How to Give Effective Feedback
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- Before you provide feedback, make sure you acknowledge, understand, and appreciate the benefits of constructive feedback. As an educator, you are privileged, you are privileged with the ability to support a learner’s growth into an independent practitioner.

- Recognize barriers to providing feedback, including:
  - Lack of private setting
  - Feeling uncomfortable
  - Inexperience with providing feedback
  - Fear of retaliation such as poorly scored teaching evaluations

- Pro-Tips:
  - Set expectations in advance – ask your learner what they want feedback on. This can be done during the pre-operative evaluation
  - With your learner, predetermine when feedback will occur – e.g., real-time versus end-of-day
  - Use open ended questions and allow for clarification
  - Focus on specific behaviors that the learner can improve upon as opposed to personality traits
  - Encourage the learner to actively solicit feedback – either verbally or through online platforms – e.g., have the learner request online evaluations
  - Use a structured feedback model
  - Be aware of your learner’s emotional state and how feedback may affect them in the moment – e.g., did they just navigate an unexpected poor outcome
  - Realize that feedback is a two-way street
    - Ask your learner for your own feedback!

- Avoid common pitfalls
  - Avoid the compliment sandwich
  - This is not the time for a long lecture
  - Do not say/write “read more” or “nice job”
  - Avoid comparing the learner to their peers

**R2C2 Model** – Start outward and move in. Begin with an introductory statement and then move into the actual feedback.

1. “How do you think the day went? What was your most valued patient encounter?”
2. “Did anything surprise you? Did you meet your own expectations for the day?”
3. “Is anything about the day still unclear?”
4. “What will you take away from today? How will you apply that?” – Use SMART goals!

**ADAPT Model**

- **Learner Initiates**
  - Reflect on learning goals.
  - Communicate your goals.
  - Plan for the observation.
  - Try to be natural.
- **Prepare for the observation**
  - Reflect on program & learner goals.
  - Orient learner to expectations.
  - Perform the observation.
  - Try to be neutral.
- **Coach Initiates**
  - Reflect on the observation.
  - Ask for feedback.
  - Discuss.
  - ASK for clarification.
  - ASK learner to clarify points, as necessary.
  - Plan next steps with your coach.
  - Plan Together.

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