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DRAWING CONNECTIONS: CREATING A MUSEUM WORKSHOP FOR AN INTERPROFESSIONAL HOME HOSPITAL TEAM

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Project Summary

This project was created through the BWH PRISE Fellowship- a year long medical education fellowship that provided support to attend the Harvard Macy Educators Program as well as funding for part of medical education scholarship. We aimed to apply existing visual art-based techniques to create a workshop for the MGB Home Hospital program. The goal of these sessions was to provide a space for reflection on the role of visual observation, enhanced team communication and experience in the Home Hospital program, and to evaluate participants' experiences in the workshop through a validated survey tool.



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The MGB Home Hospital program provides acute care to patients at home and is composed of an interprofessional team.

Tools such Visual Thinking Strategies (VTS) have been used in other interprofessional clinical teams to enhance awareness of team dynamics and observational skills.

Project goals:

1. To create a visual arts-based session for the MGB Home Hospital team
2. To evaluate participants' perceived impact on visual observation skills, reflection skills, and connection to colleagues

Workshop goals:

1.To encourage participants to reflect on their role within the Home Hospital team
2.To encourage team members to reflect on the benefits of visual observation in their work
3.To encourage reflection on different styles of communication



Fig 1. Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA. Location of interprofessional workshops.

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clinical team members encouraged to participate

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perceived impact on visual observation skills, reflection skills, and connection to colleagues

- Used multiple choice and open-ended responses

trained Visual Thinking Strategies

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Components of Museum Workshop

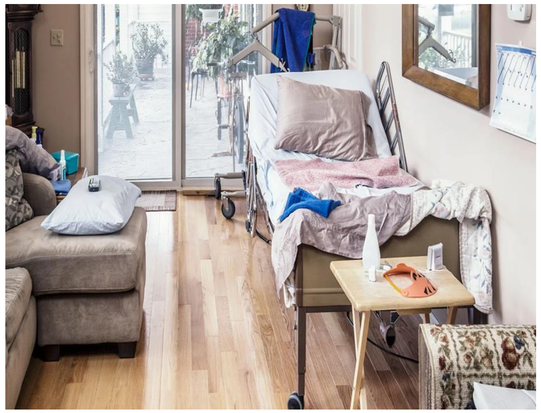


Collector #5 (Man in Wicker Chair) by T.C. Cannon

- *you say that?*
- *What more can we find?*



describing a piece of art, the other member draws based on the description



"Find a piece in this gallery that speaks to your role on the Home Hospital Team."



- Participants asked to complete survey

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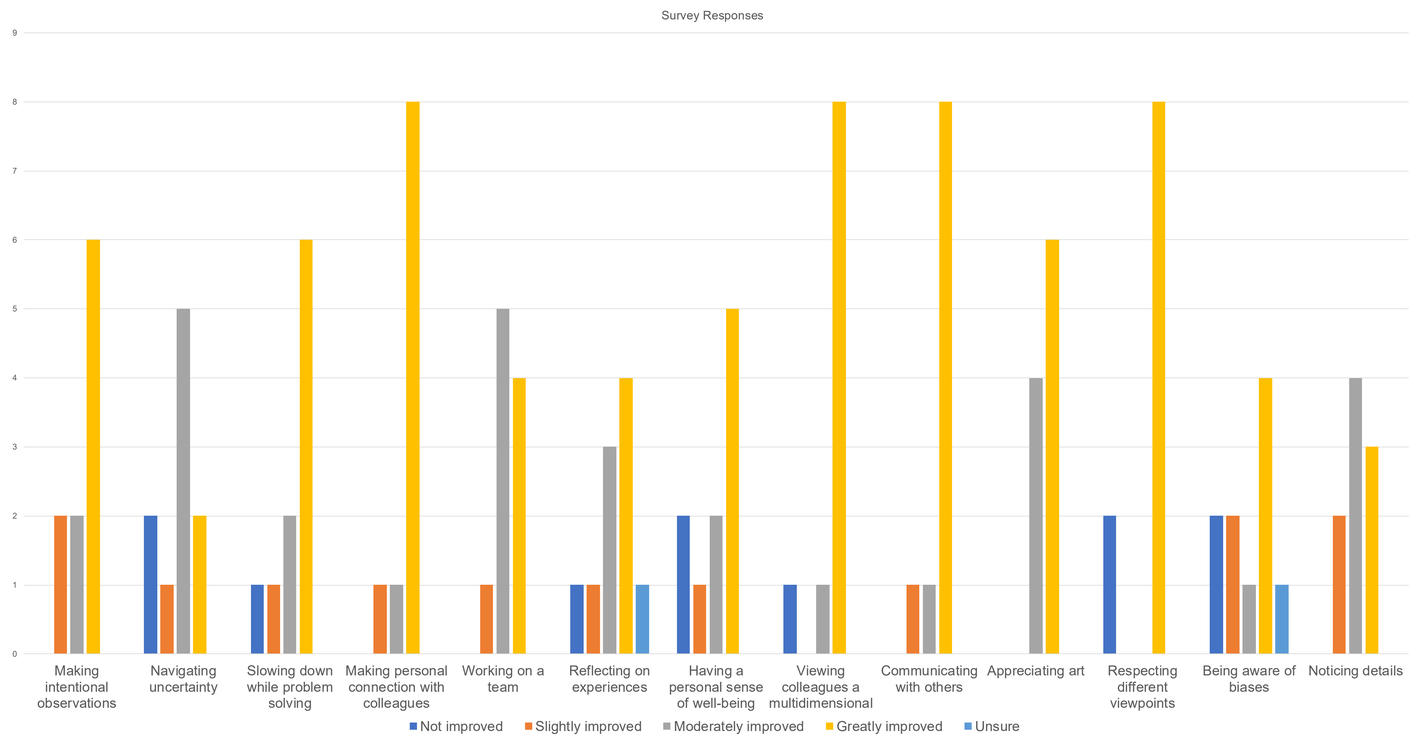
Results

Number of participants: 17

Number of survey respondents: 10

QUANTITATIVE RESPONSES

13 questions assessing impact of sessions on several domains:



QUALITATIVE RESPONSES

1.What is your most important takeaway from this program?

2. How do you believe this program may impact your work going forward?

THEMES

- VALUING DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES

"This experience was eye opening in the sense that everyone on the team has a different point of view, that how things can be described can greatly affect the picture or story that you create in your head around a patient's home, their appearance and can affect how you interact with the team and provide that care. "

- APPRECIATING DIFFERENT STYLES OF COMMMUNICATIONS

"In reflection of the experience, I plan to have better verbal communication with the RNs and MIH as it provides better opportunity to ask open-ended questions to dig into the details a bit more as well as paint a better picture to the collaborator. I plan to be a little more detailed in my note writing as well."

- FINDING CONNECTIONS WITH COLLEAGUES

"There was so much benefit to spending time with work colleagues in a novel space and new experience while integrating work but also getting to know each other personally in a different way."

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Conclusion

- Survey results, though small numbers, demonstrated that participants noted “great improvement” in almost all of domains we explored, including “communicating with others” and ”exploring different viewpoints”
- Open-ended responses indicated that participants valued the impact of these workshop on appreciating different communication styles, valuing different team members’ perspectives, and finding connection with colleagues
- The initial results indicate that workshops were well-received, and could be expanded to involve more members of the MGB Home Hospital program, and other home hospital programs
- Future research could also consider measuring longer term impact of these types of visual-arts programs on clinical practice

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