## ATRIUM Preceptors, assemble! It's time

cardiology for feedback

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## **Objectives**

- After participating in this continuing education program, the pharmacist will be able to:
  - describe effective strategies for providing feedback
  - identify an individual learner's preferred method for receiving feedback
  - provide specific and constructive feedback regardless of trainee's level of performance

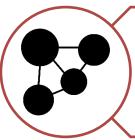




#### **Four Preceptor Roles**



Instructing



Modeling



Coaching



Facilitating

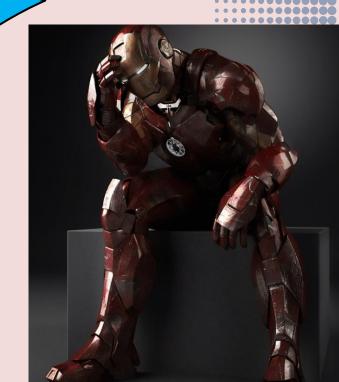
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Is providing any type of feedback better than no feedback?







#### Tips for feedback success



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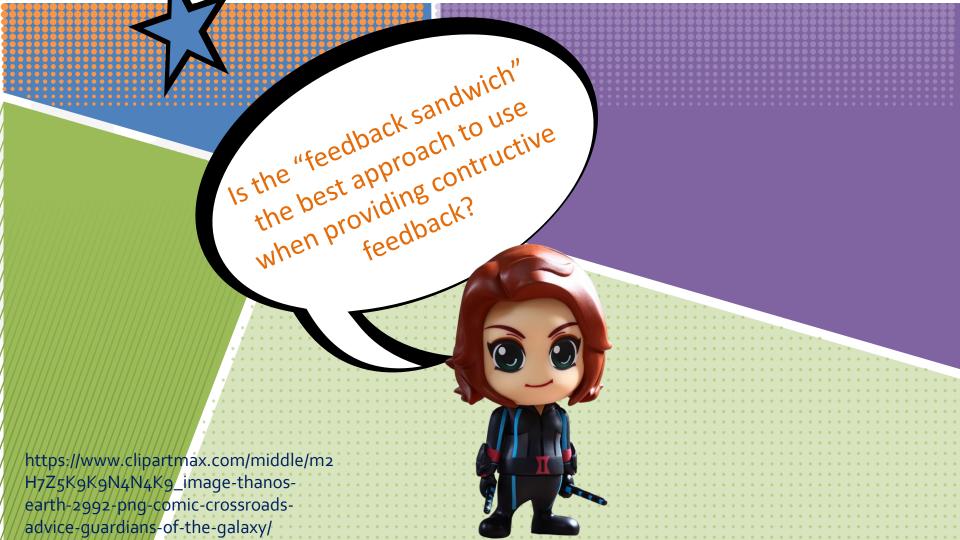
## Learners want to hear what you have to say

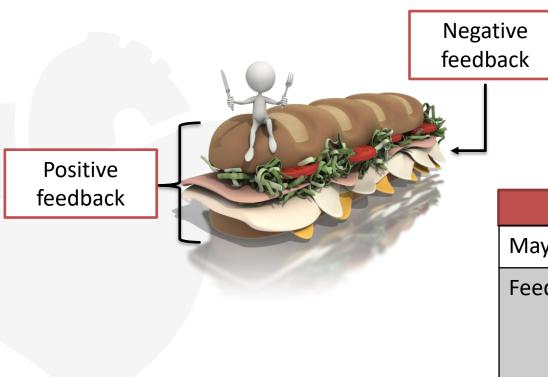
## Reasons feedback may not occur

- Time consuming
- Uncomfortable/stressful
- Insufficient training









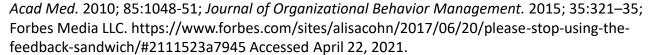
#### Limitations

May decrease performance

#### Feedback may appear:

- ingenuine
- manipulative
- superficial

May dilute constructive criticism



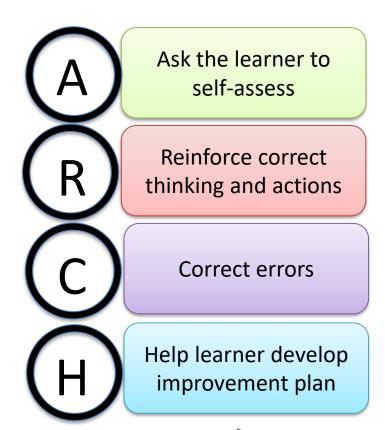




#### **Constructive Feedback**

#### Tips for success

- Do not make it personal
- Cite specific examples
- Focus on 1-2 areas per interaction
- Develop a script
- Create/use a relaxed environment





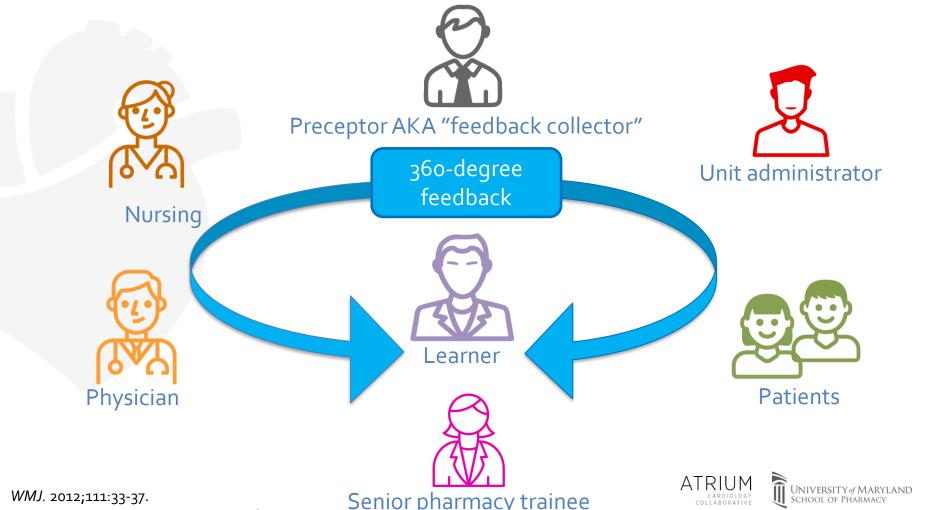
Inappropriate non-verbal communication (29)

 Toni presents a patient to the physician in clinic. The physician explains a concept that will impact the treatment plan.

 Toni appears disinterested and annoyed by the physician's attempt to teach her.

Do you address Toni's non-verbal communication? If so, what approach do you take?





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Senior pharmacy trainee

## Preferred method differs between individuals

 Determine each person's preferred method for receiving feedback

 Do not make assumptions!







#### The Feedback Fallacy

"We humans do not do well when someone whose intentions are unclear tells us where we stand, how good we "really" are, and what we must do to fix ourselves. We excel *only* when people who know us and care about us tell us what they experience and what they feel, and in particular when they see something within us that really works."

Marcus Buckingham



## Theory of the Source of Truth



#### Feedback as a Personal Reaction:

"Nice job on your patient presentation"



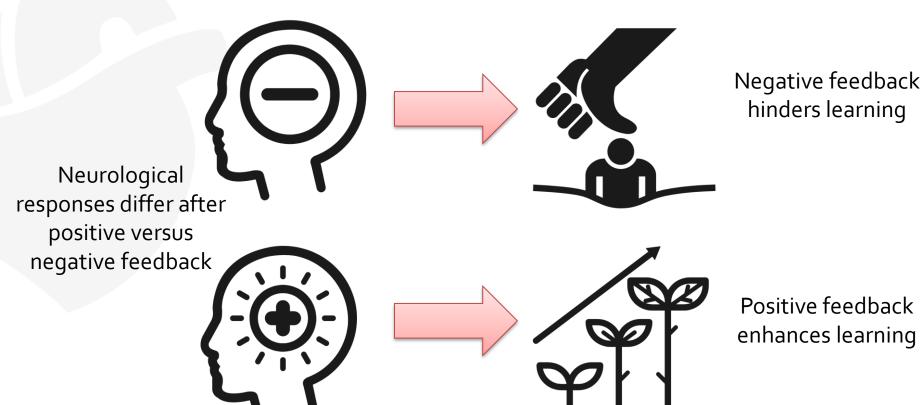
"Here are three things that were very clear to me."

"You need to improve your patient communication skills"



"Here's where the patient seemed a little lost."

## **Theory of Learning**



Harvard Business Review. 2019;92–101. https://hbr.org/2019/03/the-feedback-fallacy Accessed April 23,2021.

#### What can we do better?

"Never lose sight of your highest-priority interrupt."







## Theory of Excellence







#### How can we do better?



Use outcomes



Use personal reactions



Present, past, and future





## Which of the following statements is consistent with the Marcus Buckingham's theory of learning?

- a) Neurologic responses are the same after receiving positive or negative feedback
- b) Negative feedback enhances learning
- c) Bringing attention to strengths catalyzes learning
- d) Ratings often reflect the rater's characteristics more than the trainee



# Which of the following statements best describes one strategy to provide feedback for the exceptional learner?

- a) The learner will know they are doing well
- b) No feedback is needed if the learner is performing well
- c) Future goals should be the focus
- d) Only highlight their remarkable attributes



#### How this feedback differs

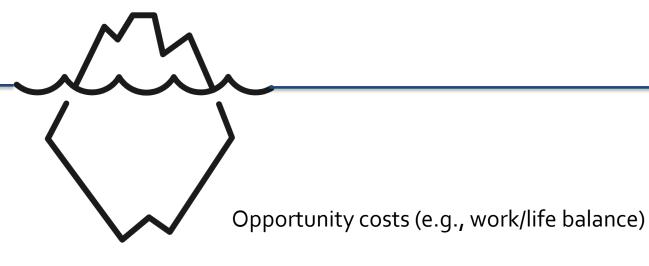
Preceptor may feel like they are being nitpicky

Learner may not be used to receiving criticism



## Feedback for the Exceptional Learner

Performance



Process



## Feedback for the Exceptional Learner: 3 Tiers



#### Feedback for the Exceptional Learner





- Give both positive and constructive feedback
- Identify areas for development
- Focus on future/goals

- Assume they know where they stand
- Let them be
- Presume potential has peaked



#### Feedback for the High-Performer

Thor seems to be doing everything right (prepared for rounds and discussions, answers most questions without assistance, etc). The team seeks out his opinion.

You know that you should not tell Thor to "keep on doing what he is doing" during weekly feedback sessions.

What step(s) can be taken to ensure that Thor receives feedback that he deserves?



**High-performing Asgardian** 





## presentation

assistance in developing this

Thank you to Stormi Gale for her

#### **KEYTAKEAWAYS**

- There is no one size-fits-all feedback approach
- A lot of feedback is subjective, and we are not great at it
- Assess if there is a root cause when a behavior/action appears to be out of the norm
- Feedback should include specific recommendations for improvement
- Feedback should be:
  - timely
  - specific
  - free of judgement

