

Application of Simulated Patients in Understanding Undergraduate Medical Education

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Introduction

The ongoing study is the first study in Sri Lanka to examine the quality, deficiencies and value of real patient and stimulated patients experiences in undergraduate clinical training from a student's perspective. We found that undergraduates emphasized both real patients and stimulated patients in their training. They found that they received a variety of things from stimulated patients and real patients, especially at different stages of the training program. These findings strengthen the prospects of different investigations seeking to uncover the value of different patient experiences in clinical education. Overall, preliminary research found that stimulated patients connections are viewed as good growth opportunities for scheduling real-life patients. Undergraduates generally felt that stimulated patients helped them develop their relationship skills and appreciated the criticisms stimulated patients expressed. They found there are two strengths and weaknesses in developing relationship skills with stimulated patients.

Description

Communicating with stimulated patients was seen as more direct and less stressful than with the actual patient, but attempting to ignore clinical perspectives while communicating with stimulated patients was cited as a drawback. In this review, we found that undergraduates valued stimulated patients who generally gave fair and clear criticism of their relational skill acquisition. Additionally, secondary studies emphasized the use of stimulated patients during the preclinical phase of schooling. The review found that undergraduates valued having her stimulated patients experience and felt it prepared them for real-life patient experiences in a clinical setting. Nonetheless, this study revealed that undergraduates found the real-life patient experience more beneficial than the stimulated patient's collaboration. In the medical staff at the University of Kelaniya, stimulated patients is commonly used to indicate interpersonal and procedural skills. In addition, undergraduates experience the use of stimulated patients in developmental assessments and summative assessments (such as OSCE stations). This study revealed that the usefulness of stimulated patients is generally limited to the acquisition of relational skills. In any case, the experience of stimulated patients has been used to demonstrate clinical per-

spectives such as clinical reasoning skills that atypically appear during the clinical training process.

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