Introduction

Technologies, including tablets and apps, are becoming ever-present in today's healthcare environments. In addition to accessing patient information at the point-of-care, they also present exciting platforms and opportunities to support just-in-time learning. Pallium Canada produces peer-reviewed palliative and end-of-life care courseware and learning materials, such as: Doodles, Snippets, Courselets, Podcasts, Mind Maps, and the Pallium Canada App.

Approach

Pallium Canada’s E-Learning approach uses multiple strategies to stimulate learners, accommodating diverse individual learning preferences. Pallium Canada’s educational resources strive to draw learners into the learning environment. E-Learning resources are more than typical “distributed learning” techniques and engage personally with each learner. In selecting the ideal technology and media for E-Learning resources several factors come into play, such as: competencies to be acquired, learning objectives, resources available, and learner need.

One of the major benefits to E-Learning modules are that they are much more accessible than conventional learning courseware. This flexibility lends itself very well to Generation Z learners, who are multi-taskers and benefit from structured, yet interactive learning experiences. They enable learners to learn on their own time, at their own pace, at their own pace.

Doodles, Snippets, and the Pallium Palliative Pocketbook and E-book enhance learning opportunities such as clinical teaching at the bedside and small group learning. They are applicable across the learning continuum from undergraduate to postgraduate education in schools of medicine, nursing, pharmacy and other health fields to continuing professional development for health professionals in practice.

Application

Pallium Canada’s E-Learning resources are primarily accessed through the newly developed Pallium Portal (Learning Management System). The Pallium Portal is the central hub for Pallium Canada’s professional development opportunities. It provides access to facilitator applications, pre and post learning reflections, participant registration, and online courseware. It is accessible on all devices, all screen sizes, and is mobile-friendly. Pallium Canada’s E-Learning resources are promoted through the Pallium Canada website and various social media channels, including Twitter and YouTube.

Snippets

- 3-5 minute educational videos
- Designed to educate professionals on a specific clinical subject
- Concise and highlight only key points

Podcasts

- Podcasts are live, interactive events based on relevant topics that are later archived for asynchronous access. Podcasts present the insight and wisdom of expert guests who are interviewed on a specific topic. Pallium Canada podcast were completed during Phase 2 of the Pallium Project and have included topics such as: "Initiating a Dialogue with Family" and "Team-building with Local Physicians." Podcasts are archived on the Pallium Canada YouTube Channel.

Courselets

- 20-30 minute educational modules
- Address several learning objectives
- More in-depth than Snippets (primary level)
- CME/CPD credits

Pallium Portal

The Pallium Portal is a Moodle Learning Management System that organizes and tracks learner activity.

Mind Maps

Pallium Canada Mind Maps are quick-reference resources that guide stakeholders to learn more about products and initiatives, such as: Pallium Canada’s LEAP, Pallium Palliative Pocketbook and Pallium Canada clinical decision-support tools.

Doodles

- Short, 1-2 minute animations
- Designed to educate and engage the general public and healthcare professionals
- Shapes attitudes and corrects misconceptions

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