



Yale Internal Medicine Clinician Educator Distinction

Structured Observation: Bedside Teaching

Teacher: _____ CED Resident: _____ Date: _____

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

Based on your feedback, please list 2 things the teacher did well and 2 things the teacher could improve upon:

Final comments:
