INTRODUCTION

In 2012, Memorial University implemented a cost-efficient, multidisciplinary Point of Care Ultrasound (PoCUS) training program focused on training residents discipline-specific ultrasound skills. The program is modular consisting of online education, practical training, competency development, and subsequent knowledge transfer by incorporating residents as teachers.

RESOURCES & SETUP

- Program director & 4 stipended positions
- Engage staff from multiple disciplines
- Dedicated administrative assistant for co-ordinating & scheduling
- Lines training linked to residents ICU rotation
- Use existing hospital & university ultrasound equipment
- Gel block - 1
- Standardized Patients - 1-10
- Central Line simulators - 2
- Ultrasound training linked to residents ICU rotation
- Use existing hospital & university ultrasound equipment
- Gel block - 1
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- Ultrasound simulators - 2

There are ultrasound machines all over the place. Move the trainee’s to the equipment, not vice versa.

FOCUS GROUP EVALUATION

A focus group was conducted to explore resident perceptions of the strengths and weaknesses of the PoCUS training program. Seven residents participated representing all disciplines with the exception of rural family medicine. Thematic analysis was used to examine and summarize the data.

- Listing key themes:
- Moving forward

REFERENCES