RAMPPS faculty development
Recognising and Assessing Medical Problems in Psychiatric Settings

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Minimum slide set

• These slides have been agreed by Health Education England working across Yorkshire and the Humber RAMPPS regional steering committee.

In preparation for attending the faculty training session you must:
• Complete the RAMPPS eLearning module – including video
• Read the RAMPPS eHandbook
Objectives for the session

• Understand importance of clinical simulation
• Understand what RAMMPS is
• Understand how a RAMMPS course is facilitated
• Gain the knowledge and skills to be a RAMMPS facilitator
• Recognise the key role of the debrief
RAMPPS
What is RAMPPS?

- A blended learning course for healthcare staff in psychiatric settings
- Its aim is prevention of physical harm through early recognition of deterioration in physical health
- The course is comprised of:
  - An initial pre-course eLearning module
  - A simulation-based facilitated learning course
Why this is important?

Drugs can lead to 
April 15, inquiry finds

END UP
SIGMA
Let's talk about MENTAL HEALTH
Why multidisciplinary?
Why use simulation?

• Enhances supervised clinical practice
• Multidisciplinary
• Like game rehearsal before entering the field
• Practice ‘less frequent’ events
• Share lessons learned
• “The use of simulated patients in medicine offers students a standardised learning experience and a reproducible way of exploring attitudes and teaching communication skills” (Dave 2012)
Benefits of simulation

• Ability to practice scenarios in safe environments
• Focus on human factors, situational awareness and role appreciation
• Enhance team-working and leadership
• Improve communication with patients and professionals
Theory of learning through RAMPPS

- No competency assessment element
- Assessment can demotivate, block further learning and create a ‘self fulfilling prophecy’
  - It does not measure application of knowledge
- RAMPPS is designed to motivate, build confidence and promote application of knowledge
- Debrief is a vital part of this and should not be underestimated
Tools used in RAMPPS

SBARD
AVPU
ABCDE
Pre course E learning module
RAMPPS eHandbook
Pre and post course evaluation Tools
Patient safety learning tools

Situation:
I am (nurse X) on ward (X), I am calling about patient (X), I am calling because I am concerned that …… (e.g. patient’s mood is very low and expressing suicidal ideation)

Background:
Patient (X) was admitted on (X date) following (X) but has until today been well;
Patient has a diagnosis of (X condition) and their Mental Health Act status is (X) and he/she is receiving (medication/therapy)
The patient has deteriorated in the last (X) AND/OR following (X)

Assessment:
I think the problem is (X) and I have (e.g. Put the patient on higher level observation)
OR I am not sure what is wrong but patient (X)’s mental state has deteriorated and I am worried they are at higher risk of (X)
OR I do not know what is wrong but I am worried and concerned

Recommendation:
I need you to (e.g. come and see the patient by X time) in order to (X)

Decision:
So we have agreed you will visit the ward in the next (X mins), and in the meantime we will (X) (e.g. Place the patient on enhanced observation and engagement)

Ask receiver to repeat key information to ensure understanding

The SBAR tool originated from the US Navy and was adapted for use in healthcare by Dr M Leonard and colleagues from Kaiser Permanente, Colorado, USA

If you require further copies quote SC060

CALL FOR HELP
AIRWAY SUPPORT MAY BE NEEDED

A Alert the patient is fully responsive, they can tell you their name, the month and year correctly

V Verbal the patient responds to your voice, but may be drowsy, keep their eyes closed and may appear confused or agitated

P Pain when you apply pain to the shoulder muscle or eyebrow ridge of the patient, they try to move their hand/arm to the source of pain

U Unresponsive When the patient is unresponsive to any of the above they are unconscious
Facilitation
The role of the RAMPPS facilitator

Before starting set ground rules
RAMPPS requires facilitation, NOT training
• Set the scene for the scenario - scenario brief
• Delegates will be expected to carry out their own roles
• Encourage teamwork and use team skills

During the scenario
• Only prompt where necessary, redirection or stalling
• Do not give any information which is available by observation, or from notes etc.
The facilitator pathway

The RAMPS programme requires a sustainable and competent faculty. Therefore the facilitator pathway identifies the need for facilitators to be fit for practice to support high quality simulation and debrief to attendees. A selection of facilitators are essential from different disciplines relevant to your RAMPS delegates. This is a "gold standard" which provides a governance framework to ensure maintenance whilst also providing the facilitator with valuable evidence for CPD and re-validation.

All facilitators should ideally have some form of teaching qualification or relevant experience and interest.

Attend a recognised RAMPS facilitator study session, using the agreed RAMPS minimum slide set. Part one certification is awarded for attendance and entered onto a database.

Be supported co-facilitating RAMPS scenarios with an experienced RAMPS facilitator. Part two certification given on successful completion.

Participate in a post RAMPS debrief for facilitators, which will include further support or development opportunities for facilitators.

Be a facilitator on a minimum of one RAMPS course per annum.

Either attend a pre RAMPS course meeting or a faculty development session to keep updated.
Ground rules

– Delegates (and facilitators) are expected to:
  • Enjoy themselves, and learn from the experiences
  • Support each other
  • Make constructive comments
  • Avoid being overly critical of others, or themselves
  • Respect confidentiality
  • Be open and honest
Key points for facilitators

• Facilitators may slip into bad habits over time.
  – Using **killer phrases**
    • “you did great, I’ve nothing to add”
  – Being too friendly and avoiding difficult issues
• Debrief skills will become less effective over time when not used regularly
• Facilitators with different backgrounds or familiarity with RAMPPS can enhance the overall learning through incorporation of novel perspectives
Levels of facilitation

High level facilitation
- Uses silence/pauses to elicit responses
- Allows maximum delegate input

Intermediate level facilitation
- Reword questions rather than give answers
- Ask for comments/elaboration on what is said

Low level facilitation
- Answer for the group, but confirm understanding and accordance
- Reinforce what is said by group
Facilitation of scenarios

- Agree roles of facilitators
- Check equipment, props, notes and paperwork drug charts etc.
- Prepare the simulated patient or manikin operator
- Remember to reset everything after each scenario
- Check the simulated patient or manikin operator is debriefed after each scenario
Simulated patients

SPs are extremely valuable and integral to RAMPPS so ensure they are:

• Booked in advance and prepared for the scenarios
• [http://www.simulatedpatients.co.uk/pages/](http://www.simulatedpatients.co.uk/pages/)
• Physically fit and mentally well. A set of baseline physical observations should be taken prior to first scenario
• Fully prepared and be aware of expectations
• Discuss with the simulated patient a “safe” word and share with the facilitators
Simulated patients

• Ensure their physical and mental well being after each scenario
• Consider offering the opportunity to contribute to debrief
• Facilities are available for changing and personal care as required
• Offer opportunity to join the faculty debrief at the end of the course
• Ensure they are “re-grounded” before they go home
Human factors

• Environmental, organisational and job factors, as well as human and individual characteristics which influence behaviour at work in a way which can affect health and safety.

• Resources

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JzlvgtPlof4
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IJfoLvLLoFo
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hwCzasHBXNc
Human factors contributing to error

Situational

- Communication
- Authority gradients
- Situational awareness
- Fixation
- Distractions
- Overload
- Teamwork
- Leadership
- Knowledge/training/experience
Human factors contributing to error

Individual

• Fatigue
• Hunger
• Stress – life events
• Personality
• Beliefs
• Culture
• Language
• Knowledge/training/experience
‘Authority gradients’

• Beware the authority gradient; the importance of sharing and listening to pertinent information irrespective of an individual's status e.g. HCA to Consultant

• If you know something, do not be frightened to share your information
  – It may affect patient care
  – It may save a life!
Situational awareness

• ‘Knowing what is going on around you’
• Comprises - Perception, Comprehension and Projection
• If a delegate's behaviour is led by a loss of situational awareness, discovering where the breakdown is in the chain of understanding can bring valuable insights to both the group and to the individual involved.
Barriers to situational awareness

Internal

- Stress, fatigue, workload
- Mental models
- Confirmation bias
  - ‘seeing what you want to see’
  - when you see something different, you convince yourself you must be wrong!
- Fixation error
  - engrossed in task
  - make sure the leader can "stand back"
Barriers to situational awareness

External

- Authority gradients
- Not knowing your team
- Unfamiliar environment
- Distractions
- Communication
- Poor leadership
Debriefing
Why debrief?

- Debrief is the most important component of simulation
- It is important to strike the correct balance in debriefing between reviewing the learning objectives, and allowing a group to explore their emotions and thoughts about the scenario
- Allows interpretation, self-discovery, self-analysis and observation
- Explores what happened, why it happened, and provided opportunity for change
Debrief tips

- Simulation is anxiety-provoking for many
- Giving delegates a chance to “offload” allows them move to a more focussed state of mind and be ready to engage
- Facilitate discussion—talk the least
- Intersperse your own expertise
- Emotional fallouts can happen
Debrief structure

1. Feelings
2. Facts
3. Advocacy and enquiry
4. Questions
5. Summary
1. Feelings

• Ask the delegates how they found it, what they feel.
• Acknowledge the feelings of the delegates
• Strong feelings could threaten to derail debrief, acknowledge them and let the delegate know that they will be revisited if not resolved by the end of debrief
2. Facts

What was happening:

• Medically?
• With the team as a whole?
• With each team member?
• Start with the “leader” in the scenario then encourage the team participating to join in, then the group.
3. Advocacy inquiry model

- Remove the emotional inclination in questions
- Facts followed by curious question.

“I saw that the sats dropped and oxygen wasn’t administered for 5 minutes. I was wondering why that was?”

- Good Judgement

“I was concerned that…” “I was pleased that…”
Advocacy inquiry model

• Listen and Check Back
  “OK, oxygen wasn’t administered because the focus was on the blood pressure and everyone thought someone else was checking the sats.”

• Then Generalise to Group
  “Can anyone think of strategies to overcome this?” “Has anyone else been in a similar situation?”
5. Questions

• This section allows the group to explore any areas they haven’t visited but wished to do so with regards to the scenario, and allows a chance to revisit difficult areas
• What will empower you to do something differently next time
6. Summary

- Summarise key learning points
- “During this session we learned about…”
- Once the summary has started, this signifies the end of debrief.
- Do not revisit topics to discuss.
The difficult debrief

- Some behaviors are ‘normal’ response to the stresses of simulation – tearfulness, shyness, embarrassment or withdrawal.
- Others are negative and disruptive.
- Consider there may be some underlying psychological reasons
How to manage the difficult debrief

• It helps to clarify debriefing ground rules
• Have systems in place for dealing with the upset delegates e.g. one to one support
• Use the introduction and familiarization to take time to try to get a ‘feel’ for the delegates
• Keep calm and kind
Post-RAMPPS course

• Faculty debrief
  – To include Simulated Patient if they choose
• Feedback and data analysis from questionnaires
• Can the “lessons learned” be taken forward to future courses?
• Share lessons learned more widely
  – e.g. Regional Steering Committee
Practical session
Any questions?
Further resources

- [www.chfg.org](http://www.chfg.org) - Clinical Human Factors Group
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