



# COMMON DIFFICULTIES IN PRACTICAL COLPOSCOPIC TRAINING

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#### BETTER PRACTICAL TRAINING

Training someone to allow them to acquire competence in a complex area is difficult

- No single answer
- Things needed to deliver good training
- The trainee and how they affect training
- Approached to teaching practical skills
- The importance of skills training
- Some practical suggestions

#### **BASIC REQUIREMENTS**

- Colposcopy is a complex clinical task
- Practical colposcopic training will not succeed without:
  - Sound theoretical knowledge
  - Sound basic clinical competencies
- The additional training to become a good colposcopist succeeds when these are combined
- The aim is competency NOT clinical skills

#### **TRAINING IS NOT NEW**

"Observe, record, tabulate, communicate.

Use your five senses... Learn to see, learn to hear, learn to feel, learn to smell, and know that by practice alone you can become expert'

Sir William Osler (1849–1919)

#### WHAT TRAINING?

- Successful practical training requires:
- 1. A trainer who understands the task
- 2. A trainer who has analysed the task
- 3. A trainer with a plan to teach the practical
- 4. There is no single task we are building skills
- 5. A shared curriculum or plan for training
- 6. Trainees are not all the same

#### TRAINEES

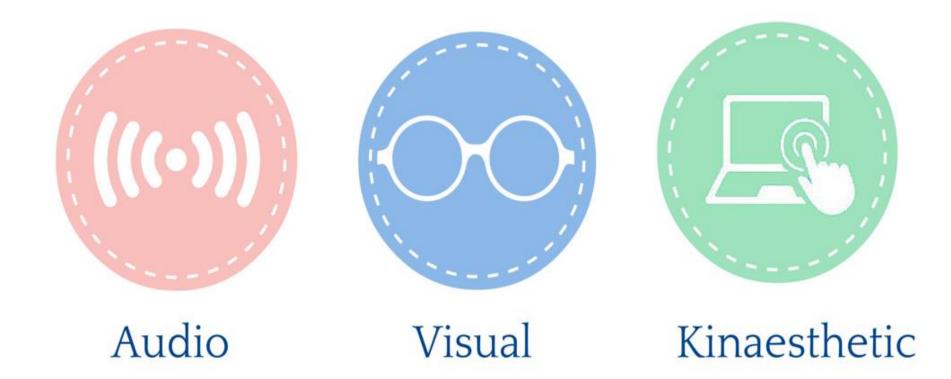
- Trainees are not all the same
  - 1. Different motivations
  - 2. Different capabilities (to you and each other)
  - 3. Different learning styles
  - 4. Different expectations

# TRAINEES EXPECTATIONS

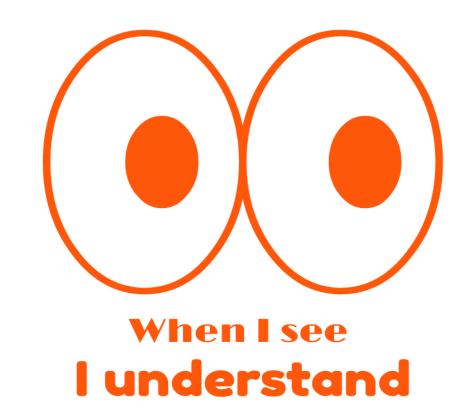


# TRAINEES NEEDS

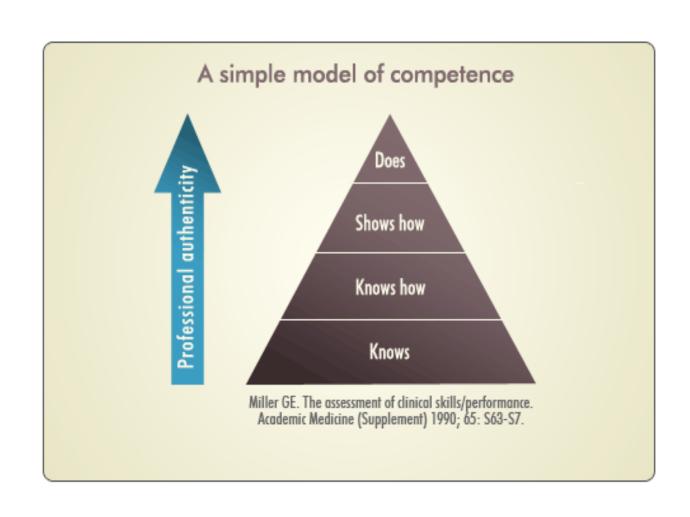
# Learning Styles



#### TRAINEES EXPECTATIONS



## **MILLER'S PYRAMID**



#### TEACHING PRACTICAL SKILLS

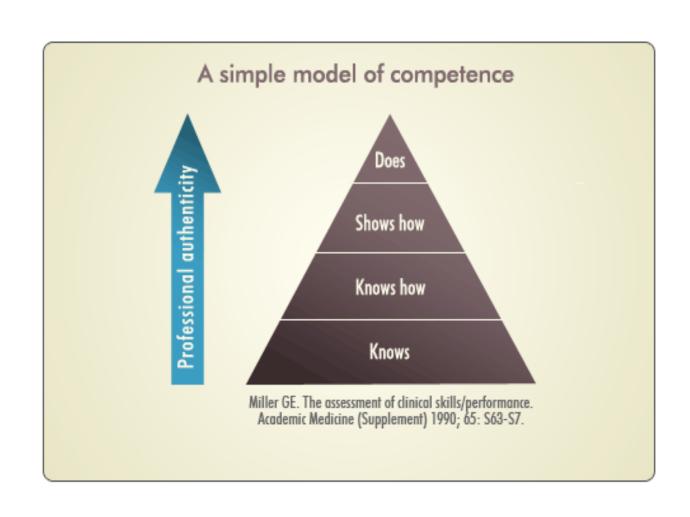
#### PEYTON's 4-STEP TECHNIQUE

- 1. Teacher demonstrates the skill at normal speed, with no words (Demonstration)-visual
- 2. Teacher demonstrates the skill while describing the steps (Deconstruction)- audio
- 3. Teacher demonstrates the skill while the learner describes the steps (Comprehension)
- 4. The learner performs the skill while describing the steps (Performance)- k/a

#### **TEACHING COLPOSCOPY SKILLS**

- Have a plan for your teaching
- Adapt your approach to
  - 1. what you are teaching
  - 2. who you are teaching
- Use proven approaches
  - e.g. the 4 step approach the 1 minute preceptor
- BLENDED APPROACHES DELIVERED OVER TIME

## **MILLER'S PYRAMID**



#### **COLPOSCOPY TRAINING**

- Colposcopy training is not cutting edge
- UK training highly regulated
- Practical training is delivered mainly in individual units
- Move to more active courses in place of the theoretical
- Learning from other disciplines e.g. laparoscopic training

#### SKILLS LAB TRAINING

- Best option for teaching basic practical skills
- Simulation training works
- Simulation training is developing
- Allows safe acquisition of skills with an approach and at a pace to suit the learner without risk to a patient
- You don't need a skills lab

#### SETTING THE COLPOSCOPE

- Blended approach
- Some theoretical knowledge will help
- Pre-learning: watch in clinic /online
- Skills lab / clinic scope
- Use simple aids (e.g. tomato, peel)
- Break the task down build the skill
- Suits a four step approach; can be controlled
- Think it through before you start

#### HOW TO LOCALIZE THE SCJ

- Blended approach
- Some theoretical knowledge will help-

The squamocolumnar junction (**SCJ**) is defined as the junction between the squamous epithelium and the columnar epithelium. Its location on the **cervix** is variable. The **SCJ** is the result of a continuous remodeling process resulting from uterine growth, **cervical** enlargement and hormonal status.

#### HOW TO LOCALIZE THE SCJ

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Defining the Cervical Transformation Zone and Squamocolumnar Junction: Can We Reach a Common Colposcopic and Histologic Definition?

Reich O, Regauer S, McCluggage WG, Bergeron C, Redman C.

Int J Gynecol Pathol. 2017 Nov;36(6):517-522

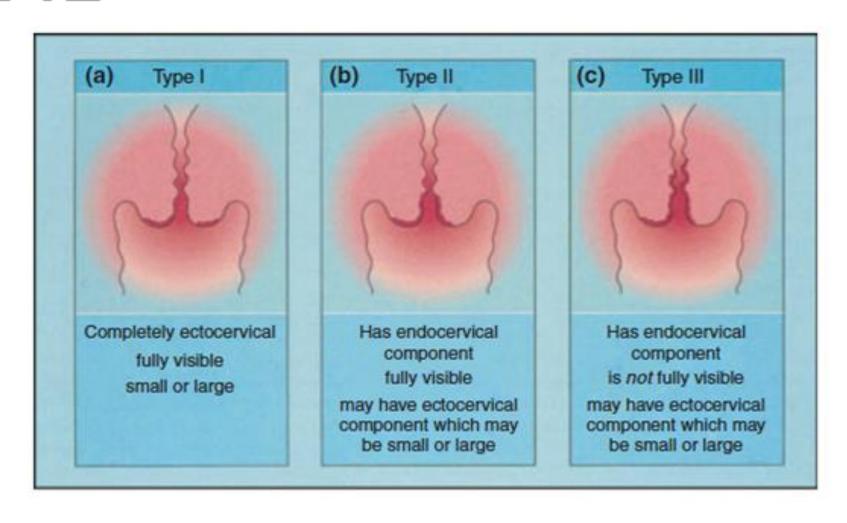
#### HOW TO LOCALIZE THE SCJ

- Blended approach
- Some theoretical knowledge will help
- Pre-learning: watch in clinic /online
- Skills lab of less benefit
- Use simple aids N/A
- Break the task down the theory is essential
- Suits a four step approach; but can't be controlled
- Think it through before you start

# IDENTIFY AND CLASSIFY THE TZ

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#### DO A LLETZ / TREATMENT

- Blended approach
- Some theoretical knowledge will help
- Pre-learning: watch in clinic /online
- Skills lab new innovations
   e.g. LLETZLearnSimulator
- Use simple aids peel etc.
- Break the task down –
- Suits a four step approach; can be controlled
- Think it through before you start

#### CONCLUSIONS

- In colposcopy theory supports practice but colposcopy is practical
- Practical skills can be taught better
- It helps the trainer to analyse the skill and plan even within a clinical environment
- There are steps that work in teaching skills
- Use a blended approach
- You can teach the skills but competency is can only be attained by the trainee

