

IMPLEMENTATION OF EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING IN PATHOLOGY: IMPACT OF HIPON PROJECT CONCEPT AND ATTAINMENT

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Abstract

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Aim & Objectives: The project has resulted in a multi-language e-learning platform which aims to imprint professional experience in a way that medical students, researchers and professionals can develop their own necessary practical dexterities in the huge field of modern Pathology.

Methods: The basic concept underlying HIPON's methodology is the introduction of experiential learning based on real cases. Experiential learning is a process through which students develop knowledge, skills, and values from direct experiences; the key element is the student, and knowledge is gained as a result of being personally involved in the pedagogical approach.

Results: By implementing experiential learning, there is a move to a more student-centered view of learning. The educator's most important responsibility becomes to search out and construct meaningful educational experiences that allow students to solve real-world problems; the result is that any abstract, inert knowledge that students used to memorize from dusty textbooks comes alive as they participate in the practical application of knowledge.

Conclusion: HIPON provides an innovative platform which introduces medical experience in diagnostic practical issues of Pathology. Experiential learning offers rich opportunities for learning for participants and teachers/facilitators. Choosing powerful activities that increase learner involvement, following the experiential learning cycle in reflecting, generalizing and

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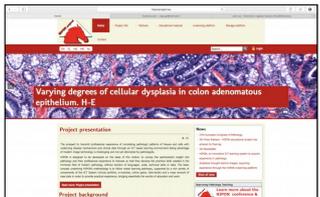
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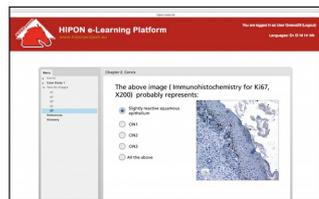
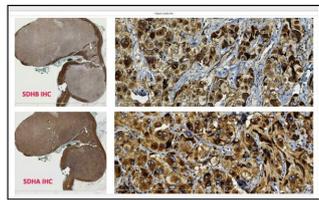
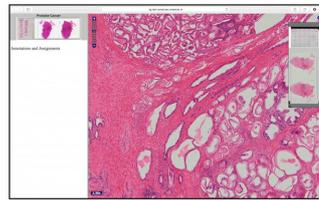


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