

CHART OF TEACHING STRATEGIES

STRATEGY	Advantages	Disadvantages	Example Situation
Apprenticeship/ Preceptorship	Begins to change behavior with personalized instruction.	Very time and resource intensive.	Continuity clinic, a day spent with a lobbyist.
Brainstorming	Good for generating initial ideas, learning others' points of view.	Needs several people and some setup and recording. Ideas need to be further developed.	Discussion of possible solutions for staffing. Discussion of different community-based options for care and pros/cons.
Computer-Assisted Instruction	Good for initial instruction, practice, repetitions, and future reference.	Learner may need to obtain basic computer skills before using, may have "mechanical" quality.	Anticipatory guidance on development, safety, community activities.
Demonstration/ Modeling	Illustrates concepts for visual learners.	May take time and equipment to set up.	How to perform age-appropriate developmental assessment. How to wear a bicycle helmet properly.
Discussion	Good for problem-solving, critical thinking, demonstrating different points of view.	May take time for the concepts to evolve, some in group may not participate.	Discussion of community approaches to child health problems. Discussion of strategies that different learners have found effective.
Feedback	Affirms knowledge, corrects misunderstandings, begins to change behavior, essential for learning.	The teacher may not give useful feedback or may not give any feedback at all.	Asking a supervisor how your procedures or techniques could improve. Asking a patient or family member how helpful suggestions for behavior change have been.
Handouts/Printed Materials	Often used to illustrate initially; useful for later reference.	Information may not convey nuances, quantity of information may overwhelm.	Handouts on discipline that works, TV charts for logging hours watched.
Lectures	Works well for initial explanation or clarifying concepts.	Teacher centered, not learner centered. Generally cannot review the presentation.	Review of the biochemical actions of new vaccines, normal cardiac electrophysiology, or medical treatment plan.

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