

How to Write a Practice Gap

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What is a practice gap?

A practice gap refers to a problem that exists in practice or an opportunity for improvement in at least one of the following areas:

- Knowledge (does not know)
- Competence (does not know how to or when to)
- Performance (does not do)

Tip: "What is the practice-based problem you want to address?" - Where there is a difference between current practice and best practice.

Practice Gap Templates

Structure 1: Works well for prospective and retrospective education, e.g., case reviews, tumor boards, etc.

This (1. type or name of activity) is designed to (2. intervention taking place in relation to current practice or identified gap) to (3. desired outcome).

Example 1: This tumor board is designed to review existing cases and apply the most current evidence-based knowledge and guidelines to establish treatment plans for improved patient outcomes.

Example 2: This current conversations series is designed to provide a safe space to have conversations on bias and stigma with healthcare to increase clinician knowledge and competence.

Structure 2: Works well for education with metrics/ measurable outcomes.

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