Handoff Curricular Resources

4-minute video example of inadequate handoff that includes handoff pre-work, the handoff (giver and receiver), overnight events, and a clip of follow-up discussion the next morning.

90-minute workshop for intern orientation for medicine and med-peds residents. Includes workshop materials, hand off video, case presentation, and instructor guide.

They developed standard-setting videos designed to portray all five milestone levels of a handoff. Each item on the handoff assessment form is based on a competency (e.g., patient care, interpersonal and communication skills) and each item has five behavioral descriptors representing the five levels from novice to expert. The videos were developed and validated to be used for faculty development tools to help faculty to prepare for their role as handoff observers. The final versions of these videos are available from the authors by request. Correspondence should be addressed to Sharon Calaman, St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children, 160 E. Erie Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19134; telephone: (215) 427-8846; e-mail: Sharon.calaman@drexelmed.edu.

Provides I-PASS role-plays simulation exercises. The role-plays allow practice with the techniques and include resident and faculty feedback to help learners refine the skills learned and place them in context. Three role-plays involve performing an I-PASS handoff with a giver, receiver, and observer.

The I-PASS computer module provides asynchronous, individualized learning of key elements of the I-PASS curriculum. It features embedded knowledge questions which provide an evaluation of learners’ understanding of each of the major I-PASS concepts.

Provided notes on 4 postoperative handoff simulations.

This article is a systematic review of the literature focused on inpatient handoff feedback and assessment tools. The article includes online supplemental material, including an annotated bibliography describing the individual articles and the feedback/assessment tools in each article. Go to: http://www.jgme.org/doi/abs/10.4300/JGME-D-16-00168.1?code=gmed-site and select “Supplemental Material” near the top of the page. Then, select “riesenberg suppl 2.docx.”

Includes the curriculum and resources.

Handoff communications training toolkit for emergency department physicians and nurses.

Includes instructor’s guide, exercise templates, and pocket card, and is designed for interns and residents.

For medical residents and students. Includes guide, workshop slides, pre-test, and handoff workshop articles.

Large group didactic session followed by small groups for simulation-based training. Includes cases, discussion guide, I-PASS mnemonic, and session slides.

Materials to incorporate the ISHAPED model for nurse shift change from Inova Health System including how to develop patient-centered handoffs and handoff report form.

All I-PASS materials are available free.
Interactive, online simulation training and resources.

Provides tools to assess current handoff process, tools to support measurement and data collection, and guidelines for most handoff communication processes.

Provides educational intervention described with a table of the 5 Cs of Consultation on pages 969-971.

Includes guides and signout assessment tools to educate residents on assessing an intern’s handoff skills.

Article that includes all material needed for a perioperative handoff simulation training module.

Includes resident workshop, simulation exercises, computer module, faculty development, mnemonic, handoff tool, and observation tools.

Includes instructor’s guide, curricular goals and objectives for faculty development, faculty champion’s guide, presentation slides, computer module, videos, handouts, evaluation form, and other resources.


Handoff training module description for medical students rotating through Emergency Medicine, based on SBAR.


Workshop format that includes instructor’s guide, workshop slides, patient signout card, and standardized patient case.


Includes the I-PASS Campaign materials that were designed to ensure successful I-PASS implementation at other institutions. There is an Implementation Workbook and Curriculum Log provided that give practical step-by-step instructions regarding I-PASS planning, development, and implementation.


Simulation-based training method that includes handoff training with simulation guide, educational slides, and assessment and debrief tools.


Materials for a 2-hour didactic, interactive session, and 1-hour simulation.


Provides Faculty Observation Tools that contains a set of assessment tools designed to be used by residency programs implementing the I-PASS Core Resident Workshop in order to ensure that residents acquire competency in handoff skills, as well as to reinforce the I-PASS techniques and ensure sustainment of the I-PASS Handoff Curriculum.


Part of a larger patient safety curriculum, this module includes instructor’s guide with additional resources listed, slides for sessions, and implementation worksheet.


Surgical handoff video.

All relevant handover training materials and data collection instruments are available at the CRISS website: http://www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/cris/ and/or AHRQ’s Patient Safety Toolkit (http://www.ahrq.gov/professionals/systems/hospital/qitoolkit/qiroadmap.html).


Includes a curricular blueprint for teaching and assessing resident handoff skills based on ACGME competencies, and anchored by training level, pp 12-14.


One-page handout with instructional techniques relevant to cognitive load theory.

Explains cognitive load theory and presents techniques designed to increase learner proficiency.

YouTube Handoff Videos (Selected)

Communication handoff: PACU to inpatient. Available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q2ZtB4HSiYU. Accessed August 27, 2017.

Correct clinical handover. Available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rn6r_hFWP0Q. Accessed August 27, 2017.

Do’s and don’ts of patient handoffs. Available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dOm7SxFZCG8. Accessed August 26, 2017.

ISBAR handover: PACU to Ward. Available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7qhOtyPZ7mY. Accessed August 27, 2017.

OR nurse shift change using SBAR-situation, background, assessment, recommendation. Available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aYZx1l8rkXA. Accessed August 27, 2017.


Patient handoffs: PASSONS. Available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wSyV5F6m-VU. Accessed August 26, 2017.


