



## EFFECTIVENESS OF ROLE PLAY TO IMPROVISE COMMUNICATION SKILLS TO GET INFORMED CONSENT FOR SURGERY FOR OPHTHALMOLOGY INTERNS

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### KEYWORDS :

#### INTRODUCTION:

Strong communication abilities are a fundamental aspect of medical professionalism. The nature of clinical communication is intricate, and a combination of individual traits and educational experiences shapes how medical students acquire these competencies(1). In all clinical environments, medical students must conduct patient interviews effectively and communicate persuasively regarding health concerns(2). Instilling strong communication habits during the early stages of training will benefit medical students and future healthcare professionals. Consistent instruction in effective communication should be an integral part of the medical college curriculum (3). The Medical Council of India's Vision 2015 document emphasizes the importance of incorporating communication skills training into the MBBS curriculum (4).

#### Objectives

1. To inculcate the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively to get informed consent for surgery
2. To assess the effectiveness of role play in learning communication skills

#### MATERIAL AND METHODS:

**Type Of Study:** Prospective interventional study

Study included the interns posted in Department of Ophthalmology from July to October 2021, 25 interns were included. The checklist including points for informed consent, attitude and communication skills was prepared and validated.

Each intern was given a pre-test, was asked to take informed consent for cataract surgery, and they were scored according to the checklist using LIKERT score on the 3rd to 5th day of their posting. Then, interns were taught about the correct method of taking informed consent by ROLE PLAY. They were given freedom to take informed consent.

Approximately after 4 months of their internship, Interns were called back and post-test was given, again they were asked to informed consent and scored according to checklist using LIKERT score. Feedback was also taken at the same time regarding the study and scored using LIKERT scale

#### RESULTS:

Highly significant difference between pretest and post-test values was observed. Students feedback about the project- Effectiveness of role play to improvise communication skills to get informed consent for surgery for interns was excellent.

#### CONCLUSION

Our study results have shown ROLE PLAY as an effective tool to teach soft skills like taking informed consent and can be implemented to teach attitude and communication skills.

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