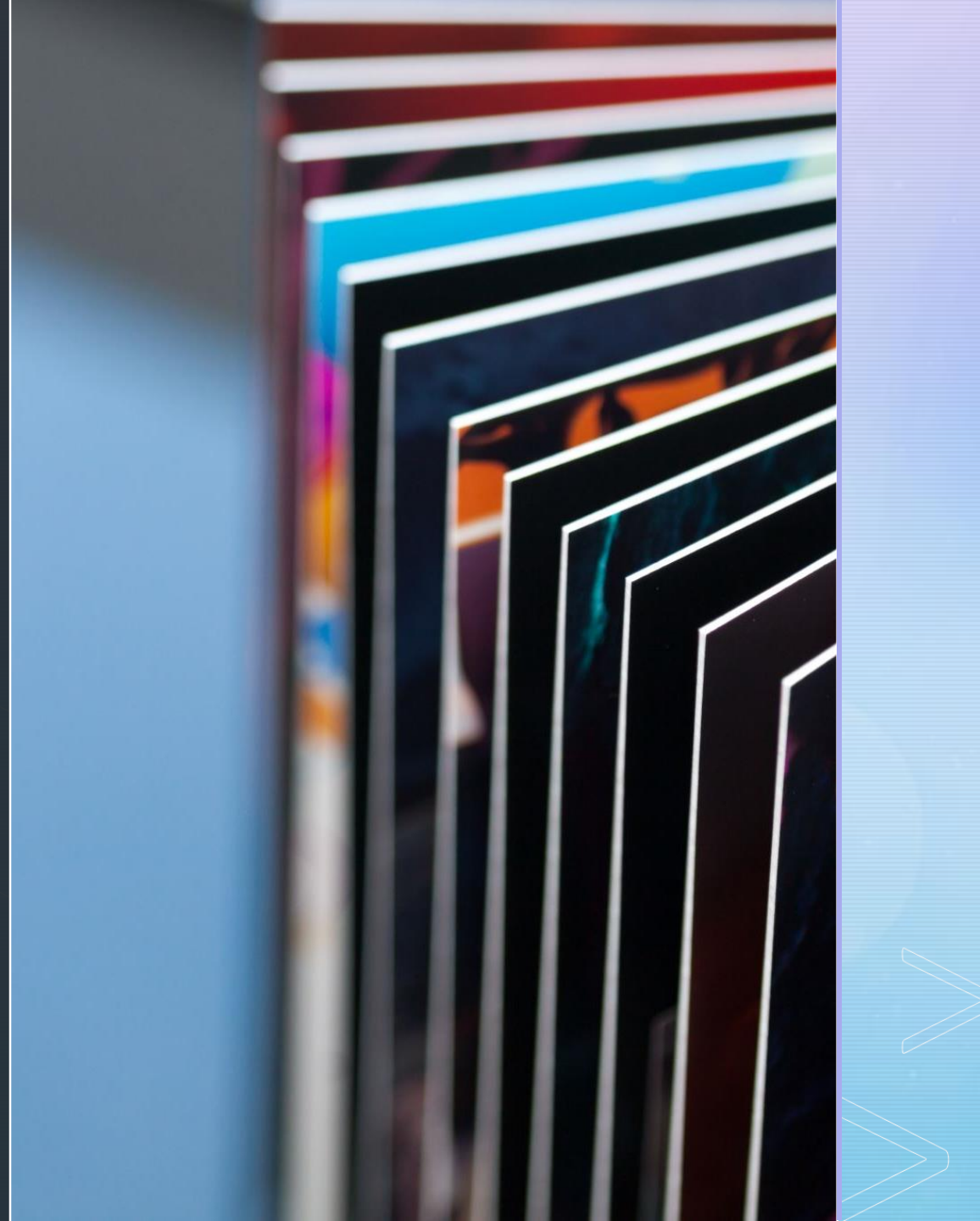


# Making It Count Twice: Publishing in MedEdPORTAL and Other Medical Education Journals

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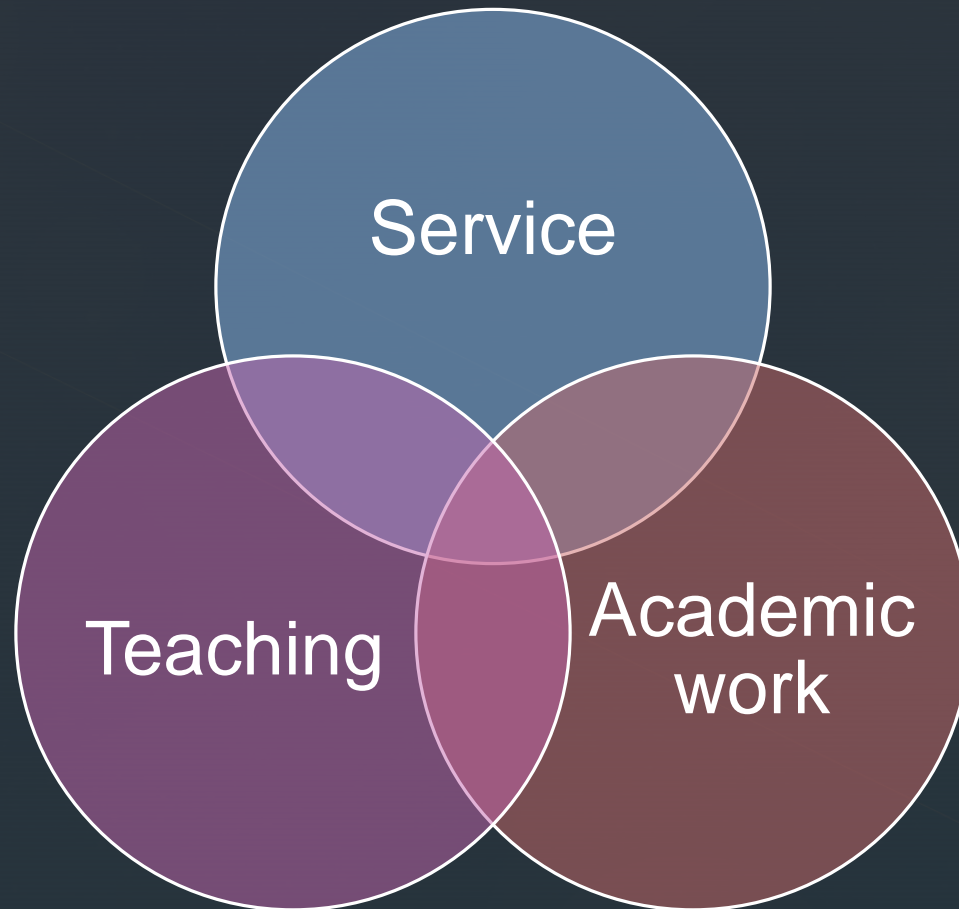
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# Objectives

By the end of the session, you will be able to:

- articulate how to transform your routine teaching activities into scholarly works
- describe the breadth of possible venues to publish educational works
- apply strategies for optimizing the chances of getting published in MedEdPORTAL and other medical education journals

▀ The triple threat of bygone days...



# Service

The diagram features a large blue circle on the left containing the word 'Service'. To its right is a smaller purple circle labeled 'Teaching'. Further to the right is a small dark red circle labeled 'Academic work'. A blue double-headed arrow connects the blue circle and the red circle, with the text 'several light-years' written above it. The background is dark blue with a light blue vertical bar on the far right.

The New  
Normal

Teaching

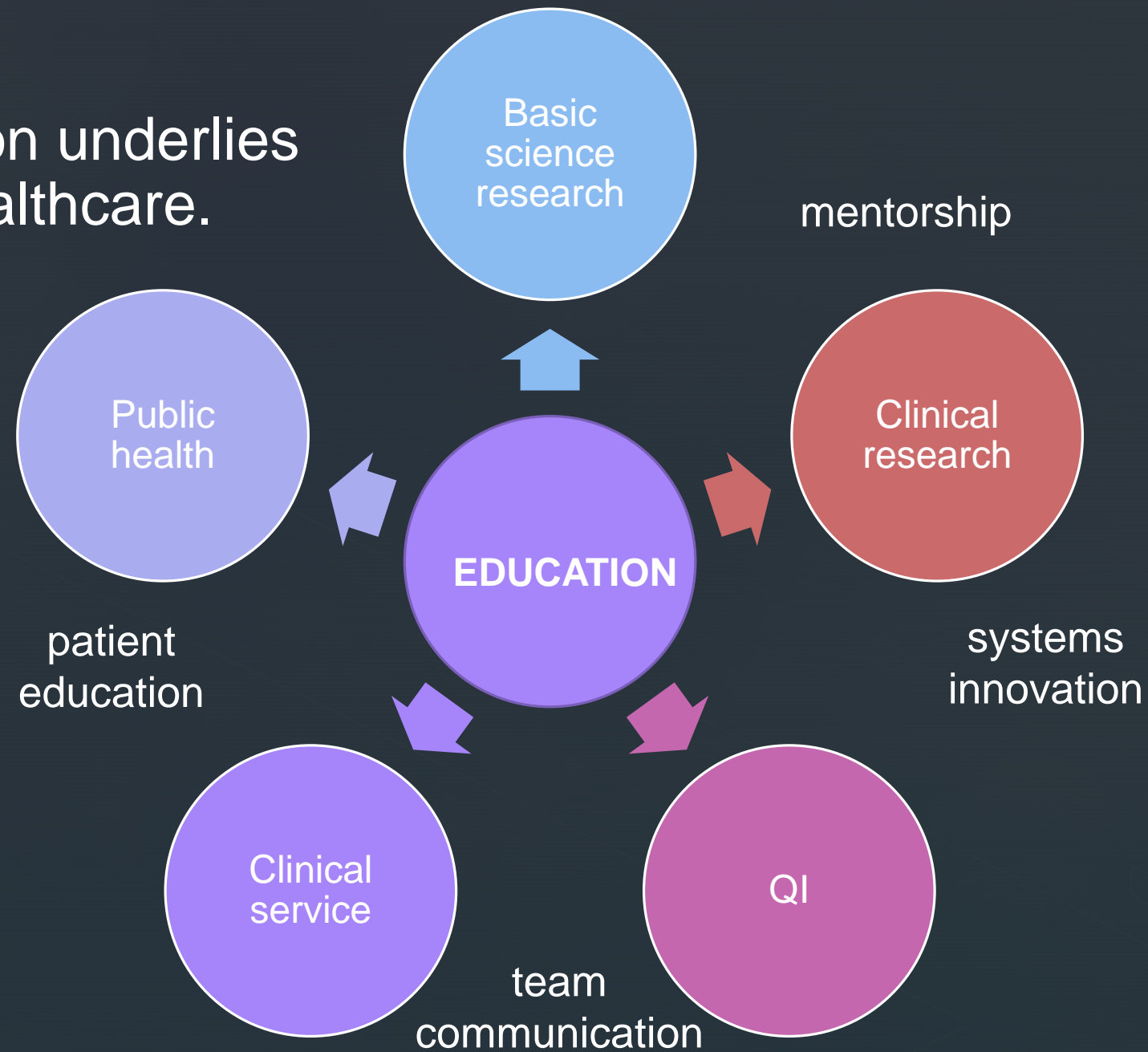
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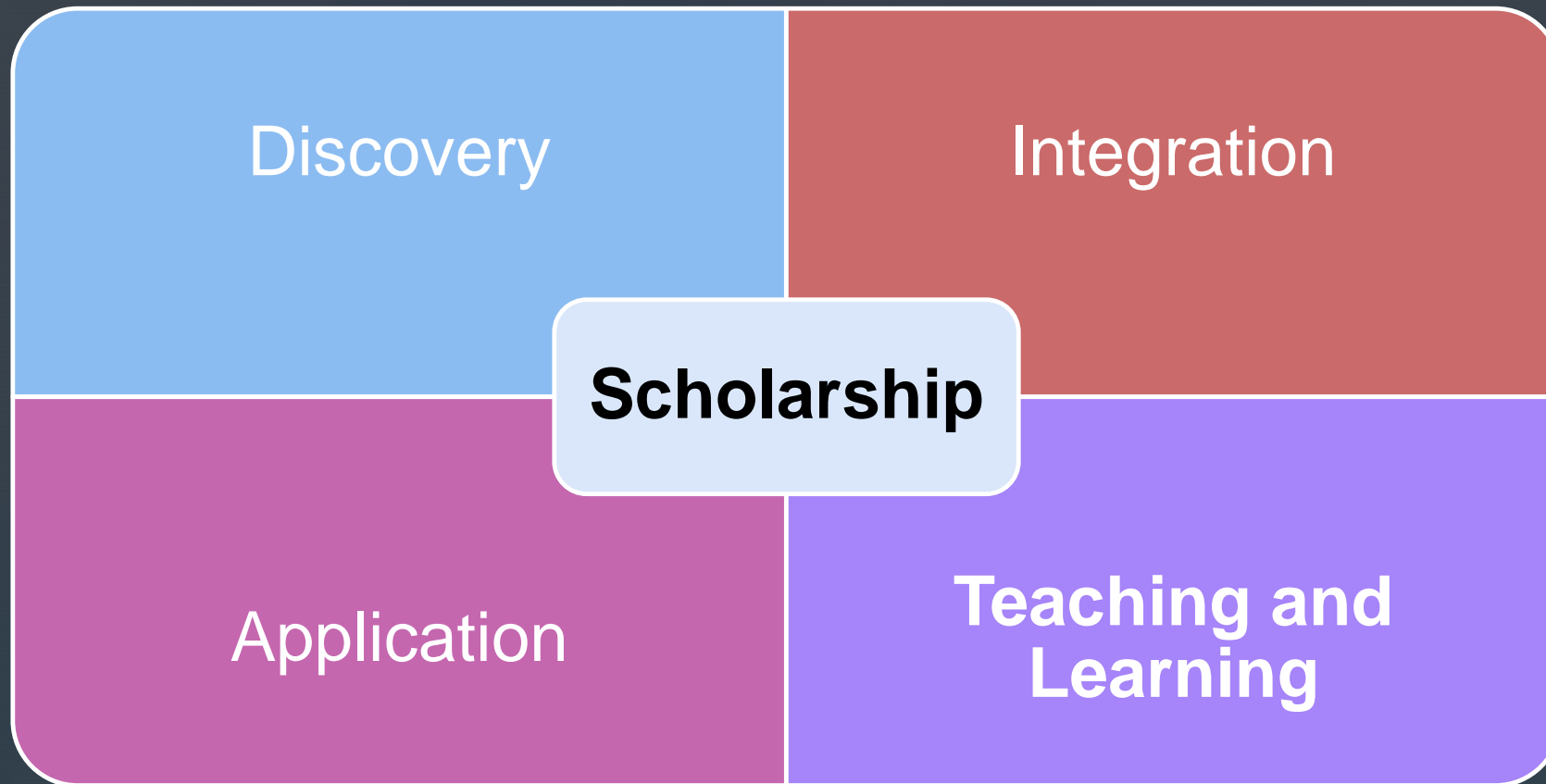


Why publish about  
education?

Education underlies  
all of healthcare.



Teaching is a legitimate domain for publishing.



# Standards of rigor are lower.

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Systematic reviews

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Randomized controlled trials

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Cohort studies

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Case-control studies

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Cross-sectional studies

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Case reports

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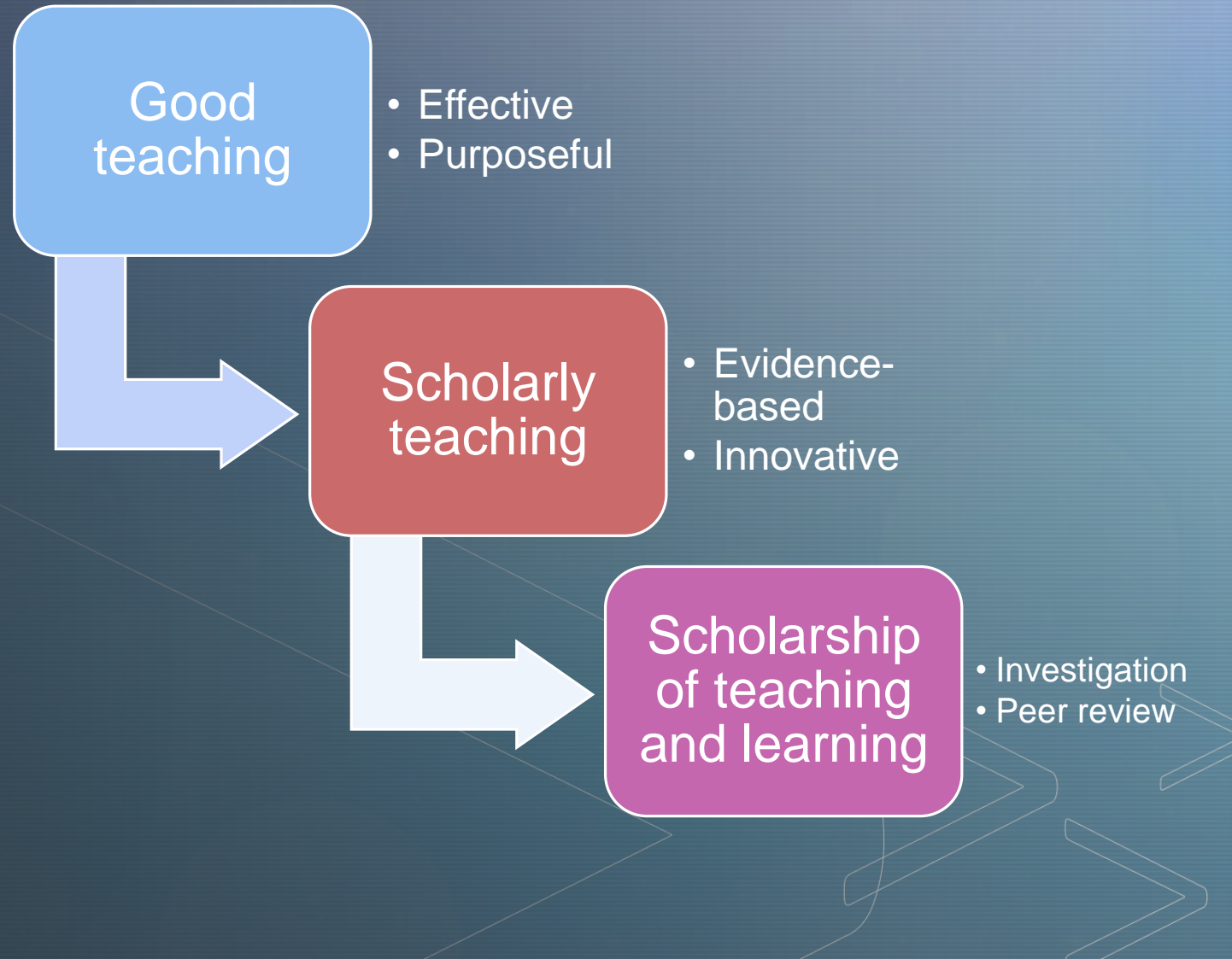
Editorials, letters

weaker



where many  
educational  
studies still  
lie

# Take your teaching to the next level



## How to turn teaching into scholarship



annual lectures to residents



local workshop



a novel small group teaching method

# Make it count twice

What is your  
favorite teaching  
activity?

In what ways is  
your teaching  
scholarly?

How can you turn  
your teaching  
activity into  
scholarship?

The background of the slide is a close-up, slightly blurred image of a stack of books. The spines of the books are visible, showing various colors like red, yellow, and blue. A dark, semi-transparent overlay covers the entire image. In the center, the text "Where can you publish educational work?" is written in a clean, white, sans-serif font. The text is arranged in three lines: "Where can you", "publish educational", and "work?".

Where can you  
publish educational  
work?

## QI/Patient Safety

BMJ Qual Saf  
Am J Qual

## Clinical

JAMA  
JAMA IM  
JGIM  
Annals  
AJM

## Simulation

Sim  
Healthc  
BMJ Sim

## Core medical education

Acad Med  
Med Educ  
JGME  
Medical Teacher  
Teach Learn Med  
Persp Med Educ  
BMC Med Educ  
Clinical Teacher  
MedEdPORTAL

## Educational research

Adv Health Sci  
Edu  
Med Sci Educ  
JCHPE

# Innovation reports across med ed journals

Novelty>>evaluation

EDUCATIONAL INNOVATION

## Parents as Teachers: Teaching Pediatrics Residents the Art of Engaging in Difficult Conversations

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## First-Year Internal Medicine Residents' Reflections on Nonmedical Home Visits to High-Risk Patients

Stephanie K. Nothelle, Colleen Christmas, and Laura A. Hanyok

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## Connecting Education to Quality: Engaging Medical Students in the Development of Evidence-Based Clinical Decision Support Tools

Elizabeth A. Crabtree, MPH, Emily Brennan, MLIS, Amanda Davis, MPH, RD,  
and Jerry E. Squires, MD, PhD

Abstract

**Problem**

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**Next Steps**

Twelve Tips

## Twelve tips for teaching the informed consent conversation

Asha Anandaiah  & Laura Rock

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### Abstract

Obtaining informed consent has been traditionally viewed as a mundane task, learned on the job and often relegated to an inexperienced member of the healthcare team. In reality, the process of obtaining informed consent is complex, challenging, and warrants focused teaching, observation and feedback. There are

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FAILURES / SURPRISES



### Epic failure: Lessons learned from interprofessional faculty development

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#### Abstract

Interprofessional education (IPE) is now recognized as an important initiative to prepare the next generation of health providers. Although IPE has been embraced by many institutions, faculty development still remains an issue. In this manuscript, the authors share their story of one attempt to educate a variety of health science faculty on IPE in what was perceived as an approachable venue. The story of its epic failure and lessons learned will be shared to help others avoid similar pitfalls.

**Keywords** Interprofessional · Faculty development · Failure

#### The story

learners across our health sciences programs, the team, a group of faculty members leading IPE at the institution,

## Clinical Teacher's Toolbox



## Promoting clinical autonomy in medical learners

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# "How-to" articles

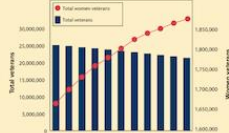
## AM Last Page: Caring for Women Veterans

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### Providers other than Veterans Affairs (VA) physicians care for women veterans.

- The number of women veterans is increasing; in fact, women represent 15% of active duty military and are the fastest growing subpopulation of veterans.<sup>1</sup>
- However, 83% of women veterans receive health care outside of VA, at academic medical centers and community practices.<sup>2,4</sup>
- VA understands women veterans' unique needs and is educating physicians (so far, nearly 1,500 have received training<sup>3</sup>), but those who practice outside VA may be unaware of the unique concerns, risks, care, and rights of women veterans.

Growth in the Population of Women Veterans<sup>1</sup>



### Providers should know what to do for patients who are women veterans.<sup>1</sup>

- Ask, "Have you served in the military?"; women do not always self-identify as veterans.
- Let them know you care; build provider-patient trust.
- Get to know the women; get a military history.
- Refer appropriately; connect women veterans to the closest VA.

### Providers should be aware of more than just the health risks common to women veterans.

- Understanding her military experience is vital to understanding her health.
- Currently women in the military may serve in many roles in all branches of service; they serve as cadets in service academies, in ranks from enlisted personnel to senior officers, and in operational and support roles.
- Common diagnoses for women veterans include the following:
  - Musculoskeletal conditions and chronic pain, experienced by 50% of Iraq and Afghanistan women veterans<sup>5</sup>;
  - Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, experienced by 20% of Iraq and Afghanistan women veterans, and by 27% of Vietnam women veterans<sup>6</sup>;
  - Military Sexual Trauma, experienced by 1 in 5 women seen by VA.<sup>7</sup>
- VA benefits for women veterans include health care, homelessness services, education, and job training.

### Providers should be aware of health risks common to women veterans.

Risks for Women Veterans by Era <sup>8</sup>	
Era	Risks
Iraq and Afghanistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traumatic brain or spinal cord injury</li> <li>Embedded fragments (e.g., shrapnel)</li> <li>Multi-drug resistant acinetobacter</li> <li>Blast injuries (e.g., penetrating and/or blunt trauma, burns)</li> <li>Dermatologic issues (e.g., rash)</li> <li>Reproductive health issues (e.g., menstruation disorders, inflammatory disease of cervix, vagina, and vulva)</li> <li>Vision loss</li> <li>Traumatic amputation</li> <li>Rubber roll</li> <li>Mental health issues</li> </ul>
Gulf War	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dermatologic issues (e.g., rash)</li> <li>Infectious diseases (e.g., Lyme disease)</li> <li>Reproductive health issues (e.g., menstruation disorders, inflammatory disease of cervix, vagina, and vulva)</li> <li>Depleted uranium</li> <li>Exposure to smoke from well fires and petroleum</li> <li>Possible side effects of Anthrax, smallpox, and other immunizations</li> </ul>
Vietnam War	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Respiratory C from the inhalation of untested blood and/or drug reactions/experimentation</li> </ul>

## AM Last Page: Medical Education in Ghana

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Currently, Ghana is a country of 24 million people with 2,026 doctors.<sup>1</sup> Ghana's medical education system is expanding to increase the number of physicians to achieve a ratio of 1:1000 by 2025<sup>1</sup> (the U.S. ratio, as a comparison, is 2 to 4:1,000). 32,000 doctors will need to be trained to fulfill this goal.



Ghana's medical education system is composed of four medical schools and three major teaching hospitals.

Medical school (location)	History and characteristics	Clinical teaching	Number of medical students per class	
			Current (2011) <sup>1</sup>	Projected (for students entering in 2016)
The University of Ghana Medical School (Accra, the capital city)	Opened in 1964 with 25 students in the first class Serves a large urban area	Korle-Bu teaching hospital is the site for all major clinical rotations	Traditional class: 50 Graduate Program: 43	Traditional class: 200 Graduate class: 150
The Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology School of Medical Sciences (Kumasi, the second largest city)	Opened in 1975 with 21 students in the first class Uses conventional teaching and a community-oriented instructional curriculum Has traditionally served a large rural area	Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital is the site for all major clinical rotations	Current class (2012): 227 Most recent graduating class (2011): 118	250
University for Development Studies School of Medicine (Tamale, a remote area with a widely dispersed, rural population)	Opened in 1996 to address remote health problems Uses a problem-based-learning model and a community-based-extension-service approach	Clinical rotations occur at the newly commissioned Tamale Teaching Hospital	Class of 2012: 30 Class of 2018: 77	80
The University of Cape Coast Medical School (on the coast, 2 hours from Accra)	Opened in 2008; the newest medical school in Ghana Focuses on clinical and community experiences to relate science to the care of patients	Clinical rotations and postgraduate training occur at Central Regional Hospital	50	150

Environmental, social, and economic issues in Ghana's medical education system: discipline and emphasis on experiential and rural

## AM Last Page: History of Medical Licensure and Regulation

David Johnson, MA, senior vice president, Assessment Services, and Amy Gerald, MS, marketing and State Medical Boards

### Public expectations and professional interests have shaped the evolution of America's state-based system for medical regulation.

**1649**  
Massachusetts Bay Colony code prohibits physicians and surgeons from treating "without the advice and consent of such as are skilful in the same art."

**1772**  
New Jersey imposes examination requirements for physicians.

**1830s**  
Use of alternative medical treatments (homeopathic, botanical, hydrotherapy) contributes to demise of antebellum licensing laws.

**1870s**  
Modern state medical boards begin to emerge. John Rauch, MD, and Illinois set the standard for medical board activism.

**1903**  
Michigan is first state to extend "unlimited practice rights" to osteopathic physicians ... an uphill struggle in many states.

**1912**  
The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) is established after several failed attempts.

**1920s**  
Multiple states limit the number of medical practitioners by adopting basic science exams and citizenship requirements for licensure.

**1956**  
State medical boards seek greater uniformity in their laws through the Essentials of a Modern Medical Practice Act.

**1960s**  
State boards begin placing greater emphasis on their disciplinary role.

**1961**  
The Medical Board of California becomes the first to appoint a public member.

FSMB assists with a professional success initiative.

### Roots of Medical Regulation

The American experience practice of medicine is back to the colonial era. It heavily upon state and rather than governmental cities performed a de facto examining prospective relationship into the society.

One of the early tension arose from the conflict schools seeking to have the as the basis for issuing societies seeking to confederation. Despite the codification state law, observance and laws remained uneven at

By the 1830s these laws scind as the combinat efforts to eliminate pen practices (e.g., licensing, popularity embraced after medicine left many Americans need for licensure laws.

### Medical Regulation War Through Prese

Licensing laws returned at starting with simple regulation shifting to the establishment The early model for such b

By the early 1900s, medicine in all states and territories, functioned before its regulation

# Academic Medicine's Last Page

# Patient narratives

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Academic Emergency Medicine

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Academic Medicine

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Academic Psychiatry

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American Journal of Nursing

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American Journal of Psychiatry

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Annals of Family Medicine

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Annals of Internal Medicine

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BMJ

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Canadian Medical Journal

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JAMA

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JAMA Pediatrics

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Journal of Clinical Oncology

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Journal of General Internal Medicine

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Journal of Palliative Medicine

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Journal of the American Geriatrics Society

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Lancet

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New England Journal of Medicine

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Patient Education and Counseling

# Mentoring trainees to publish

## Call for Letters to the Editor From Student and Resident Authors

Journal Staff Featured August 7th, 2017



### Teachable Moment

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For trainees at all levels to submit articles that bring attention to the harms that can result from medical overuse and from underuse of needed medical interventions to promote appropriate medical care.

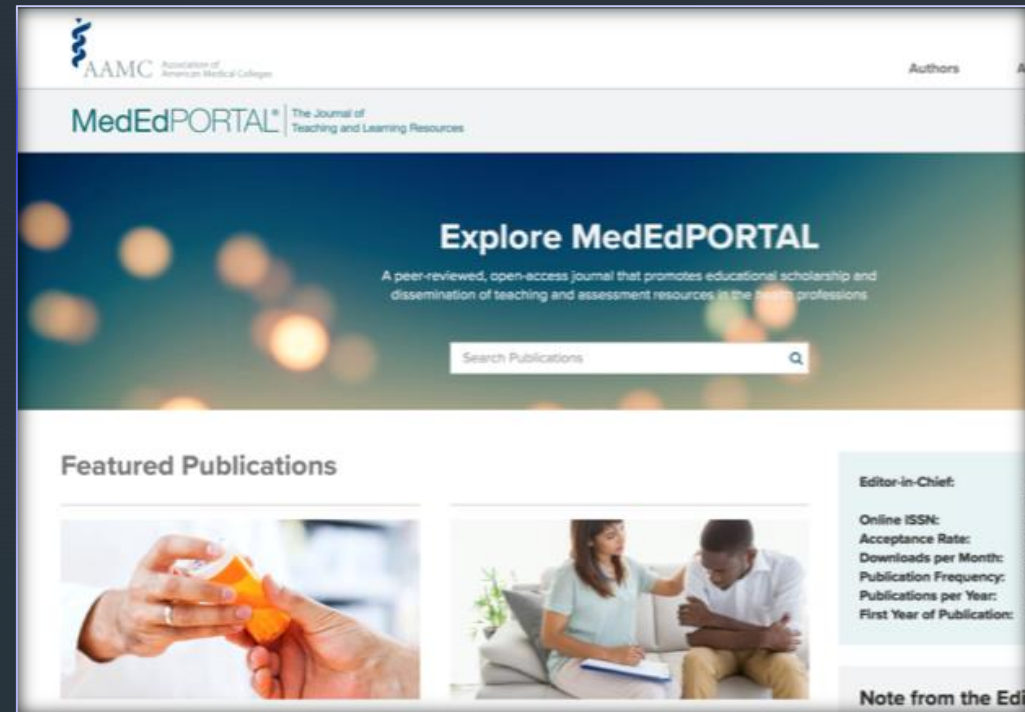
- 800 words
- ≤5 references
- ≤3 authors (first author must be a trainee)
- Patient permission required



# Publishing in MedEdPORTAL

# Unique features of MedEdPORTAL...

- AAMC's open-access, MEDLINE indexed journal
- Peer-reviewed medical and dental educational resources
- Includes all materials needed to implement
- Authors keep copyright



# ...means some caveats about submitting to MedEdPORTAL

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|--|---|--|
| ▪ AAMC's open-access, MEDLINE indexed journal            | → | Must adhere to scholarly writing and ICMJE standards |
| ▪ Peer-reviewed medical and dental educational resources | → | Must have been implemented and evaluated             |
| ▪ Includes all materials needed to implement             | → | Materials must be packable and generalizable         |
| ▪ Authors keep copyright                                 | → | Authors must own copyright                           |

# Activities that translate readily to MedEdPORTAL submissions

## Discrete workshops

- Reasonable size
- Active learning elements
- Concrete learning objectives

## Simulation cases (SP or manikin)

- Templates are available
- Content is scriptable

## Interactive modules

- Exportable for local use
- Easy to distribute

Which of these materials should be included in a MEP submission?



Slides?



Sign-in sheet?



Handouts?



Clipart images from Google search?



Evaluation form?

# Activities that are harder to package as MedEdPORTAL submissions

## Lectures

- Tend to be passive
- Tend to be less unique

## Assessment tools

- Requires several sources of validity evidence

## Longitudinal courses

- Excessive number of appendices
- Sheer size hinders peer review and usability

# Reasons for rejection in MedEdPORTAL

Widely  
disseminated  
(e.g.,  
YouTube,  
websites)

Low sample  
size

Describes  
process  
rather than a  
generalizable  
activity

Overlap with  
prior  
publications



# Strategies for Writing the ESR

# What is the ESR?

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## Educational Summary Report

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### The manuscript for a MedEdPORTAL submission

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### The scholarly description of an educational activity

# Educational objectives

## Principles

- Specific
- Measurable
- Attainable
- Realistic
- Time-bound

## Pitfalls

- Not learner-centered
- Vague
- Double-barreled
- Process-focused

## ▶ Which learning objectives are SMART?

Acknowledge

Compare

Describe

Realize

Understand

Calculate

Reflect

Critique

Identify

Recognize

Affirm

Categorize

Defend

Consider

Think

## ▶ Which learning objectives are SMART?

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# The introduction - setting the stage

# Structure of the Introduction

## Problem

- Disease state
- Healthcare delivery issues
- Learner challenges

## Gap

- Literature (including MedEdPORTAL)
- Why these may fall short

## Purpose

- Goal
- Learner audience
- Teaching approach

Original Publication

 OPEN ACCESS

# A Game-Based Approach to Teaching and Learning Anatomy of the Liver and Portal Venous System

Robert V. Hill, PhD  , Zeinab Nassrallah, PhD

Published: March 22, 2018 | 10.15766/mep\_2374-8265.10696

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## OPTION 1

## OPTION 2

<b>Problem</b>	Understanding the blood supply to and from the liver is essential.	Games are an effective way to teach.
<b>Gap</b>	Current approaches to teaching this topic are passive and rote.	Games have not been used to teach anatomy, which requires a significant amount of memorization.
<b>Purpose</b>	Therefore, we created a module to teach liver anatomy and the portal venous system using games.	Therefore, we created a module to teach liver anatomy and the portal venous system using games.

The methods – the  
recipe for the work

# What methods need to address

## Who?

- learner type
- instructor type

## What?

- content
- source of content

## Where?

- curricular setting
- physical setting

## How?

- instructional method
- instructor training
- evaluation

## ■ Scholarly writing practices

"Surveys were collected..."	"We collected surveys..."
"The students listened to a lecture and used role play to..."	"The students listen to a lecture and use role play to..."

# Use subheaders freely

## Kern's-based

- Needs assessment
- Resources
- Design
- Implementation
- Evaluation

## Participant-based

- Learners
- Facilitators
- Data collection instruments

## Activity-based

- Curricular setting
- Prework
- Lecture
- Game
- Analysis



The results

## ▀ Suggested order of data presentation



### Quantitative

Skills-based

Perceptions-based



### Qualitative




# Use tables and figures


To organize results  
from survey questions


To display change from  
pre- to post-activity  
measurements

To present themes from  
narrative comments



The discussion –  
reflection on the activity





P1	Summary statement
P2	Reflections on and explanation of the findings
P3	Lessons learned from the implementation of the activity
P4	Limitations of the generalizability and evaluation of the activity
P5	Next steps for the activity

# Publishing in medical education

## General requirements

- Represents a unique contribution to the literature
- Well-organized
- Well-written

## MedEdPORTAL requirements

- Materials come with instructions
- Materials are generalizable

# Service

Your New  
Normal?

