

Mastering Clinical Teaching

Tip #1. Set Clear Expectations

- Establish these expectations on Day 1!
- Define how and when the teaching will take place.
- Inform residents that they will be asked questions.
- Align expectations with the learner's existing knowledge and skills.
- Ask learners about their own expectations and incorporate them into your teaching style.
- Follow the KISS principle: Keep it short and simple

Tip #2 Target and Teach

- Observe! Assess your learners' current level
- Use "just-in-time" teaching to provide relevant content at the appropriate level
- Ask open-ended questions rather than yes/no questions.
- Allow a 6-second pause after asking questions to give learners time to respond.

Tip #3 Teach Efficiently

- Use a quick teaching strategy: 1-minute preceptor, learner centered feedback, ADAPT, etc.
- Demonstrate concepts by role modeling and thinking out loud.

Tip #4 Teach Efficiently

- Show genuine interest in your residents
- Restate what a learner says – tell them you are listening
- Make frequent feedback a standard practice.