



CLINICAL TEACHING DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Clinical Skill Facilitators ,Education & Practice Development

BACKGROUND

The COVID-19 pandemic brought unprecedented changes to the way health care professionals receive training. Most organisations cancelled in-person teaching sessions and moved to remote education. COVID-19 measures implemented in Ireland significantly hindered training affecting continuing professional development of health care professionals. The Education and Practice Development Department in the NMH adopted different methods of training to continue clinical teaching for health care staff through virtual and clinical based micro teaching. This was to ensure health care safety and promote local actions to prevent and reduce avoidable harm in healthcare.

AIMS

- To continue clinical teaching during the Covid-19 pandemic to reduce avoidable harm in healthcare and to enhance patient safety.
- To introduce innovative teaching methods to reduce risk of Covid-19 exposure to health care workers

METHODS

Ward Based Micro Teaching

Breastfeeding, Haematology & Pharmacy updates
Perineal management
CTG interpretation
Obstetric Emergencies
Neonatal Resuscitation

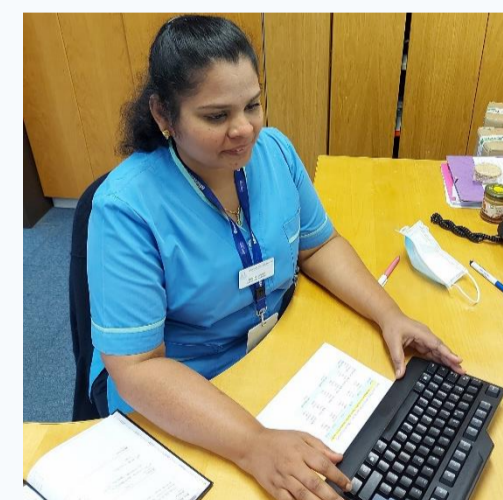


Rapid Learning Method

Shoulder Dystocia
Cord Prolapse
Blood transfusion
Postnatal - Bladder care

Virtual Study days

Sepsis, PPH & MOH, Pre-Eclampsia
Transition Year Students
Nurses & Midwives Day
Celebration
Facilitating CME Study Days



Implementation of New Training Programmes

Career Pathway Programme
Glucometer
Defibrillator
Hydrotherapy
HSE- Communication Programme

RESULTS

Record of sessions and attendees entered in Q pulse and TOTARA.

- 80 % of the staff attended Virtual sessions and Micro teaching sessions.
- 100% of staff completed training in all methods of training.

Conclusion

Evaluation was done using direct feedback and survey monkey. Participants reported a positive learning experience and an increase in confidence in managing clinical situations.

The number of staff members who were able to attend training during Covid-19 pandemic was higher than in previous years. As a result, the Education and Practice Department decided to continue clinical teaching via ward-based micro teaching sessions and recommence face to face training sessions.