Learning climate
Establishing a good bedside learning climate means being open, friendly and thoughtful with both your students and the patient during the activity. Examples could include:
• Introduce self and learners to the patient
• Set an agenda with the patient and learners
• Demonstrate sensitivity to diversity
• Show enthusiasm and interest
• Encourage learners expression of uncertainty
• Make appropriate eye contact with learners and patients

Comments on climate:

Learner Interactions
A master bedside educator is able to engage learners, encourage questions and foster self-directed learning while providing useful feedback. Examples could include:
• Skillfully ask questions to guide the learners thinking
• Offer sufficient wait time after questions (7 seconds)
• Offer respectful and encouraging responses to questions
• Promote self directed learning and peer teaching
• Know the learners and adjusts session accordingly
• Act respectfully to learners uncertainties
• Provides both constructive and reinforcing feedback

Comments on interactions:

Managing the session
A well-managed bedside teaching session has a clear agenda and the instructor is respectful of both the learner and patient’s time. Examples could include:
• Communicates clear goals and objectives
• Sets a time frame for teaching and follows it
• Summary statements provided at conclusion of lesson
• Uses adaptive leadership skills

Comments on session management:

Content
Appropriate lesson content is clearly stated, supported by evidence and relevant to the patient. Examples include:
• Main teaching points clear
• Amount of material appropriate for content and time
• Supporting information provided (i.e. physical findings)
• Appropriate examples used to enhance teaching points
• Instructor related ideas to learner’s prior knowledge

Comments on content:

Final Thoughts (to be completed by the resident):
Based on your feedback, please list 2-3 specific areas you will work on in your next bedside teaching session:
1) ____________________________________________________
2) ____________________________________________________
3) ____________________________________________________