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# Going Lecture Free for GenZ

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# GENERATION Z

★ BORN 1995-2009 ★

### MOBILITY

17 JOBS IN A LIFETIME\*

15 HOMES

### TOP NAMES

|         |   |          |
|---------|---|----------|
| William | 1 | Lily     |
| Jack    | 2 | Chloe    |
| Jacob   | 3 | Isabella |
| Lachlan | 4 | Mia      |
| Oliver  | 5 | Olivia   |

## EFFECTIVE ENGAGEMENT

|    |                    |   |                 |
|----|--------------------|---|-----------------|
| BB | Verbal             | → | Visual          |
|    | Sit & listen       | → | Try & see       |
|    | Teacher            | → | Facilitator     |
|    | Content (what)     | → | Process (how)   |
|    | Curriculum centred | → | Learner centric |
|    | Closed book exams  | → | Open book world |

## EDUCATION

1 in 4  
1 in 3  
1 in 2\*

UNIVERSITY EDUCATED

## WEALTH

Avg. annual earnings in 2063 (as Gen Z retire)\*

\$222,000

Average capital city house price (2063)\*

\$2.5 MIL.

## DIGITAL INTEGRATORS

10 HRS 19 MINS TECH. USE/DAY

5,100,000,000 SEARCHES/DAY

4,000,000,000 VIEWS/DAY

1,000,000,000+ ACTIVE USERS

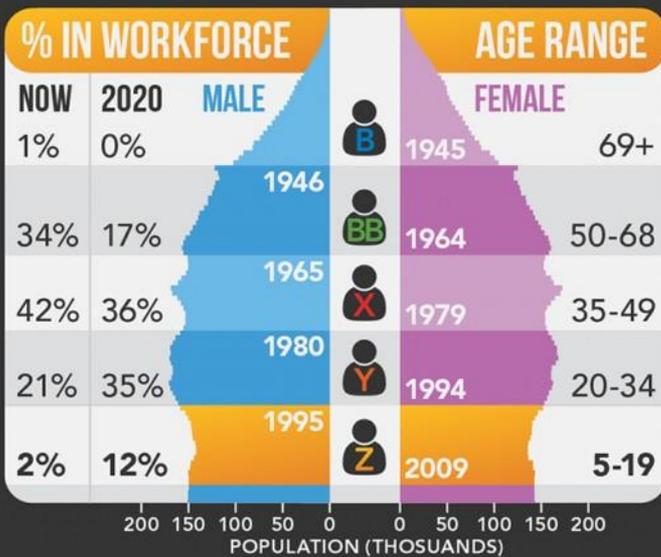
500,000,000 TWEETS/DAY

1,000,000+ APPS

ZEES GLOBAL GEN

GEN Z DIGITAL INTEGRATORS COTTON WOOL KIDS UPAGERS THE ZEDS TEENS

iGEN CLICK 'N GO KIDS SCREENAGERS BUBBLE WRAP GENERATION TWEENS



## SLANGUAGE

Selfies

Cray cray

Defs

Onesie

YOLO

LOL

## HEALTH

77.9

61.8

% likely to be obese/overweight when all Gen Z have reached adulthood (2027)\*

## GLOBAL GENERATION

2,000,000,000 2 BILLION GEN Zs

COUNTRIES WITH LARGEST NUMBER

- India
- China
- USA

## REDEFINED LIFESTAGES

|                          |           |             |                |
|--------------------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|
| 20 <sup>TH</sup> CENTURY | CHILDHOOD | TEENAGER    | ADULthood      |
| TODAY                    | CHILDHOOD | TWEEN       | TEENAGER       |
|                          |           | YOUNG ADULT | KIPPERS        |
|                          |           | ADULthood   | CAREER-CHANGER |
|                          |           |             | DOWNAGER       |

\*FUTURE FORECAST  
Source: ABS, McCrindle  
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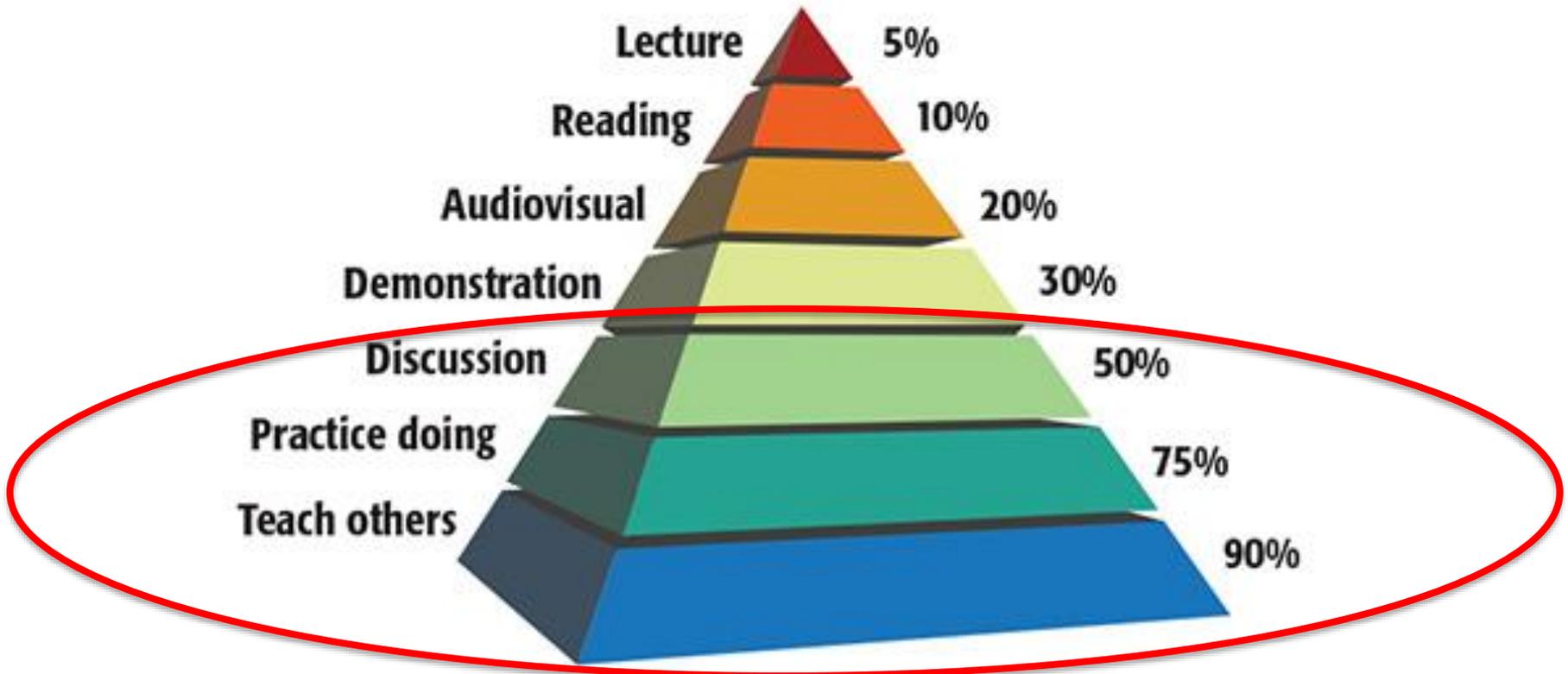
# Gen Z Learning Preferences

- “Hands on” learning opportunities
- Application to “real Life”
- Desire community engagement
- “Observers” first
- Value independent learning
  - Differs from Millennials (teamwork-oriented approach)
  - View peers and instructors as valuable resources



# Learning Pyramid

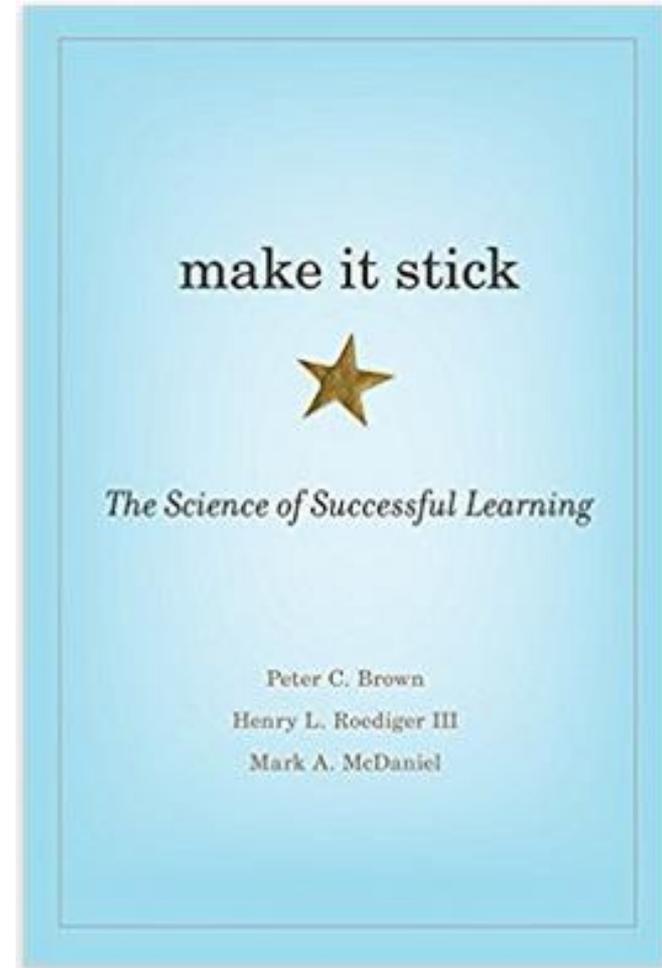
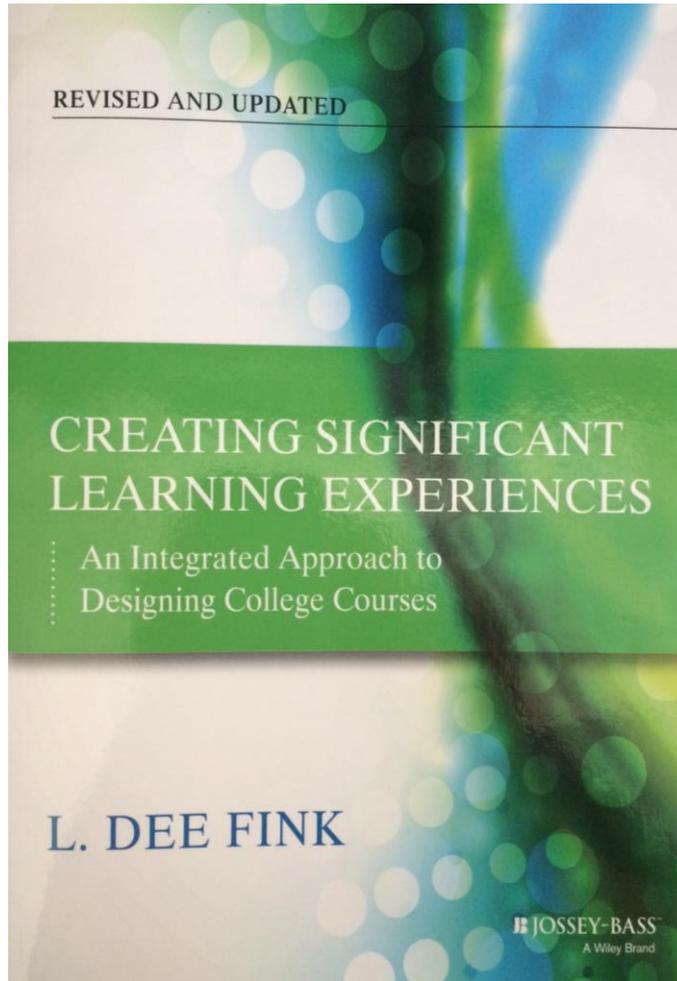
Methods of training and retention rates



# No attendance problems



# What we did...



# Science of Learning Research...

## What doesn't work

### Cognitive illusions

- Ineffective strategies that produce massive overconfidence

### Popular ineffective strategies

- Passive repetitive reading
- Highlighting and underlining
- Summarization
- Keyword mnemonics
- Imagery for text



# Science of Learning Research...

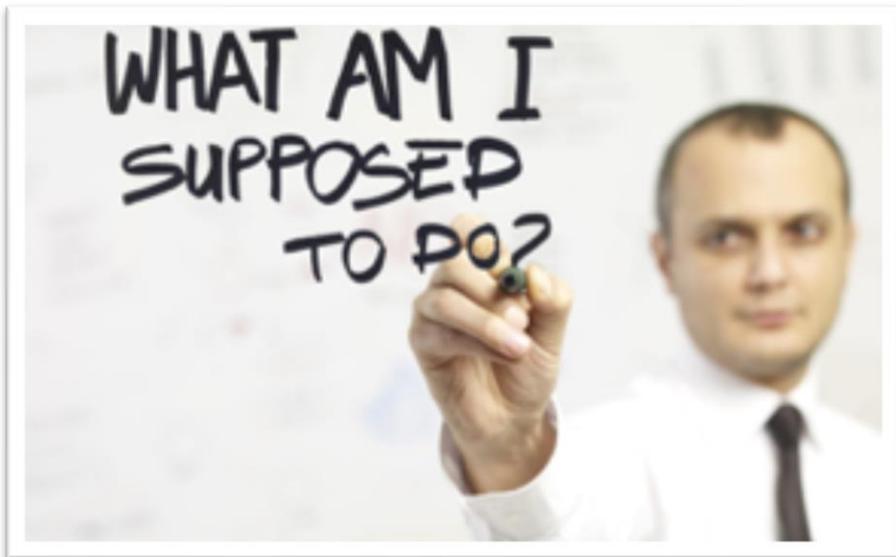
## What does work

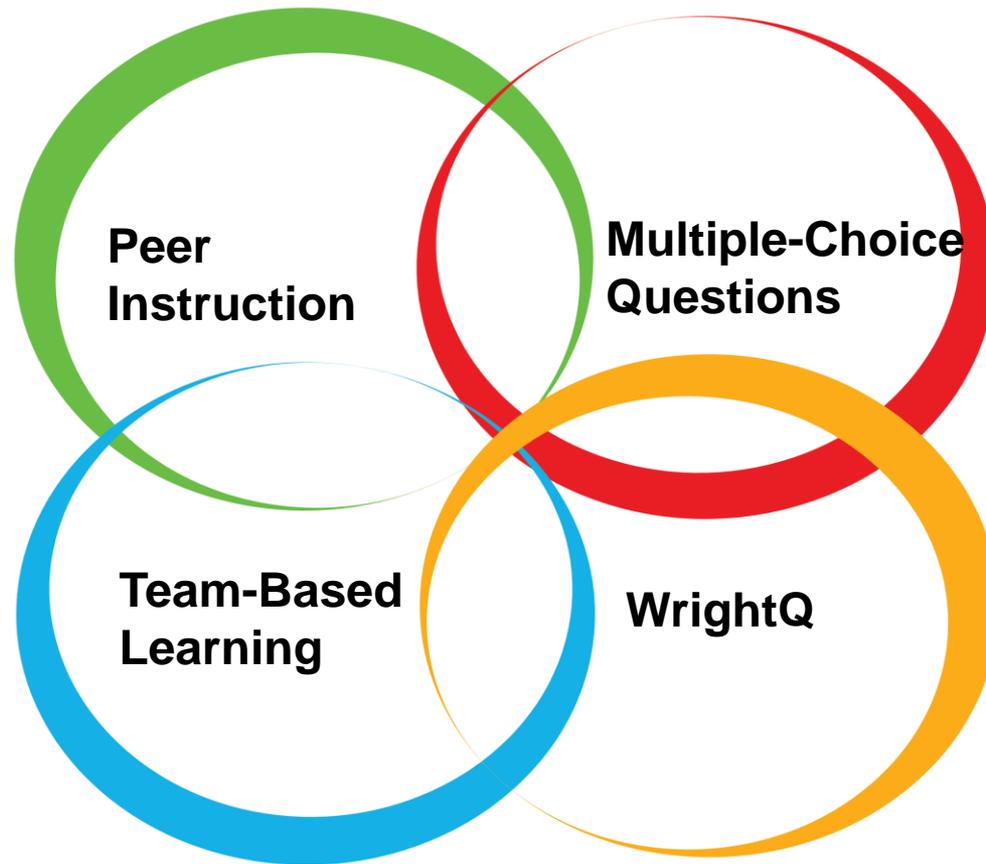
- Interleaved practice
- Elaborative interrogation
- Self-explanation
- Distributed practice
- Practice testing
- Retrieval-based learning



# Foster a Growth Mindset

- Willingness to learn from reading
- Get comfortable with less than full mastery of material before the session





# WrightCurriculum

DISTRIBUTED PRACTICE

INTERLEAVING

READING

# Peer Instruction

**Students answer problem sets individually with ARS, then peer instruct and re-answer individually**

- Retrieval-based learning
- Elaborative interrogation
- Self-explanation
- Practice testing
- Lots of immediate feedback



# Randomized Seating



# Question Quality

- Difficulty is just right
- Application is the GOAL



# Masked Polling



Without influencing student discussion or risking data integrity, faculty can see poll results and scorekeepers can see an answer key.

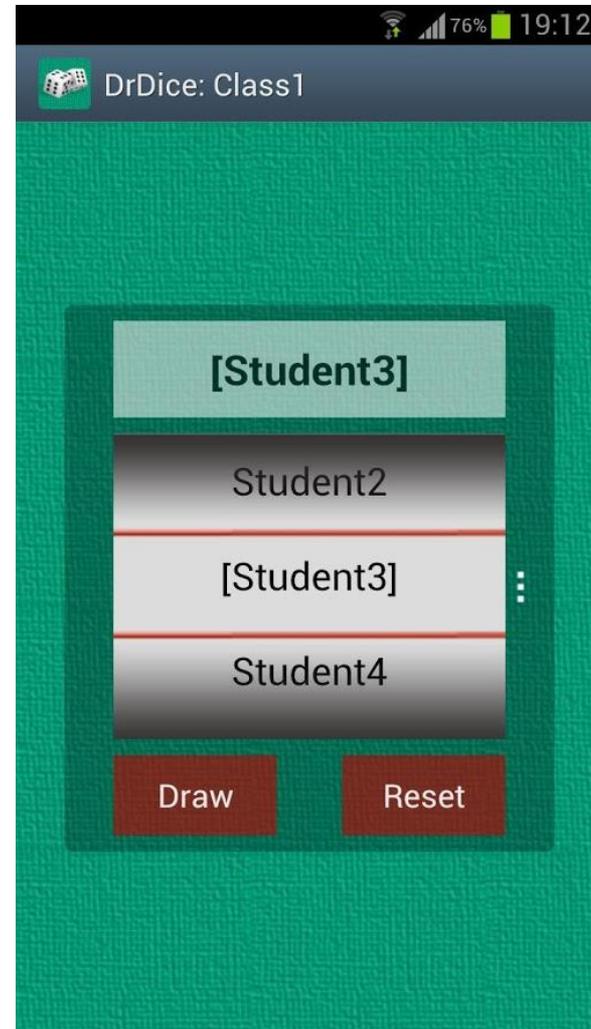
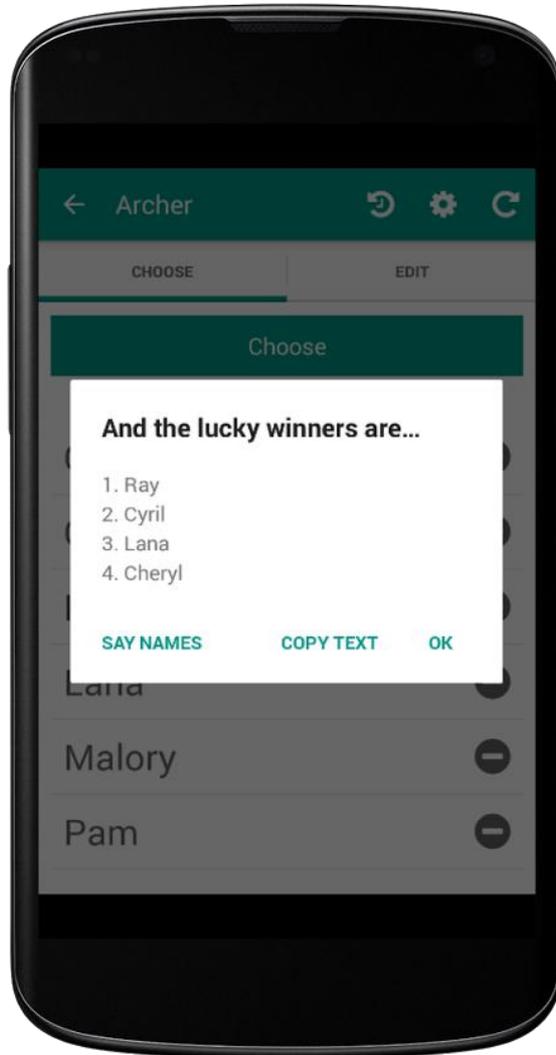
# Pairing Up



Focus on learning through  
discussion with peers

*(not necessarily pairs)*

# Random Student Selection



# PI Develops Public Speaking Skills



- Important skill as a physician
- Defending answers
- Admitting when they don't know
- Allows practice in a safe environment

## Q1:

A 58-year-old man presents to his physician complaining of increased urinary frequency over the last week. PMH: type II diabetes, hypertension (HTN). Medications: lisinopril, hydrochlorothiazide, metformin. A medication was added 1 week ago that works in the PCT to decrease  $\text{Na}^+$  and glucose re-absorption. Which of the following medications was most likely added to his regimen?

- A. Acetazolamide
- B. Bumetanide
- C. Conivaptan
- D. Dapagliflozin
- E. Mannitol

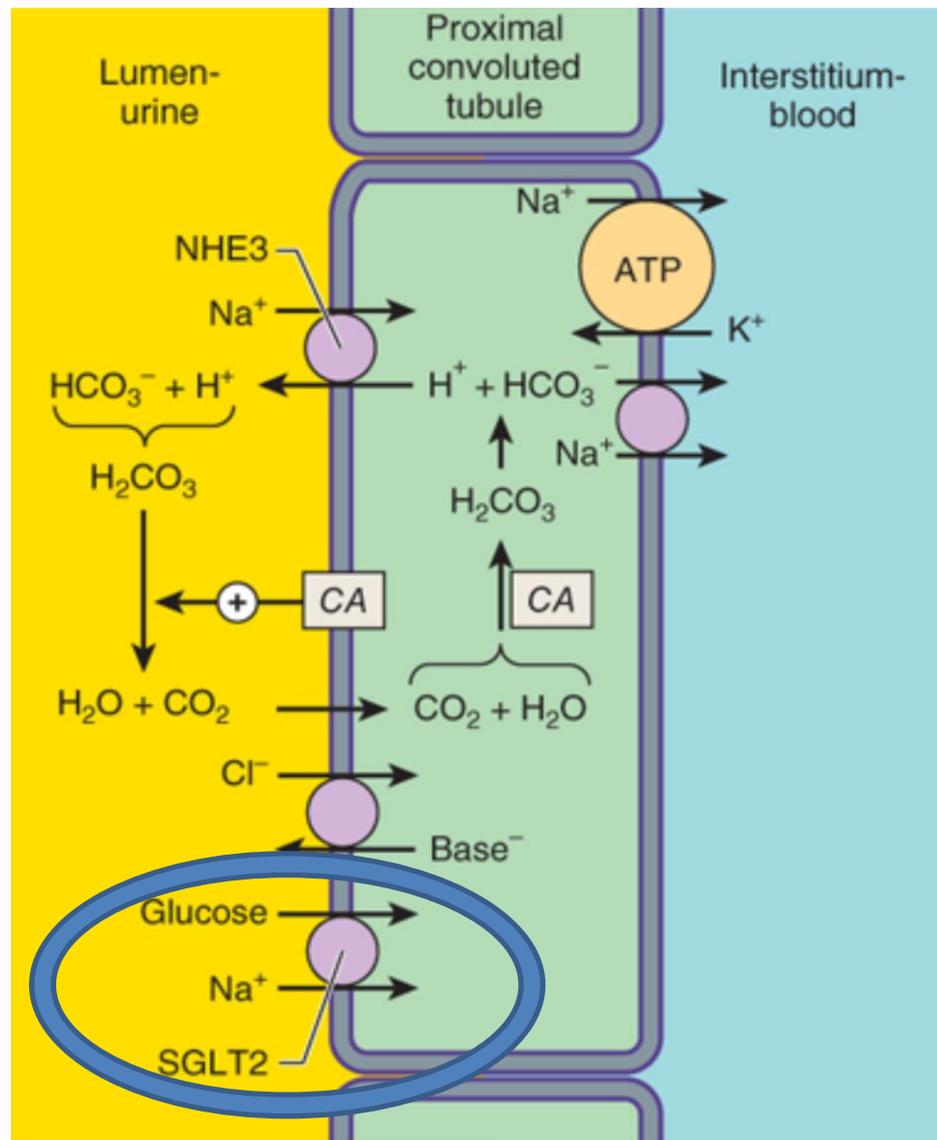


Figure 15-2 in Diuretic Agents, Katzung BG. *Basic & Clinical Pharmacology*, 14e; 2017. Available at: <https://accessmedicine.mhmedical.com/content.aspx?bookid=2249&sectionid=175217531>

# Important Considerations

- ✓ How to read a textbook to maximize learning
- ✓ Size and difficulty of pre-assignment
- ✓ Plan on 2 hours of preparation for each 1 hour in class activity
- ✓ Need time immediately after session to consolidate knowledge



# Team-Based Learning

**Teams of 6 students (long-term) making decisions on authentic problems with inter-team debate**



- Retrieval-based practice
- Elaborative interrogation
- Practice testing
- Lots of immediate feedback
- Continuous peer interaction & communication

## Our version of Problem Based Learning with a bit more structure (teams of 6, different from TBL teams)

- Elaborative interrogation
- Self-explanation
- Retrieval-based learning



# Multiple-Choice Questions

**50 Question exams every 2-4 weeks within a module, taken individually then as a group using IF-AT cards**

- Practice-based testing
- Retrieval based learning
- Lots of immediate feedback



# Typical Weekly Schedule

| Monday     |       | Tuesday    |       | Wednesday  |       | Thursday   |       | Friday     |              |
|------------|-------|------------|-------|------------|-------|------------|-------|------------|--------------|
| 8 a.m.     | Study | 8 a.m.     |       | 8 a.m.     | Class | 8 a.m.     |       | 8 a.m.     | Clinical Med |
| 9 a.m.     | Class | 9 a.m.     | Study | 9 a.m.     | Class | 9 a.m.     | Class | 9 a.m.     | Clinical Med |
| 10 a.m.    | Class | 10 a.m.    | Study | 10 a.m.    | Class | 10 a.m.    | Class | 10 a.m.    | Clinical Med |
| 11 a.m.    | Class | 11 a.m.    | Study | 11 a.m.    | Study | 11 a.m.    | Class | 11 a.m.    | Clinical Med |
| 12:00 p.m. | Break        |
| 1 p.m.     | Study | 1 p.m.     | Class | 1 p.m.     | Study | 1 p.m.     | Study | 1 p.m.     | CM-Preceptor |
| 2 p.m.     | Study | 2 p.m.     | Class | 2 p.m.     | Study | 2 p.m.     | Study | 2 p.m.     | CM-Preceptor |
| 3 p.m.     | Study | 3 p.m.     | Class | 3 p.m.     | Study | 3 p.m.     | Study | 3 p.m.     | CM-Preceptor |
| 4 p.m.     | Study | 4 p.m.     | Class | 4 p.m.     | Study | 4 p.m.     | Study | 4 p.m.     | CM-Preceptor |
| 5 p.m.     |       | 5 p.m.     | Study | 5 p.m.     |       | 5 p.m.     |       | 5 p.m.     | CM-Preceptor |

# What were the pleasant surprises?



- 100% of class progressed into second year
- Retake exams scored much higher than previous cohorts
- Students embrace collaborative work and SDL.
- Most all students make use of science of learning
- Students really get to know everyone in their class!

# Why such good outcomes?

Our emphasis on **retrieval based learning**



# Lessons learned...

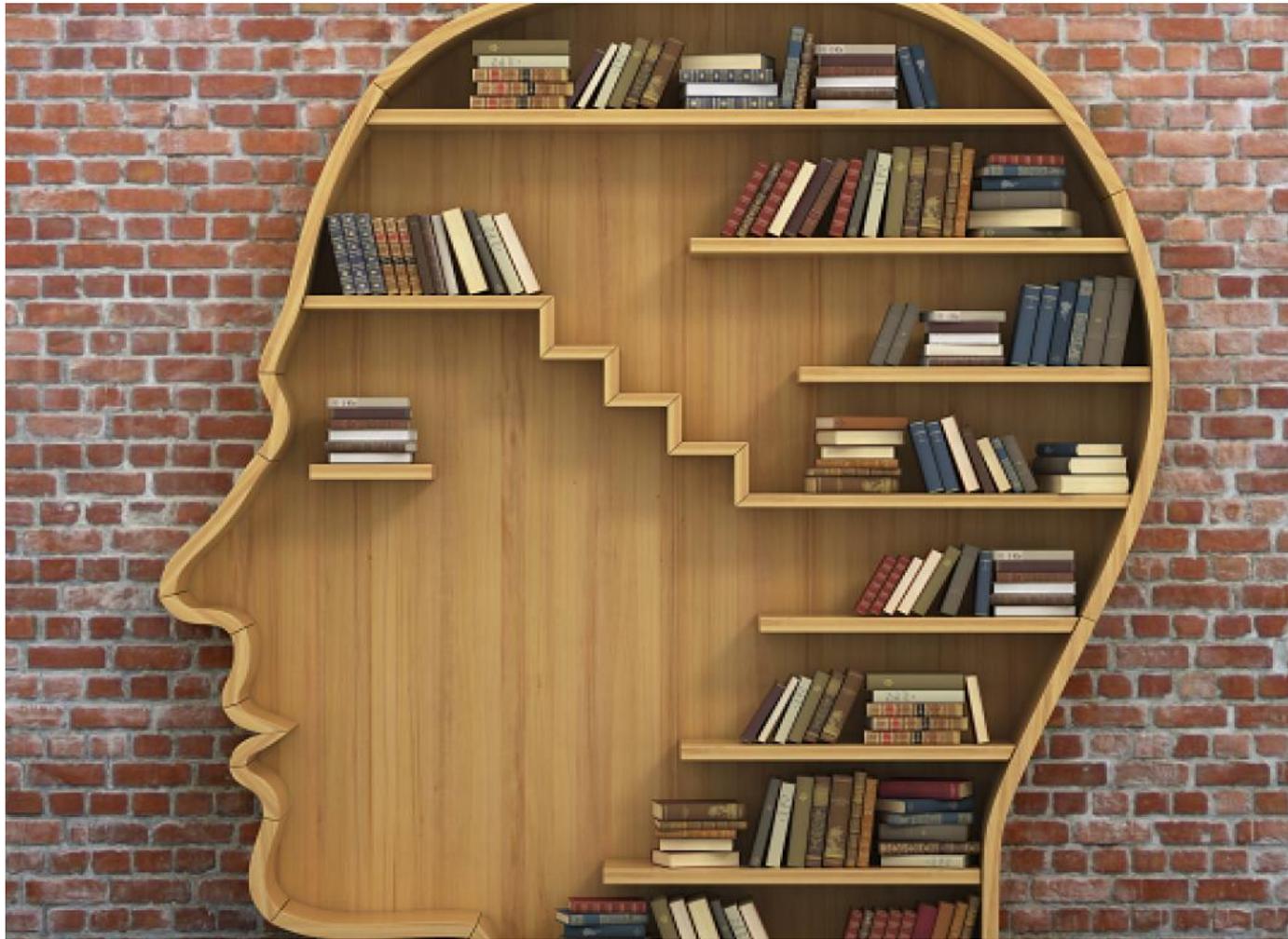


# What we did right...

- Utilizing true backward design principles for the curriculum as a whole and for the modules
- Establishing a policy of maximum of 20 hours/face time per week in Foundations Phase (most modules average is 15 hours/week)
- Holding firm for faculty NOT doing lectures
- Establishing consistency across modules for the teaching/learning sessions
- Getting constant feedback from students
- Being flexible when possible (made a change mid-year with Professional Identity Course and when CHW in the community “folded”)

# Field testing is crucial

- All teaching and learning modalities had been used in legacy curriculum for several years
- Multi-system course “Staying Alive” — 3rd iteration by the time *WrightCurriculum* began
- Professional Identity: Answering the Call—had been previously done as an elective for students



"Student, you do not study to pass the test. You study to prepare for the day when you are the only thing between a patient and the grave."

-Mark Reid, MD.

# Student progress

- With daily assessments we know student progress and can intervene early
- Daily assessments do bring fatigue — until students fully understand that they do not need to get everything right the first time
  - Assessments are “low stakes”



# Dedicated core teaching faculty

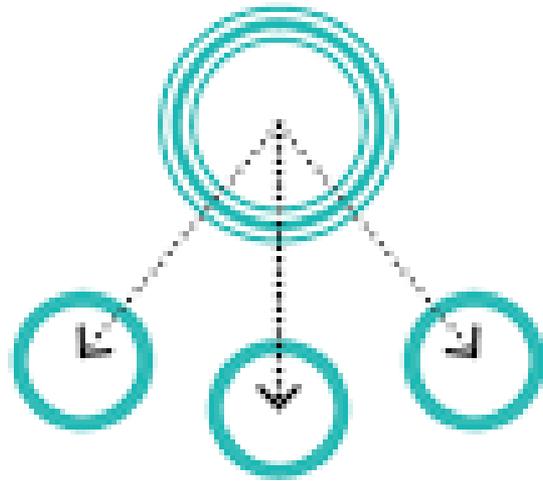
- Fewer “cameo” appearances
- Increased primary care physician time



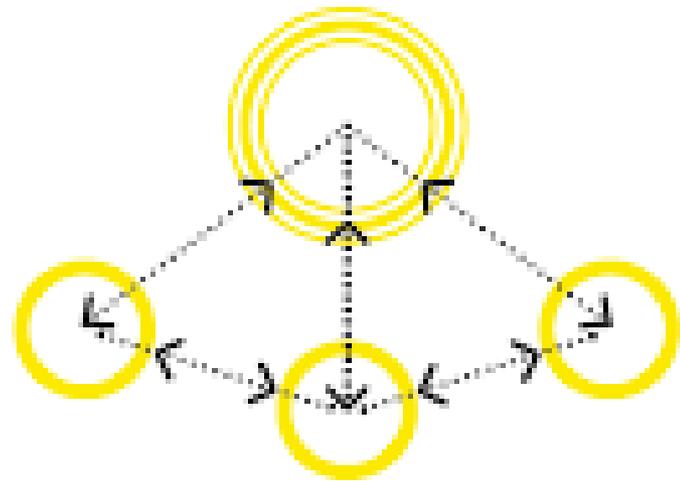
# Faculty excitement...and exhaustion



# Facilitation is a harder skill to learn than lecturing



One directional dissemination of knowledge through a teacher



Accompanying and shaping a learning process together

# If we could do it again...

- Better anticipate faculty needs (increase in FTE to support)
- Would not introduce another system change at the same time!
- Better explain the “Why” and the “Positive Impact” that Gen Z students desire



