Consider creative ways to schedule and see patients with the learner

SCHEDULE YOUR PATIENTS IN WAVES

One method that may be used with higher level learners: 2 patients in the first time slot, 1 patient in the 2nd time slot and none in the third (instead of one in each time slot the end result is still 3 patients were seen).

1st time slot

The clinical instructor and learner will start with two different patients (after consent for learner is received).

2nd time slot The instructor will go to the next patient while the leaner prepares documentation from 1st patient for discussion with instructor.

3rd time slot

Check in with the patient and learner about their meeting, provide coaching/mentoring/direct teaching to the learner, document, review the learner's documentation, and then prepare for the next events of the day.



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