

International Audit & Feedback MetaLab Meeting: Putting A&F into real world practice

#### **BEYOND AUDIT AND FEEDBACK FEATURES: ADVANCED** FEEDBACK TRAINING TO IMPROVE FEEDBACK ORIENTATION **AND CULTURE**

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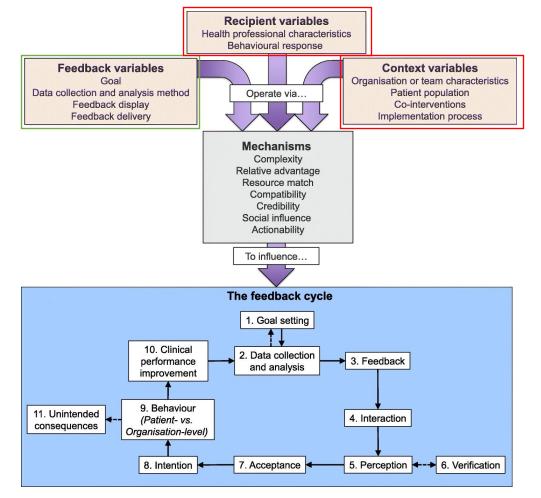
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# Background: Well-designed A&F improves care

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#### Clinical Performance Feedback Intervention Theory Brown et al., 2019



### It's not just about the feedback features...

**Feedback Recipient Characteristics** 

- Feedback Seeking Behavior
- Feedback Receptivity
- Goal Orientation
  - Mastery orientation
  - Performance-*approach*
  - Performance-avoidance

#### **Feedback Climate**

- Source credibility / availability
- Feedback frequency
- Feedback-seeking encouragement
- Time for high-quality reflection
- Recognizes diverse perspectives

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- To address this gap, we developed an advanced course on giving, receiving, and using feedback and pilot-tested its impact on feedback orientation and environment.

Methods

### Course Development through Backward Instructional Design

- Our course goal was for learners to:
  - Explore their awareness of personal feedback tendencies and social issues while delivering and receiving feedback
  - Discuss pragmatic strategies to incorporate within their own learning or work
  - Understand how these topics can contribute to a more positive and equitable feedback environment
- Worked backwards to determine necessary assessment and learner centered strategies to achieve course goals and outcomes.
- Systematically reviewed the literature to ensure up-to-date course content

### Course Structure

#### Navigation

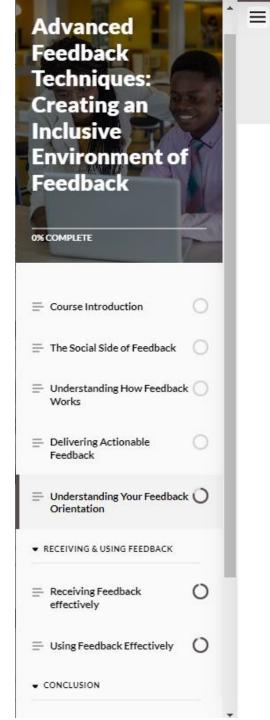
- Seven 10-minute modules
- All web-based
- Could be navigated independently
- Could stop and start at any time

#### Evaluation

- Brief end-of-module quizzes
- End-of-course scenario with live evaluation by instructor.

#### Module Topics

- The Social Side of Feedback
- Understanding How Feedback Works
- Delivering Actionable Feedback
- Understanding My Feedback
   Orientation
- Receiving Feedback Effectively
- Using Feedback Effectively
- Promoting a Positive Feedback Environment



#### We are *active* participants in the feedback process!

Linersbaum & Levy (2010) describe 4 dimensions of feedback orientation. Individuals with higher ratings on these dimensions are more likely to have better outcomes in their training and work environments. Click on each dimension below to learn more:









### Pilot Study

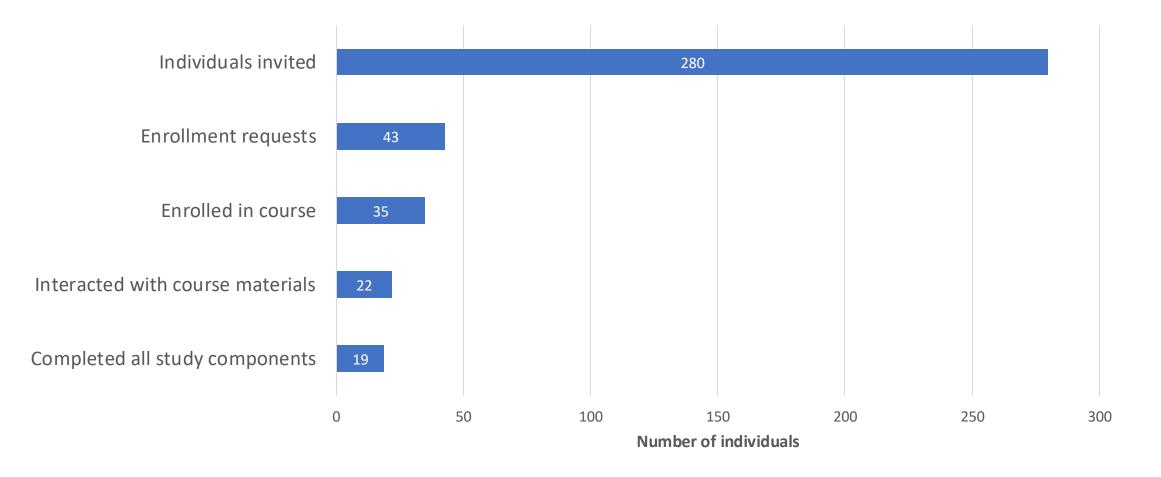
- Participants
  - Students, faculty and staff from two departments at Baylor College of Medicine (Medicine, Emergency Medicine)
- Measures
  - Feedback orientation Feedback Orientation Scale (Linderbaum & Levy, 2010) - utility, accountability, social awareness, self-efficacy
  - Feedback seeking behaviors (London, 2014)
  - Feedback environment Feedback Environment Scale (Steelman Levy & Snell, 2004)

#### Procedure

- Pre- and post-course questionnaires measuring feedback environment and feedback characteristics
- Participants completed self-paced web-based course
- Scenario-based questions assessed post-course knowledge
- Participants completed a post-module reflection and structured debrief with a live instructor
- Post-pilot focus groups with participants to obtain feedback about the course
- Quantitative analysis of questionnaires
- Qualitative analysis of focus groups and reflections

## Results

### Participation Through Pilot Stages



#### Enrollment Requester Characteristics (n=43)

Learner Type	n	%	Department	n	%
Resident Physicians	2	4.7	Health Services Research	10	23.3
Post-Doctoral Fellows	2	4.7	South Central Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Center	2	4.7
Faculty	30	69.8	School of Health Professions	9	20.9
Staff	9	20.9	Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	2	4.7
			Emergency Medicine	15	34.9
Gender	n	%	Psychiatry	4	9.3
Male	8	18.6	Center for Medical Ethics & Health	1	2.3
Female	34	79.1	Policy		
Unreported	1	2.3			

### Participant Feedback Survey Scores (n=19)

Construct	Pre-Course Mean (SD)	Post-Course Mean (SD)	t	<i>p</i> value
Participant Feedback Orientation	4.10 (0.40)	4.30 (0.57)	-1.94	0.04
Social Awareness	4.06 (0.77)	4.32 (0.70)	-1.76	0.05
Feedback Self-Efficacy	3.56 (0.62)	4.01 (0.85)	-2.77	0.01
<ul> <li>Frequency of Seeking Feedback from Peers</li> </ul>	2.97 (0.83)	3.41 (0.86)	-4.05	< 0.001
<ul> <li>Frequency of Seeking Feedback from Supervisors</li> </ul>	2.56 (0.75)	3.07 (0.71)	-3.51	< 0.001
Peer Feedback Environment	5.12 (0.87)	5.40 (0.87)	-1.81	0.04
Supervisor Feedback Environment	5.72 (0.72)	5.70 (0.98)	0.13	0.45

### Feedback from Participant Focus Groups

#### **Participants Appreciated:**

Participants struggled with:

- Specific content on how diversity impacts the feedback process,
- Theoretical and explanatory explanations interwoven throughout the course, and
- Topics not ordinarily covered in other feedback courses.
- Ability to view pre- and postcourse assessment results,
- Self-paced, easily navigable design

- Restricted to BCM affiliates only
- Study and course components in separate places

### Discussion & Takeaways

- Training on giving, receiving, and using feedback inclusively shows promise in significantly improving recipient feedback orientation, feedback-seeking behaviors, and perceptions of feedback environment
- Limitation: small sample size, pilot
- Future work: Larger samples, longitudinal design

#### For More Information...

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#### Abstract

Feedback curricula in medical education typically cover only the uncontextualized basics of feedback. We created a selfpaced, online course that covered advanced feedback techniques with intentional inclusion of social dynamics that can influence feedback processes. Results revealed significant improvements in participant feedback orientation, feedback-seeking behaviors, and perceptions of feedback environment.



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