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## Learning needs & professional development Academic feedback



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# Overview

Learner

Learning activities

Content

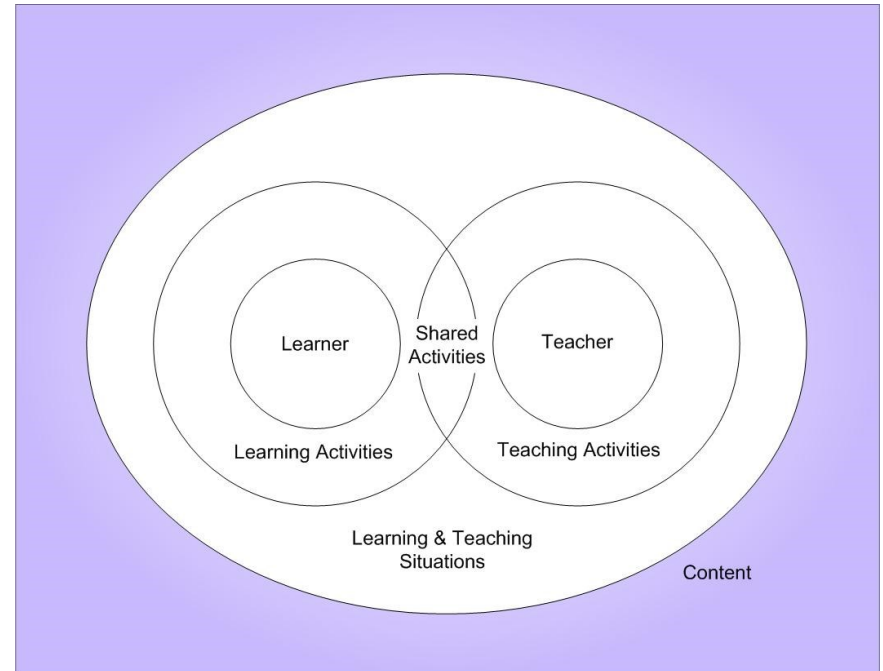
Teacher

Learning & teaching situations

Teaching activities

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Academic feedback



Think about one (or a group)  
of your learners. How much do  
you really know about them?

# Learner – every one is different

Prior learning

Experience

Memory and association

Motivational factors

Intrinsic (e.g. interest, will to succeed...)

Extrinsic (e.g. assessment, approval...)

Commitments (e.g. family, part-time job)

Learning styles / preferences...

# Learner style / preference / approach

Deep, Superficial, Strategic (**Marton & Säljö**)

Diverging, Assimilating, Converging, Accomodating... (**Kolb**)

Visual, Auditory, Kinesthetic +/- Read/write (**Barbe, Fleming**)

‘Multiple Intelligences’ - Linguistic, Mathematical, Musical,  
Kinaesthetic, Visiospatial, Inter- & Intra-personal (**Gardner**)

**Myers-Briggs** Inventory

**Honey & Mumford** Learning Styles Questionnaire

# The appeal of learning styles

Simple solution to complex problems

Plausible explanation for failure of some students

Opportunity to explore nature of teaching and learning

Help focus attention on needs of learners

Emphasise individual rather than organisational responsibilities

# Problems with learning styles

Theoretical incoherence and conceptual confusion

Variable quality of learning style models

No clear implications for pedagogy

Decontextualised and depoliticised view of learning and learners

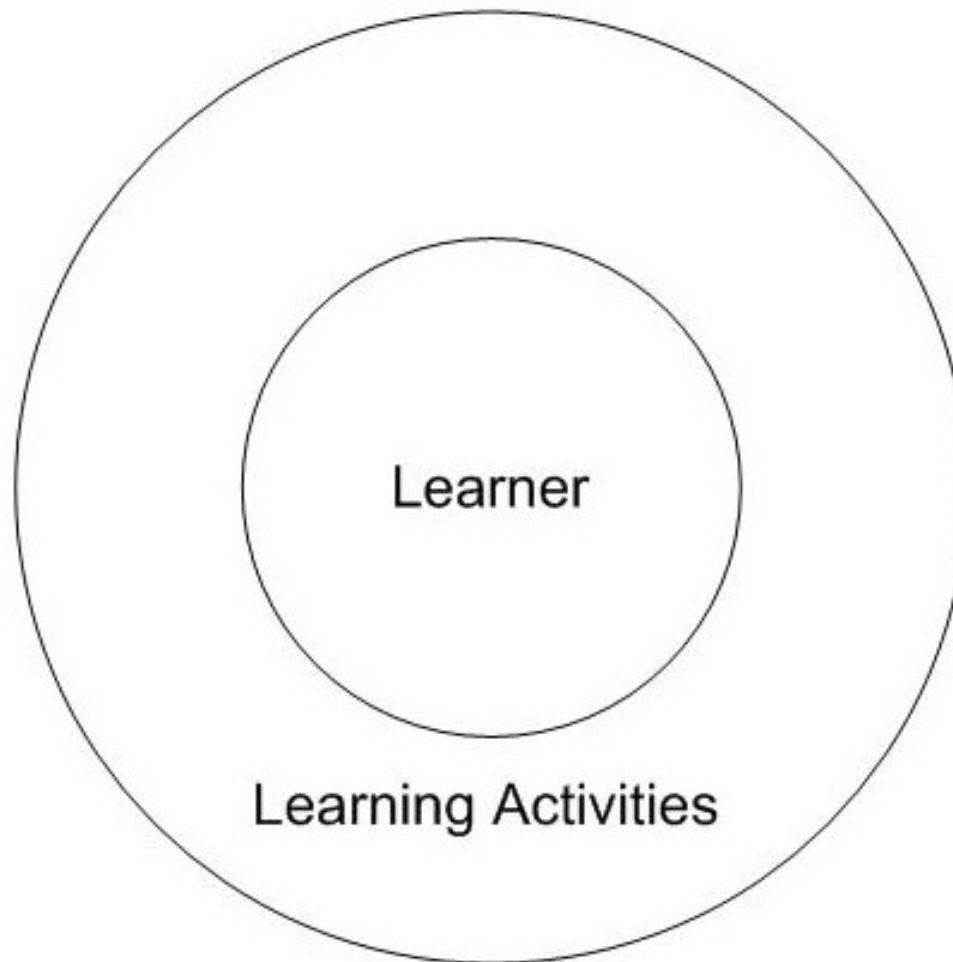
Neglect of knowledge

# Learning Styles reference

Coffield, F.; Moseley, D.; Hall, E. & Ecclestone, K. (2004) *Should we be using learning styles? What research has to say to practice*. London: Learning & Skills Research Centre.

[www.LSRC.ac.uk](http://www.LSRC.ac.uk)





What sorts of things can (your)  
learners do to help them learn?

# Learner – learning theories

Behavioural learning theories (**Pavlov, Skinner**)

Cognitive learning theories (**Piaget, Bruner, Gagne, Ausubel, Vygotsky**)

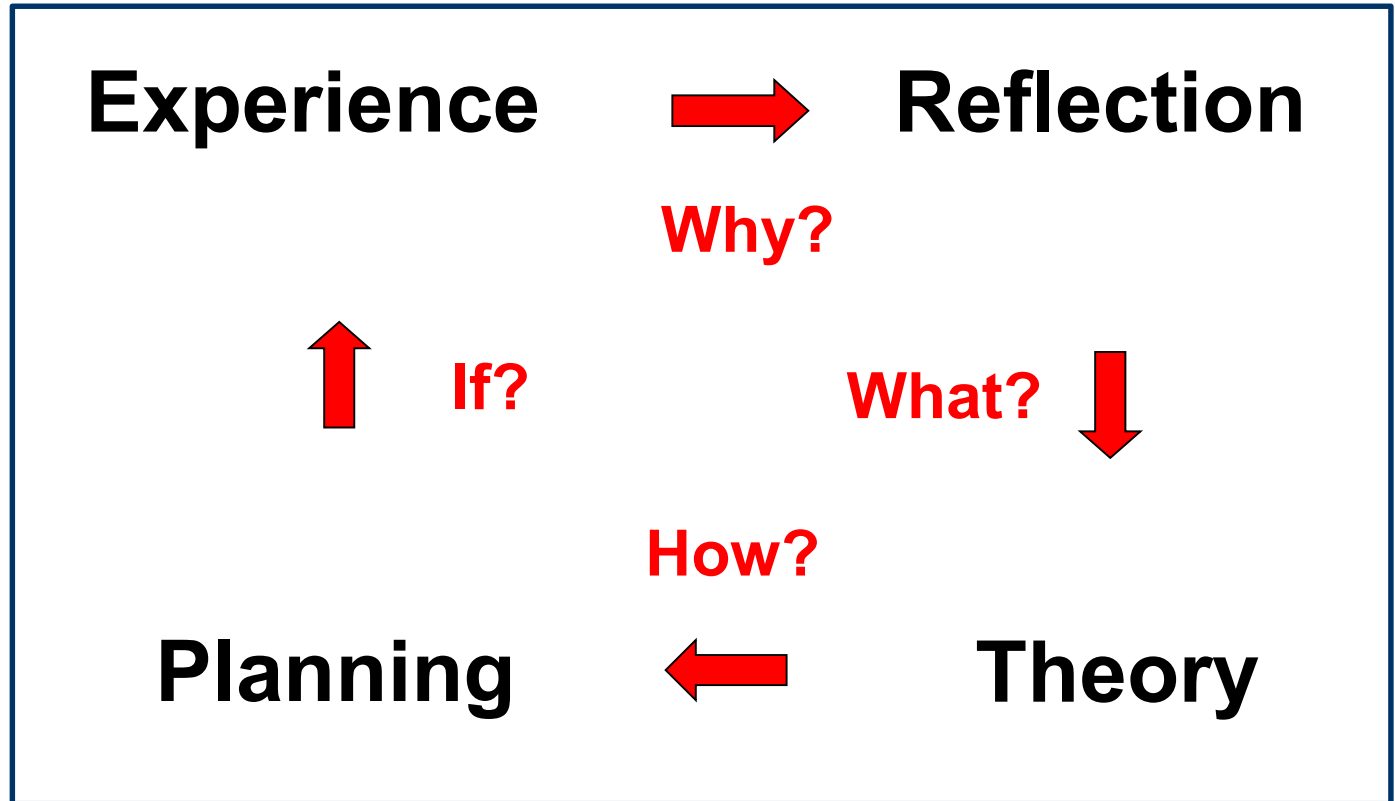
Adult learning theory (**Knowles** ‘Andragogy’)

Student-centred theories (**Entwistle, Marton, Biggs**)

Experiential learning theory (**Kolb**’s learning cycle)...

# Kolb's Cycle – experiential learning

Effective learning involves all 4 (although may have preference)



Adapted from: Kolb DA (1984) Experiential learning. Experience as the source of learning and development. New Jersey: Prentice-Hall

# Reflective Practice (Schön 1987)

Ability to:

Practise as an autonomous professional

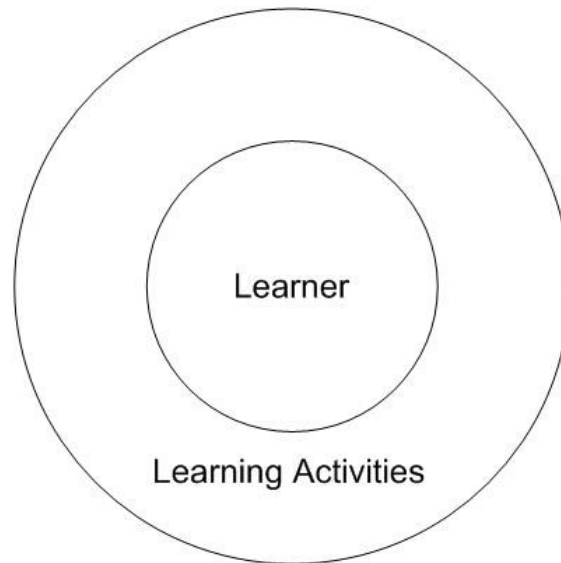
Recollect, think, reason and deliberate

Recognise & explore confusing situations

Engage in self assessment / critique

Change behaviours / thinking as a result

Adapt to change



**Content**

How do (your) learners know  
what they need to learn?

How do you know what you  
need to learn?

# Content - terminology



Learning outcome (LO)

Learning objective

Behavioural objective

Aim

Goal

Intention

Competence

Competency

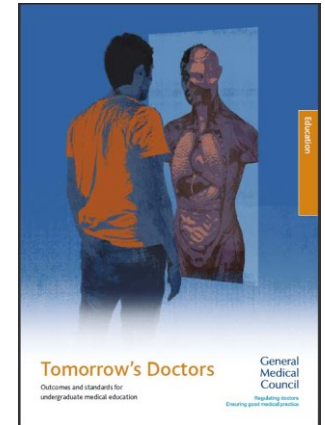
Capability

Performance

EPA (Entrustable Professional Activity)



# GMC Tomorrow's Doctors



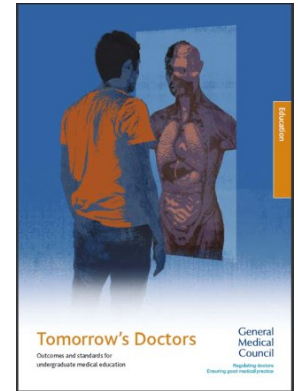
Learning outcomes for medical graduates:

- 1) The doctor as a scholar and a scientist
- 2) The doctor as a practitioner
- 3) The doctor as a professional

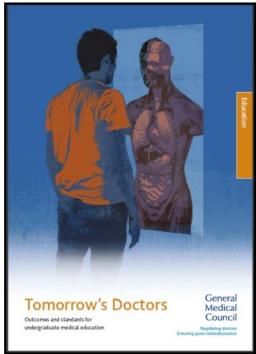
GMC (2009) Tomorrow's doctors: recommendations on undergraduate medical education. London: General Medical Council. Online: [http://www.gmc-uk.org/static/documents/content/TomorrowsDoctors\\_2009.pdf](http://www.gmc-uk.org/static/documents/content/TomorrowsDoctors_2009.pdf)

# GMC Tomorrow's Doctors

- 1) The doctor as a scholar and a scientist
  - 8a) *Explain the scientific bases for common disease presentations*
- 2) The doctor as a practitioner
  - 13c) *Perform a full physical examination*
- 3) The doctor as a professional
  - 22c) *Work with colleagues in ways that best serve the interests of patients, passing on information and handing over care, demonstrating flexibility, adaptability and a problem-solving approach*



# Content – ‘Constructive alignment’



**Define  
LO**

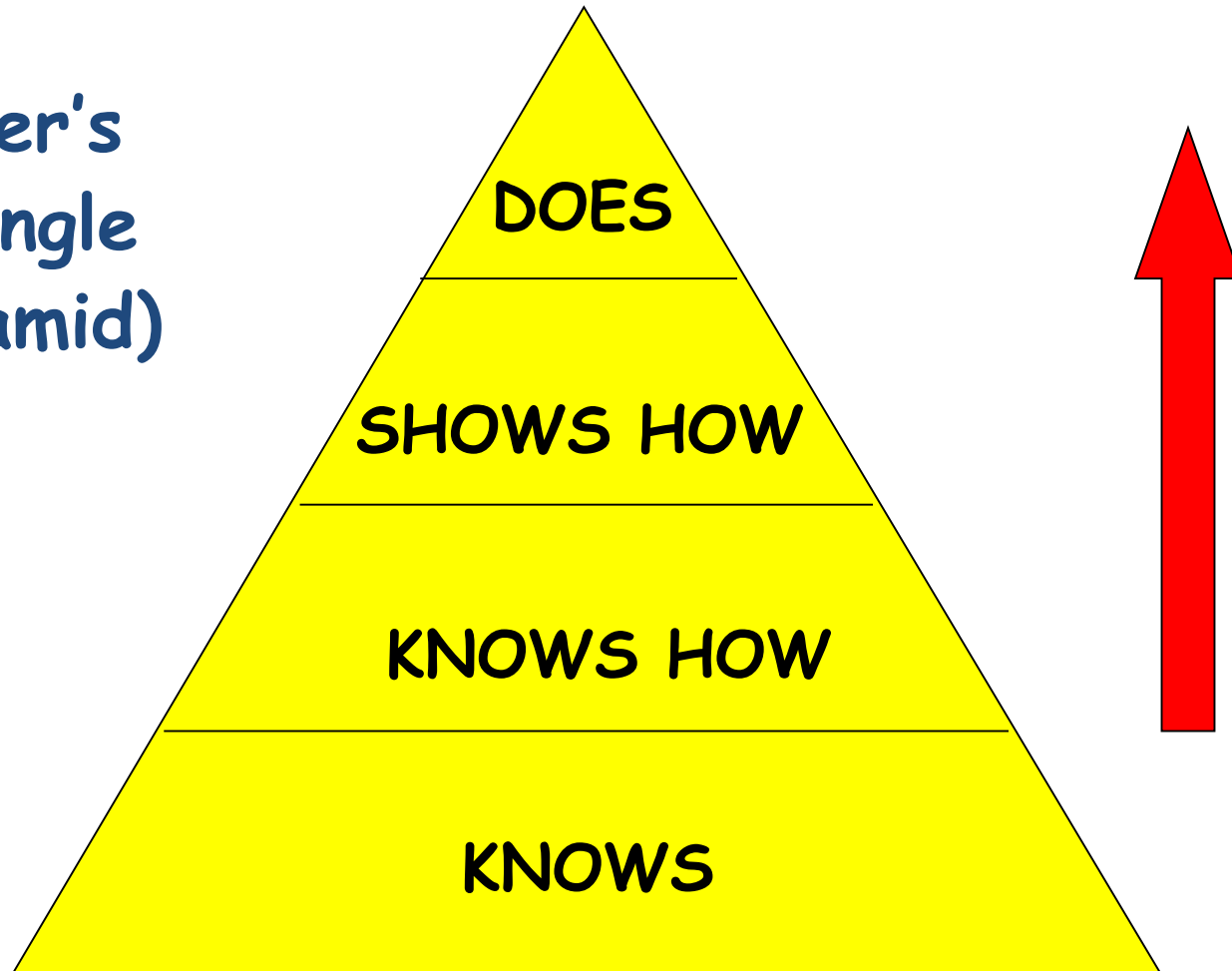
**Student-centred  
Teaching & Learning**

**Appropriate  
assessment**

**Evaluation**

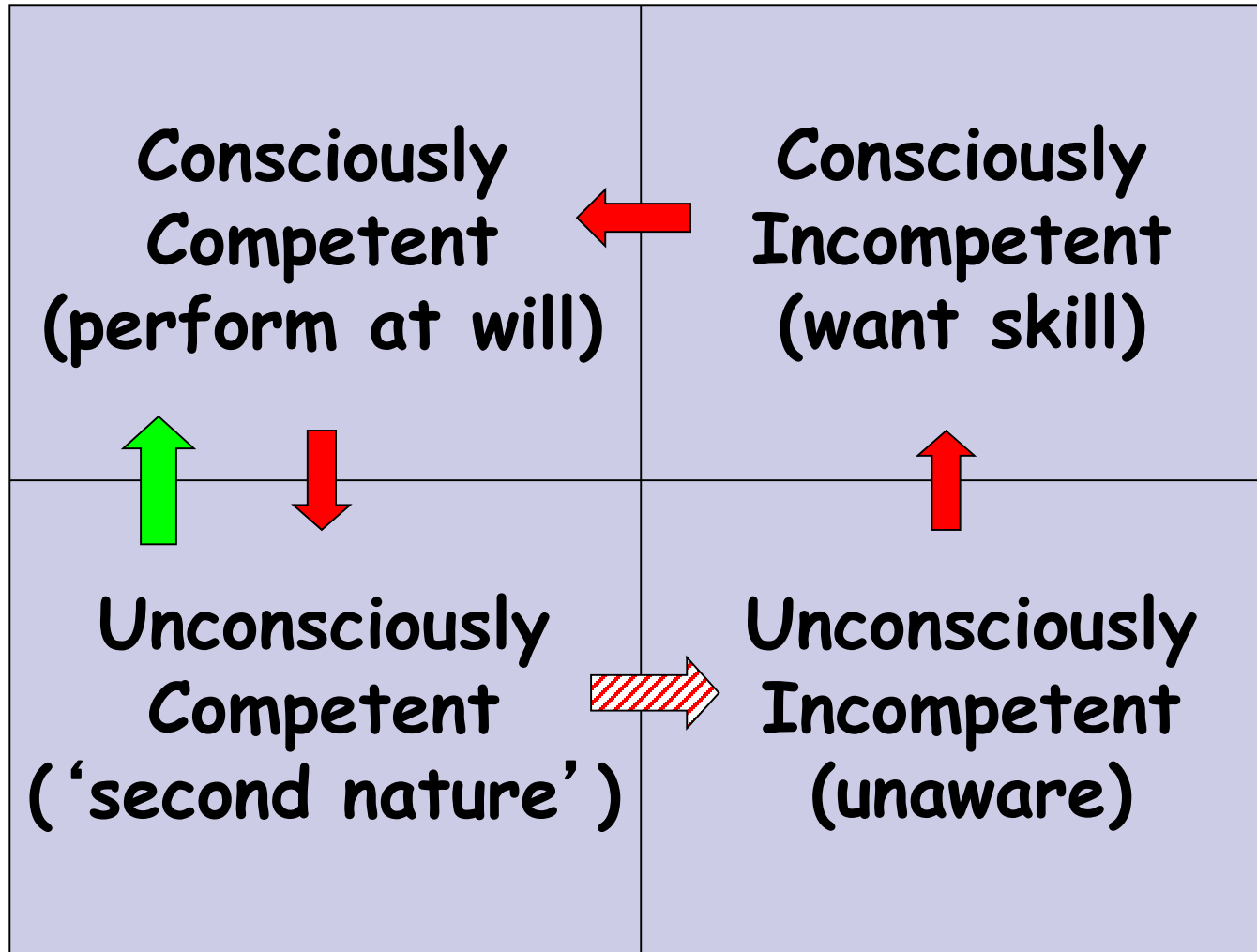
Biggs J (1996) Enhancing teaching through constructive alignment. HE 32:347-

**Miller's  
Triangle  
(pyramid)**



Miller (1990) The assessment of clinical skills /  
performance. Acad Med (Suppl) 65:S63-70

# Content – mastery of skills



Luft J, Ingham H (1955) The Johari window, a graphic model of interpersonal awareness. Proceedings of the western training laboratory in group development. Los Angeles, UCLA

# Identifying Learning Needs

## **SELF**

- Self Appraisal
- Reflecting on practice
- Observing others
- Reading
- Critical incident analysis



## **Appraisal and mentoring**

- Reflective writing
- Practice diaries
- Logbooks
- Portfolio
- Assessments

## **FROM OTHERS**

- Feedback – 360 degree appraisal
- Patient Feedback
- Audit
- Assessment
- Academic Feedback



# Cognitive Load Theory

‘Working memory’ (<30 sec) has limited capacity

Excessive ‘cognitive load’ on this can impair learning

3 types of load

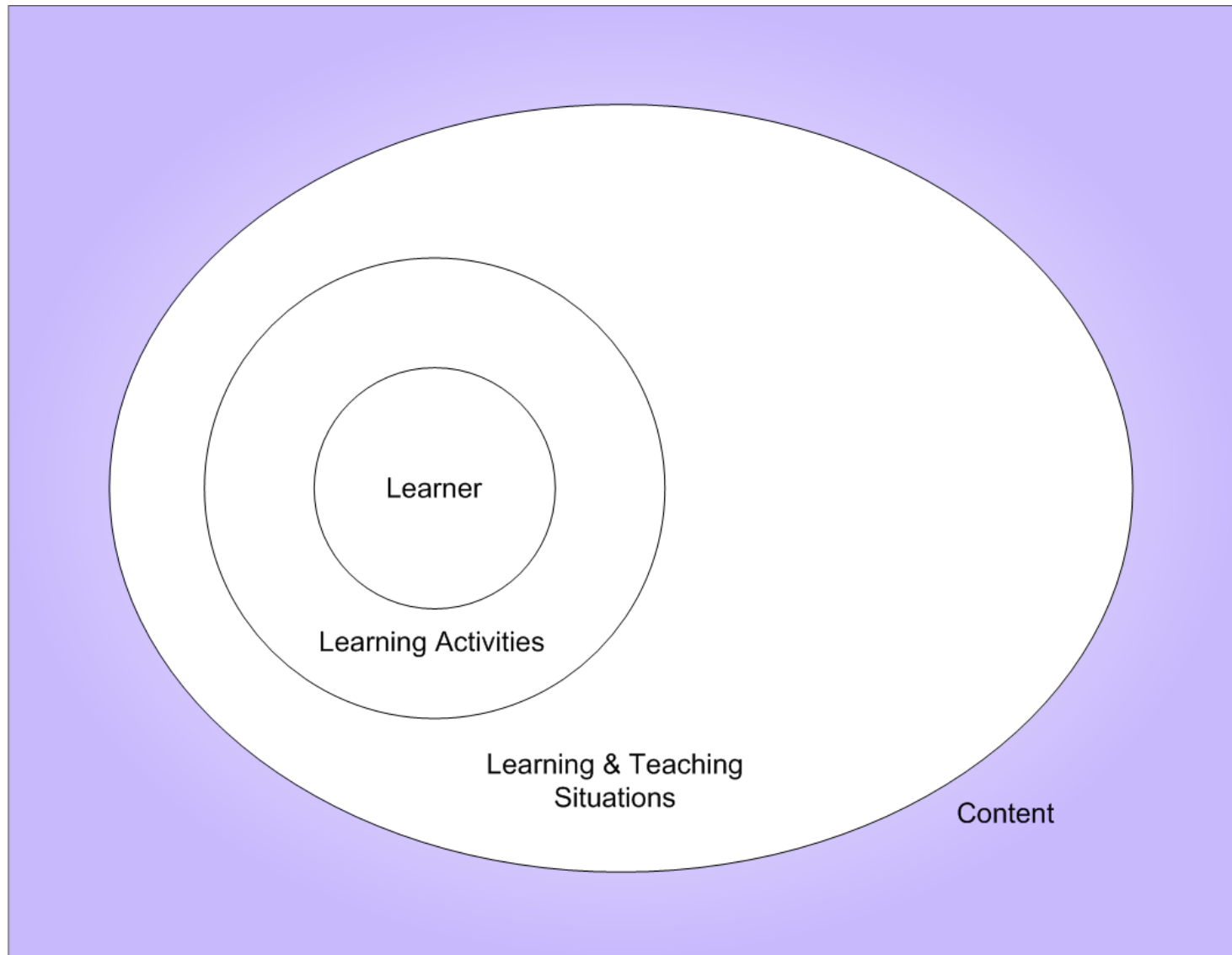
- Intrinsic (grasping the content / task to learn)
- Extraneous (non-essential aspects of situation)
- Germane or ‘Generative’ (learning processes)

Sequence, reduce ‘elements’, tailor to individual

Avoid distractions, align, clear tasks & examples

Learning & teaching strategies to maximise retention

See e.g. Young et al. 2014 AMEE Guide 86. Med Teach 36(5):371-84





# Where do (your) learners learn?

# Key concepts: L&T Situations

Any situation or context in which learning or teaching occur

Can described by name (e.g. lecture, pbl tutorial, ward round, outpatient clinic)

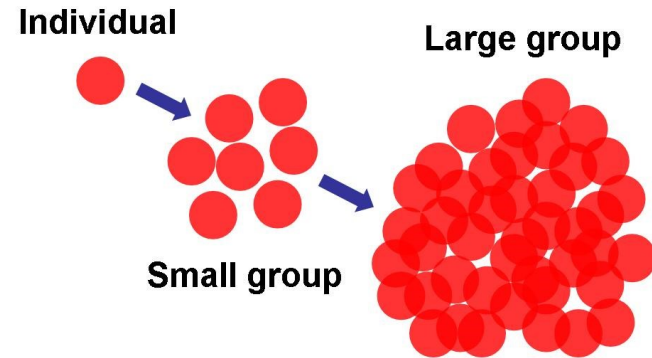
Can also be described by variables such as number of learners, presence of patients...

Preferences relate to learning styles

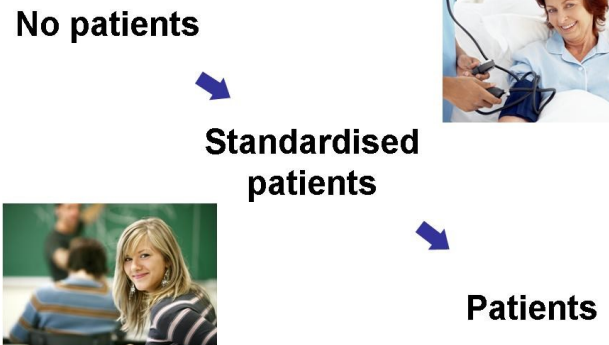
### 1) Presence of learners & teachers



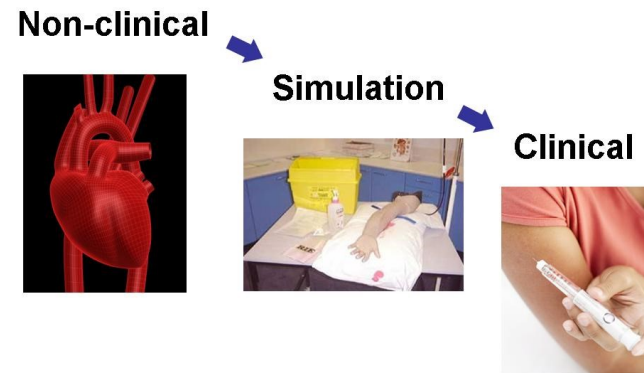
### 2) Number of learners



### 3) Presence of patients



### 4) Authenticity



Ross MT, Stenfors-Hayes T (2009) Developing a typology of learning & teaching situations in undergraduate medical education. Poster at ASME ASM, Edinburgh

### 5) Centrality of teacher

**Presenter**



**Tutor**



**Facilitator**

**(i.e. student passive – active)**

### 6) Degree of learner responsibility

**Observing**



**Independent practice**



**Limited / supervised practice**

### 7) Degree of formality

**Informal**



**Semi-formal**



**Formal**

### 8) Degree of physicality

**Physical**

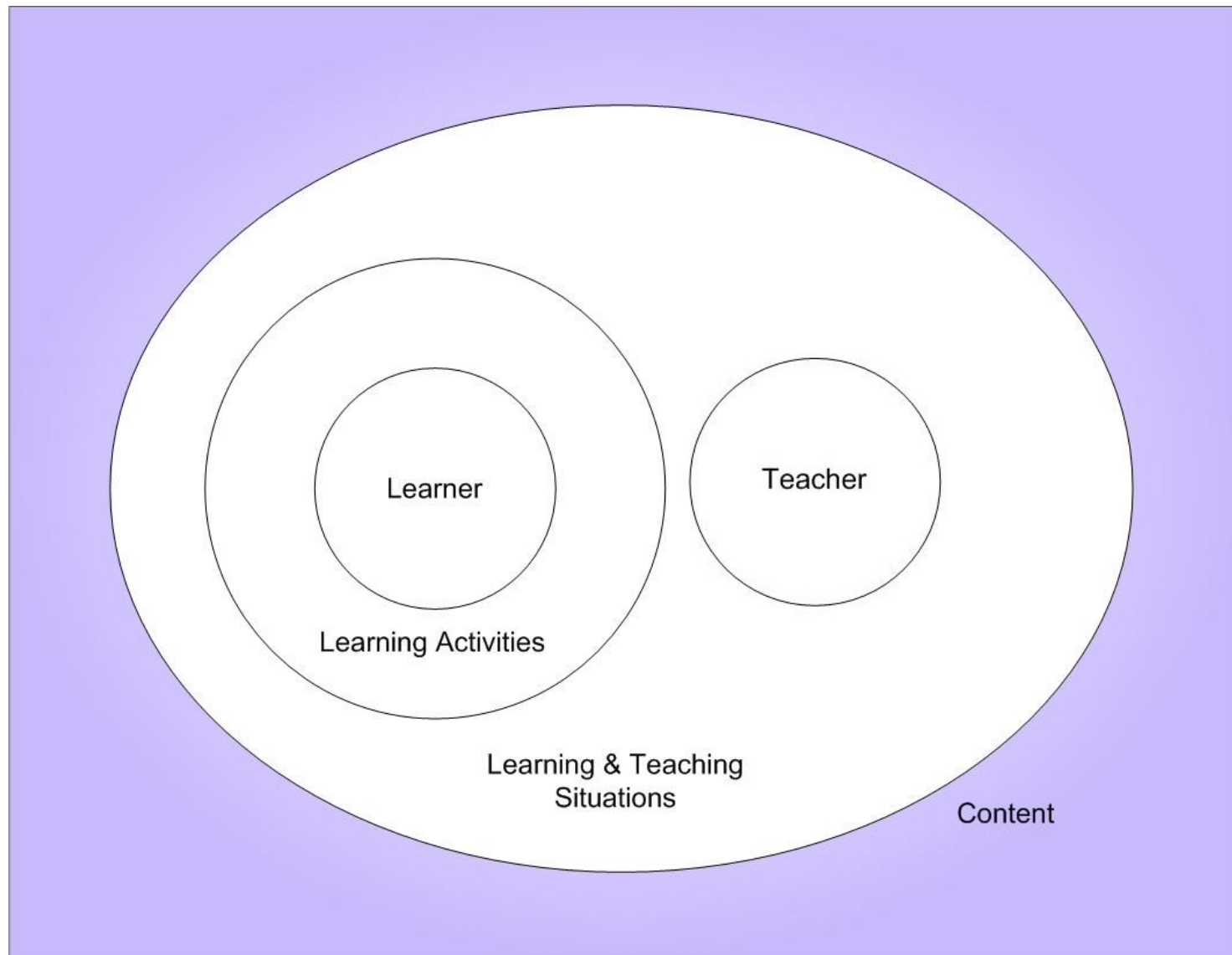


**Blended**



**Virtual**

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UoE EdD Thesis  
Online: [www.  
researchgate.net  
/profile  
/Michael\\_Ross3](http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Michael_Ross3)

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 SYSTEM	 REFLECTIVE PRACTICE	 COMPETENCE	 DIRECTING ACTIVITY	 IMPARTING INFORMATION
 TRANSMISSION	 APPRENTICESHIP	 FACILITATING UNDERSTANDING	 SUPPORTING GROWTH	 SUPPORTING TRANSFORMATION
 SOCIAL REFORM	 MANAGED PROCESS	 SCHOLARSHIP	 PARENT – CHILD INTERACTION	 ADULT – ADULT INTERACTION
 LEARNING ACTIVITY	 ASSESSMENT	 PROVIDING RESOURCES	 TARGETING LEARNING NEEDS	 GENERATING ENTHUSIASM



# Have you tried the TPI?

‘Teaching Perspectives Inventory’

Pratt & Collins (1998)

[www.teachingperspectives.com/tpi/](http://www.teachingperspectives.com/tpi/)

Insights? Surprises? Problems?

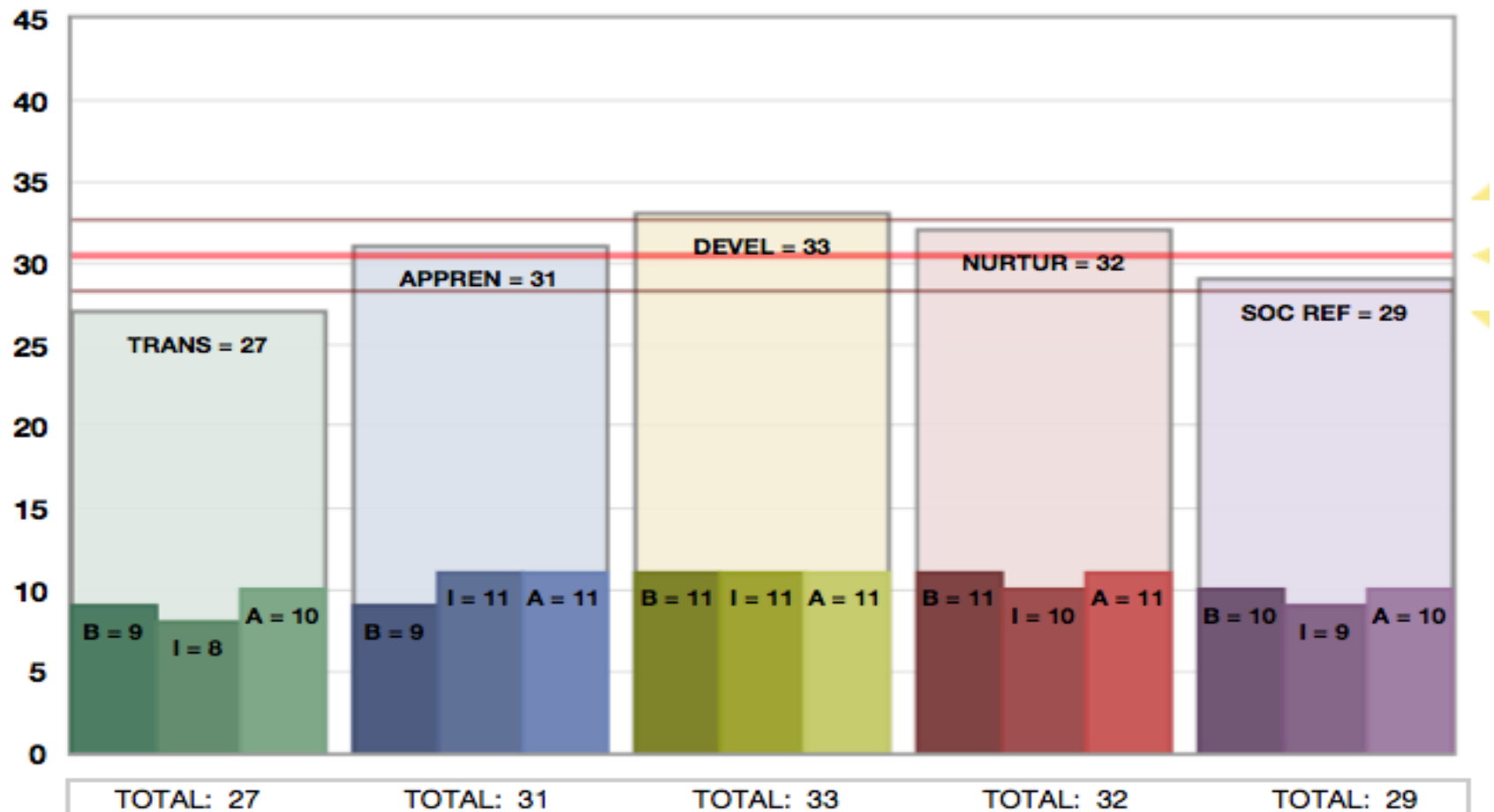
Strengths & weaknesses of the TPI?

Aligned beliefs / intentions / actions?



## TPI Profile Sheet

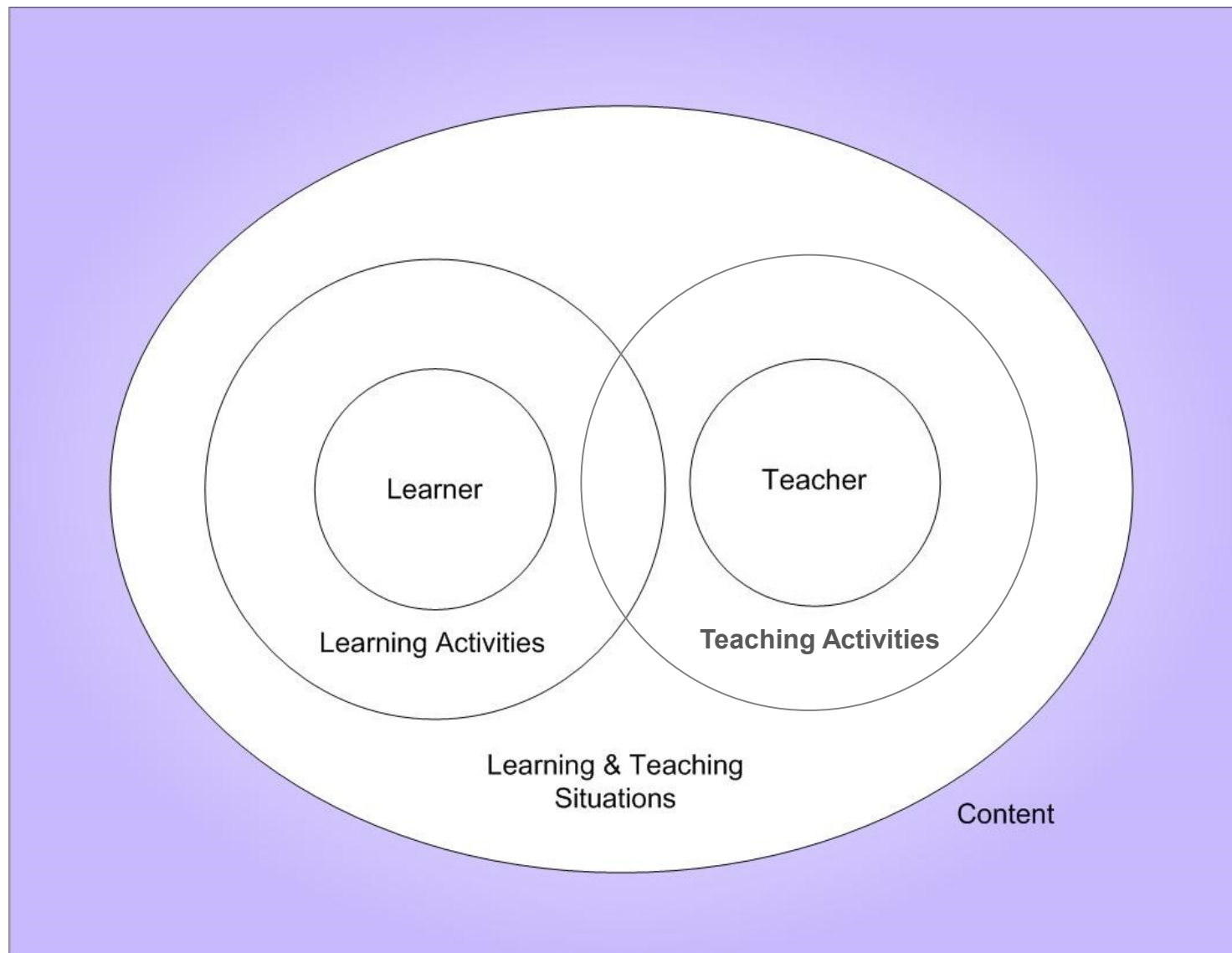
Thank you for taking the TPI. Your results are represented on the graph below. For information on how to interpret your results, please see the Interpretation page



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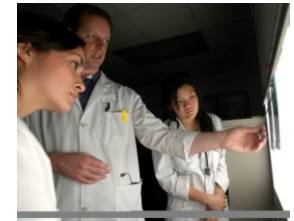


# What do clinical teachers (you) do?

# Teaching Activities

## 1. Facilitating

- a) Facilitating content learning (theoretical & practical)
- b) Facilitating personal & professional development
- c) Relating to learners and providing perspectives
- d) Giving information and demonstrating
- e) Assessment with feedback



## 2. Managing

## 3. Learning & Community-Building



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# Teaching Activities

## 1. Facilitating

## 2. Managing

- a) Leading teaching & learning sessions
- b) Session and course organisation & development
- c) Developing learning environments
- d) Curriculum development, governance & policy
- e) Recruitment



## 3. Learning & Community-Building

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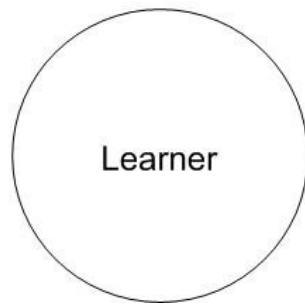


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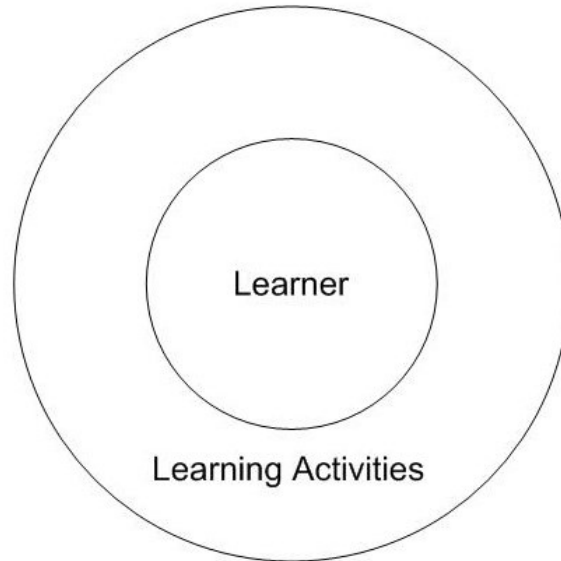
1. Facilitating
2. Managing
3. Learning & Community-Building
  - a) Informal reflective practice
  - b) Formal training & development
  - c) Local community-building
  - d) National & international community-building
  - e) Research

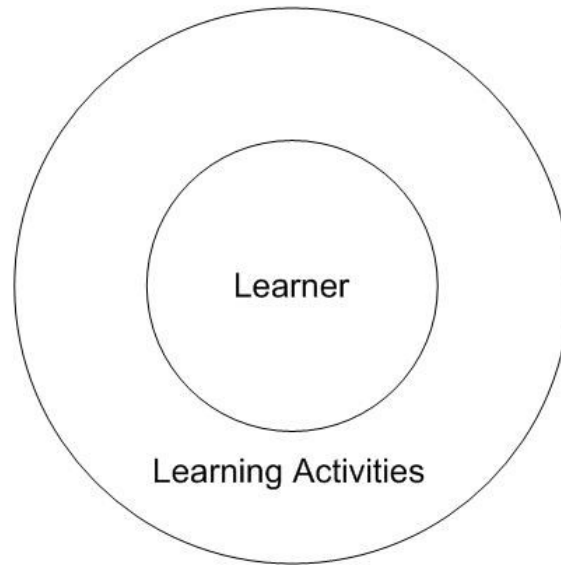


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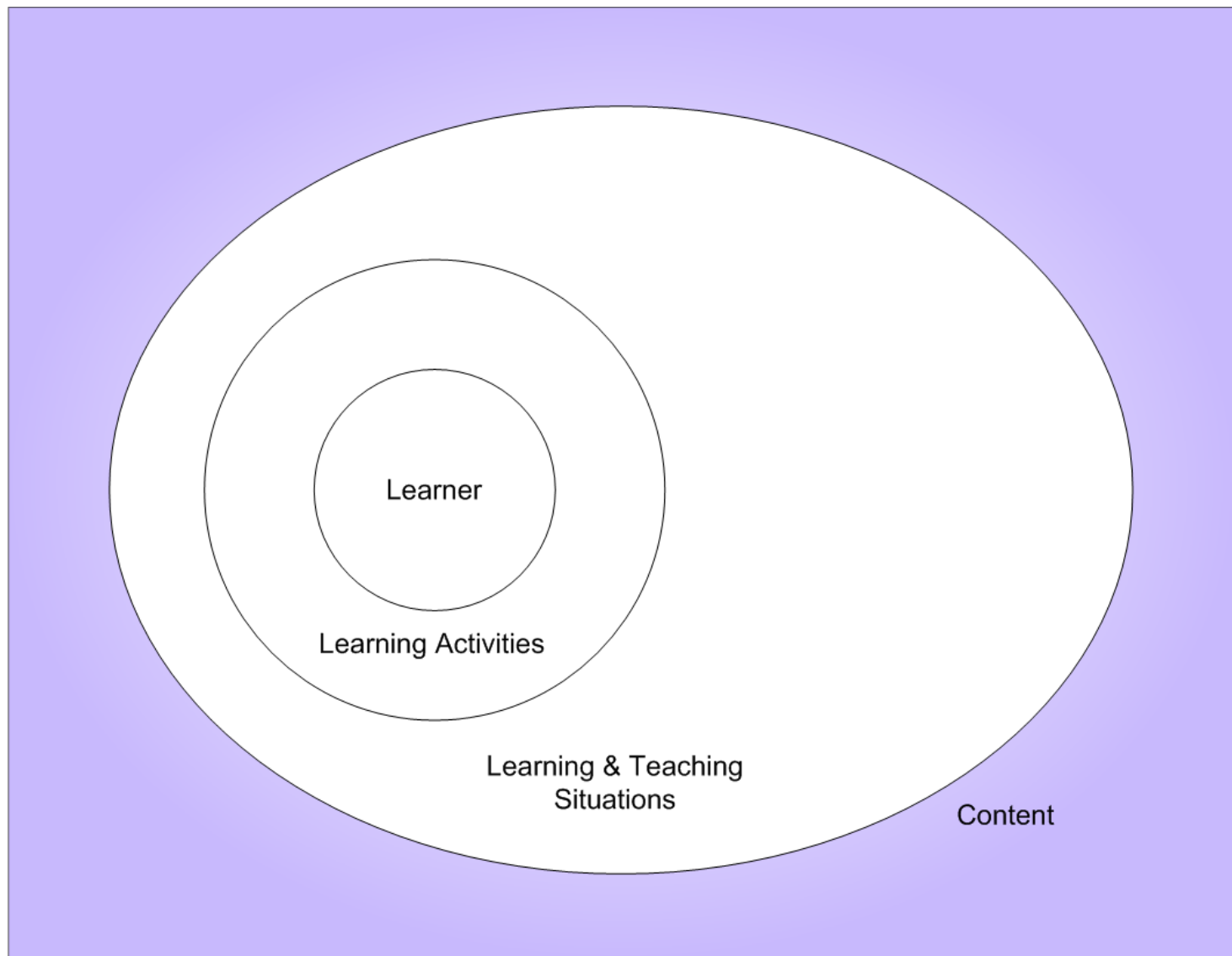


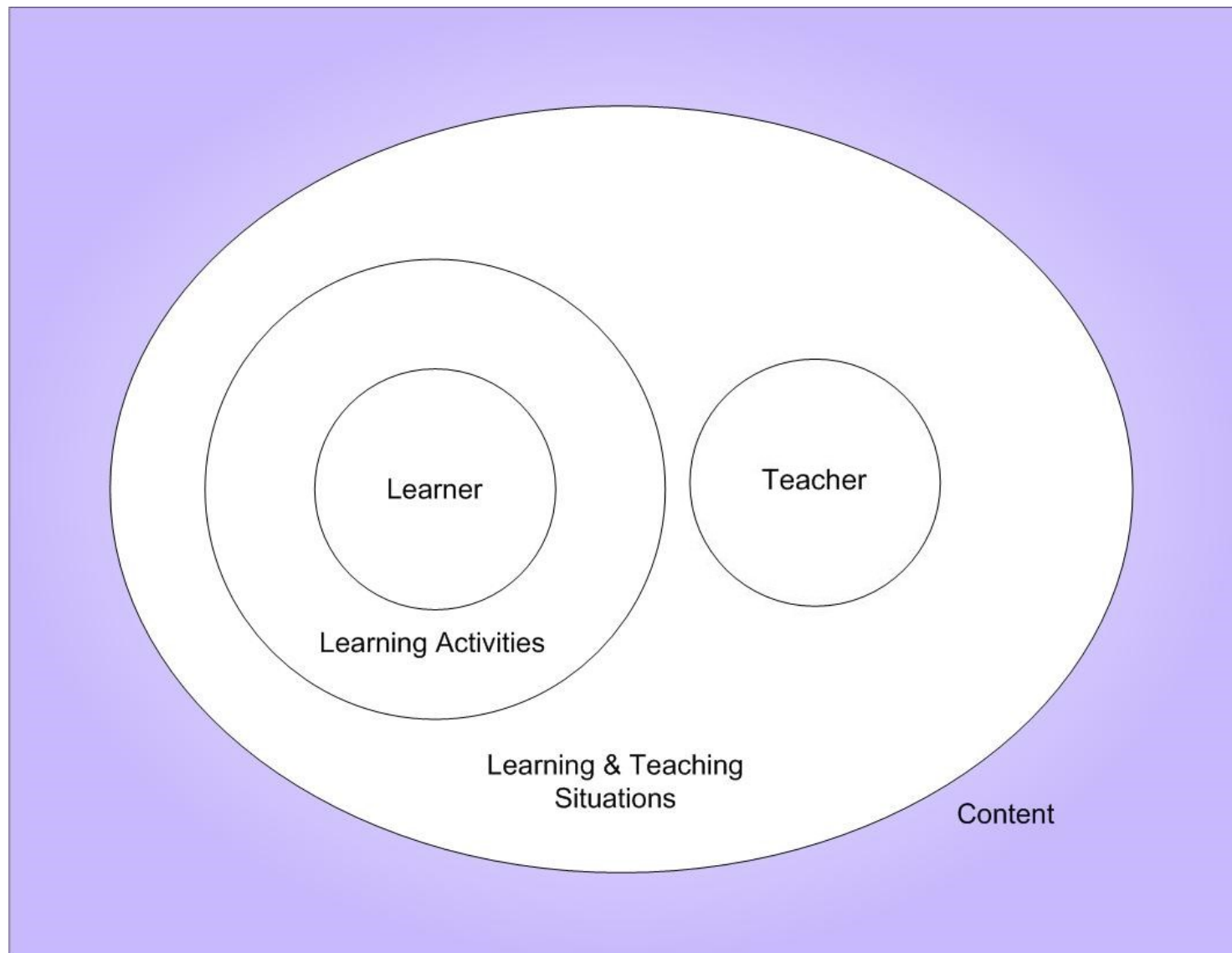


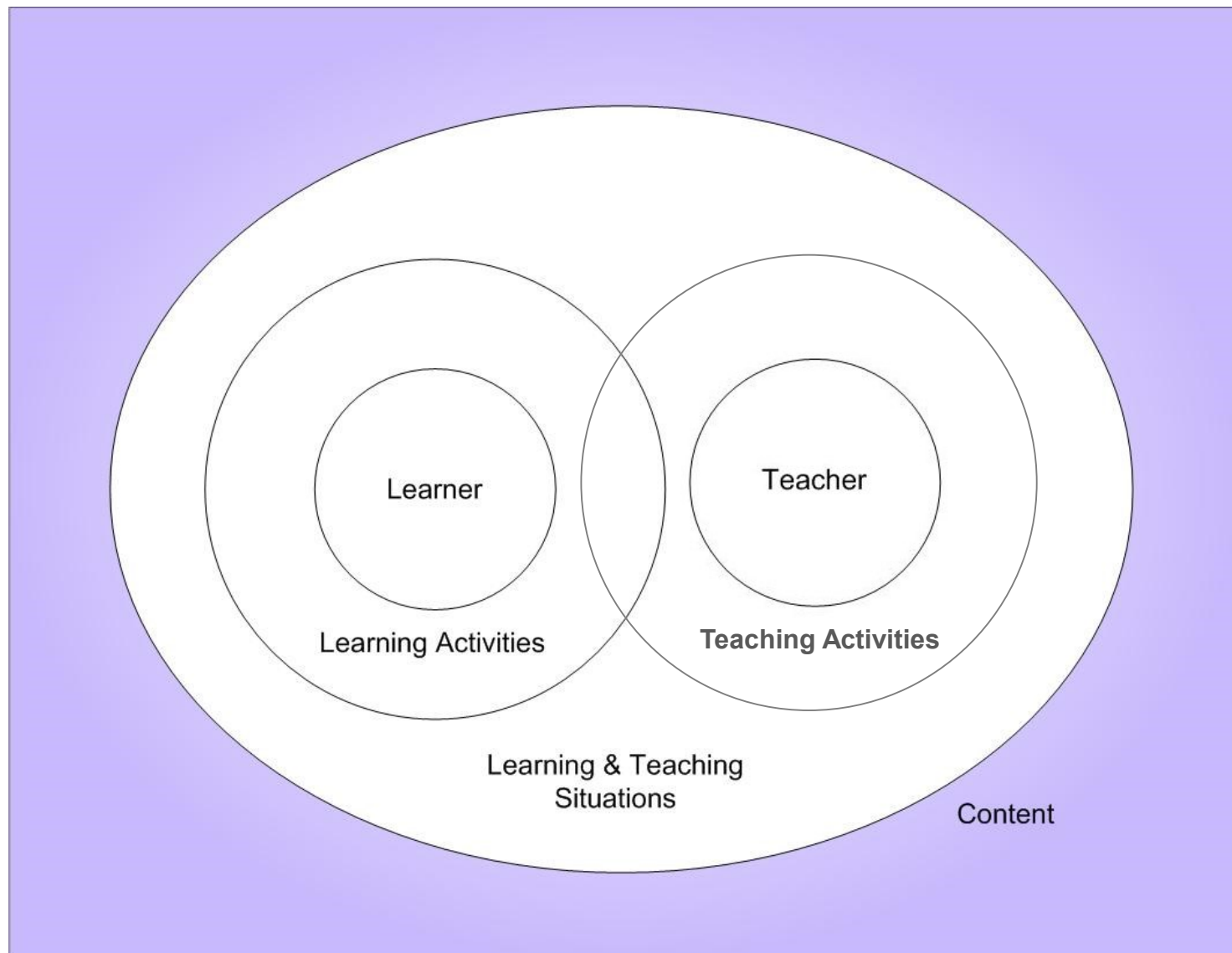


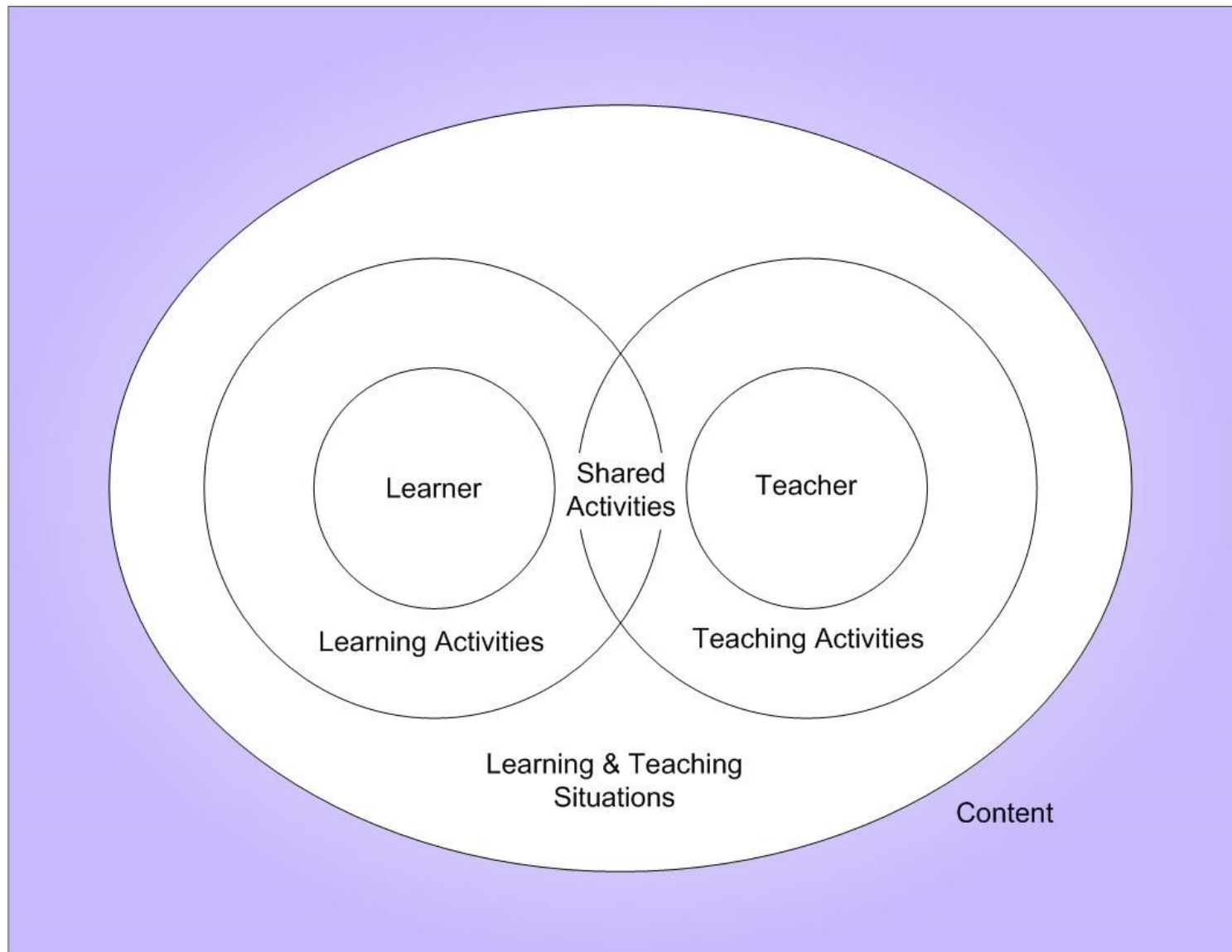


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# Summary: focus on the learner

#1. Teaching is about facilitating learning

Relatively few 'shared activities' – use wisely!

What the learner does is more important  
than what the teacher does

Find out about learners & teach accordingly

Marton F, Hounsell D, Entwistle N, (eds.) (2005) The experience of learning: implications for teaching and studying in higher education. 3rd (Internet) edition. Edinburgh: Centre for Teaching, Learning and Assessment, The University of Edinburgh.



# Feedback



# What do we mean by ‘academic feedback’?

# Academic feedback can be defined as:

“Specific information about the comparison between a trainee’s observed performance and a standard, given with the intent to improve the trainee’s performance”

Van de Ridder et al (2008) What is feedback in clinical education? Med Ed 42:189-197

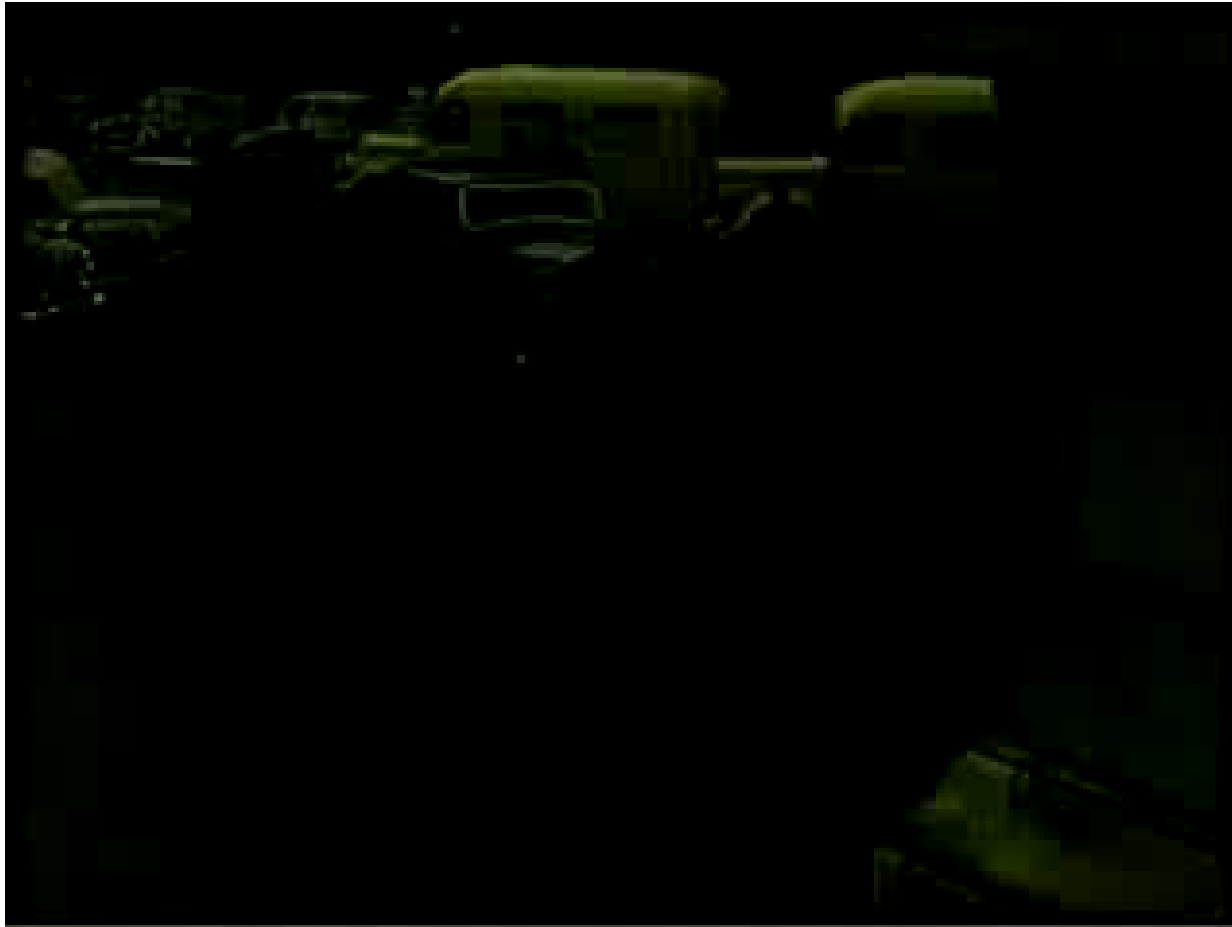
# Intrinsic vs. extrinsic feedback

“Intrinsic feedback” is a natural consequence of the action (e.g. missing a diagnosis because certain questions were not asked)

“Extrinsic feedback” is an external comment / judgement (e.g. tutor or peer assessment)


Laurillard D (1993) Rethinking University Teaching: a framework for the effective use of educational technology. London, Routledge. (p61-68)

What is your previous  
experience of receiving  
feedback ?



Doctor in the House (1954) Rank Organisation

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oVWjAeAa52o>



# The National Student Survey

→ ENTER THE SURVEY ←



NEARLY 2.7  
MILLION  
STUDENTS HAVE  
TAKEN THE NSS

THERE ARE  
23 CORE  
NSS QUESTIONS



THE SURVEY  
TAKES ABOUT  
10 MINUTES  
TO COMPLETE

MORE THAN  
7 OUT OF 10  
FINAL-YEAR  
STUDENTS  
COMPLETED  
THE 2015 NSS



WE TALK TO  
STUDENTS  
ACROSS THE UK

STUDENTS AT  
349  
INSTITUTIONS  
WERE ELIGIBLE  
TO TAKE PART



WHY TAKE THE NSS?

ABOUT THE NSS

Q&A: STUDENTS

Q&A: INSTITUTIONS

CONTACT US

[www.thestudentsurvey.com](http://www.thestudentsurvey.com)

Are there any principles  
which guide your feedback ?

# Feedback - Ende's principles

Feedback should be...

- well-timed and expected
- teacher & trainee working as allies with common goals
- based on first-hand data
- regulated in quantity & limited to remediable behaviors
- phrased in descriptive non-evaluative language
- about specific performances, not generalizations
- clearly labeled 'subjective' as appropriate
- on decisions / actions vs. assumed intentions / interpretations

Ende J (1983) Feedback in clinical medical education.  
Journal of the American Medical Association 250:777-781



# Usefulness $\neq$ Satisfaction

33 students taught to tie square knots

Randomised to receive feedback or compliments

Measure performance (before & after) and satisfaction

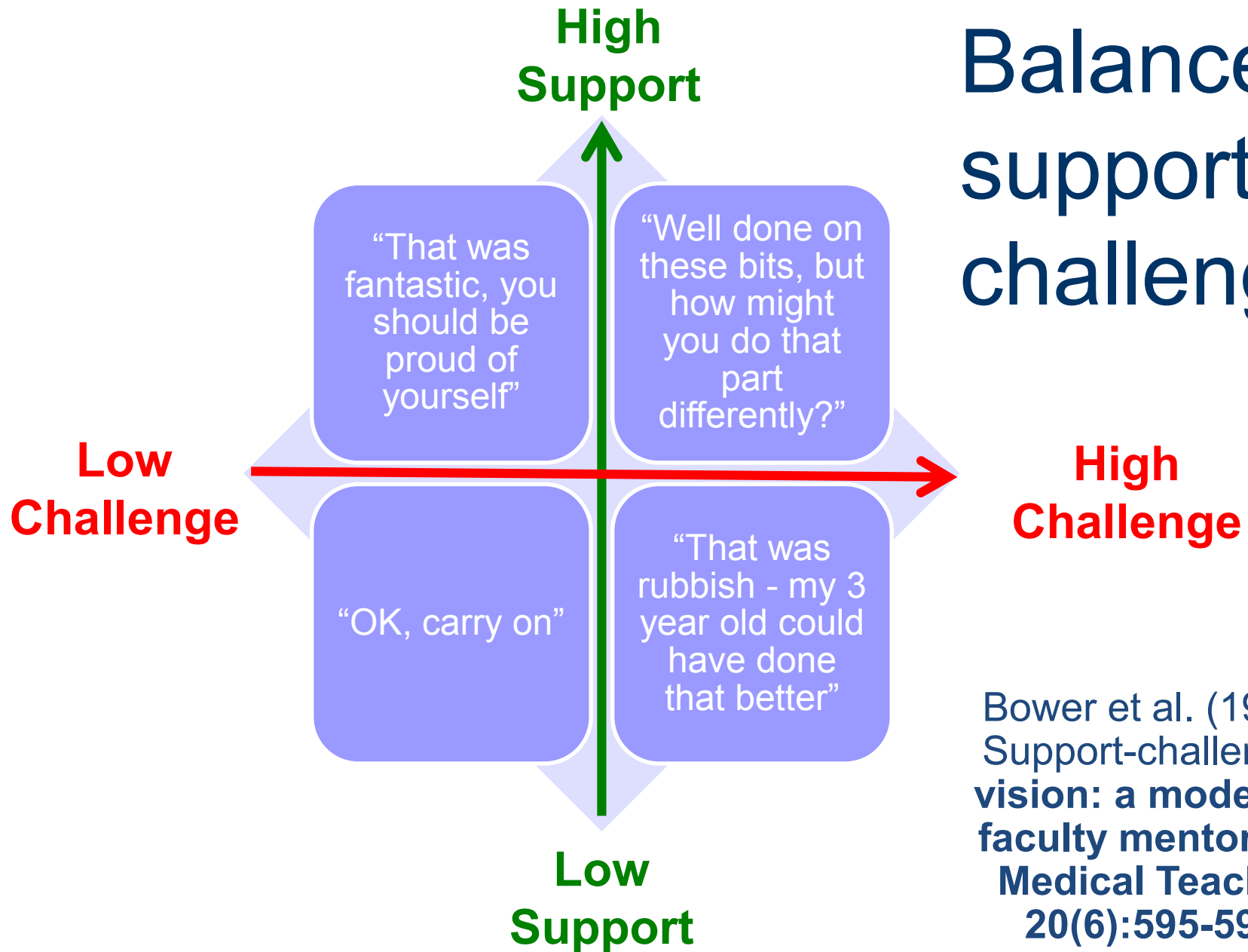
Performance improved with feedback, not compliments

Satisfaction was much higher in compliments group

Satisfaction is NOT a good measure of usefulness of feedback

Boehler ML et al. (2006) An investigation of medical student reactions to feedback: an RCT. *Medical Education* 40:746-749

# Balance support & challenge



Bower et al. (1998)  
Support-challenge-  
vision: a model for  
faculty mentoring.  
*Medical Teacher*  
20(6):595-597

# Timing is important

12 practice trials on one colonoscopy simulator sequence

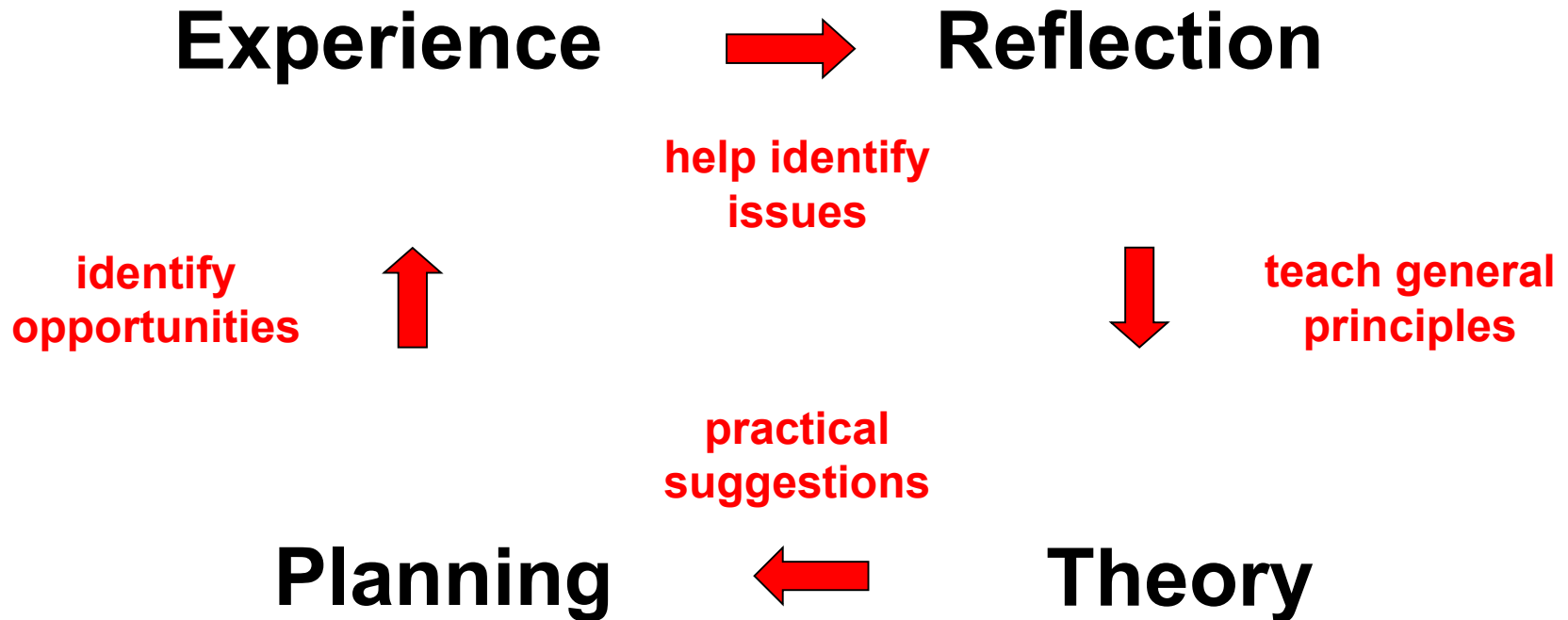
Concurrent vs. terminal feedback

Similar on pre-, post- and 1/52 afterward tests

Terminal feedback group significantly better on  
transfer test with novel simulator sequence

Walsh et al 2009 Concurrent versus terminal feedback: it may be better to wait. *Academic Medicine* 84(10):S54-57

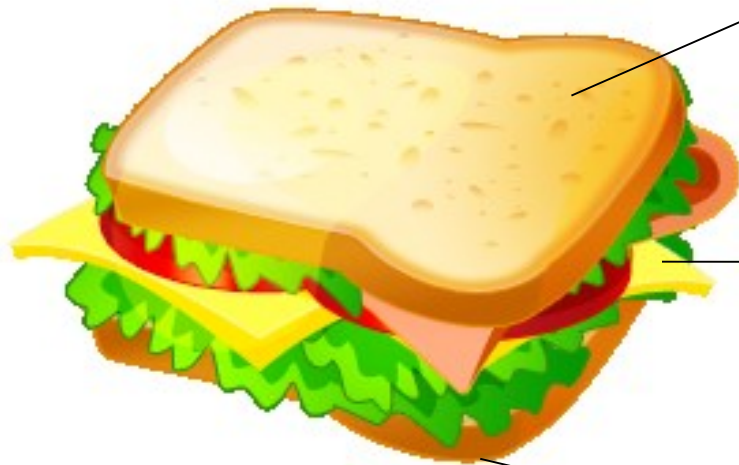
# Kolb's Cycle



Adapted from: Kolb DA (1984) Experiential learning. Experience as the source of learning and development. New Jersey: Prentice-Hall

Do you use any models or  
templates for giving feedback?

# ‘Feedback Sandwich’



Positive feedback

Areas for  
improvement

Positive feedback

# ‘Traffic Lights’



**What to Stop**

**What / How to Change**

**What to Continue**

# Feedback - Pendleton's 'rules'

- Clarify factual details
- Learner comments on what went well
- Teacher comments on what went well
- Learner identifies areas for improvement
- Teacher identifies areas for improvement
- Discuss suggestions for change

Pendleton D, Schofield T, Tate P, Havelock P (1984) The consultation: an approach to learning and teaching. OUP, Oxford



# ALOPA

(‘Agenda-Led Objective Based Analysis’)

- Learner identifies areas they want help with
- Learner & tutor define goals trying to achieve
- Learner then tutor & group suggest ways
- Tutor may highlight other areas of need / theory
- Learner rehearses strategies / skills with feedback
- Facilitator summarises achievement / future goals

Silverman et al (1996) The Calgary-Cambridge approach to communication skills teaching 1: Agenda-led outcome based analysis of the consultation. *Education for General Practice* 7:288-299

# ‘One minute preceptor’

- Get commitment (Diagnosis & plan)
- Probe for supporting evidence
- Teach general principles
- Reinforce what was done right
- Correct mistakes

Neher JO, Gordon KC, Meyer B, Stevens N. A five-step microskills model of clinical teaching. J Am Board Fam Prac. 1992;5:419-24

# Other Feedback Models

**‘SET-GO’** – what did you **See**; what **Else** did you see; what did you **Think**; what **Goal(s)** we’d like to achieve; any **Offers** on how to get there? (often used with ALOBA)

**W3** – **W**hat went well; **W**hat didn’t go well; **W**hat could you do differently next time?

**‘SHIM’** – what to **Stop**; **H**ow to **I**mprove; what to **M**aintain - variation of traffic lights

# Homework for tomorrow

Reflect on Ende's principles and at least one feedback model (e.g. 'Sandwich' or Pendleton)

Reflect on which aspects of large group teaching you want to give / receive feedback

Think about ways you will try to ensure your feedback is appropriate, specific, descriptive and focused on remediable behaviours





“To a celtic spirit”, Morton tapestry by Alan Davie