

# Coaching for Competency across the Continuum

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# Outline: Coaching for Competency

- Introductions
- Discover small group coaching techniques anchored in positive psychology
- Apply a framework for feedback to learners within a coaching relationship
- Engage in a coaching conversation, using coaching strategies



# Coach

Supports you in achieving personal or professional goals

Focus is on helping you find solutions and strategies, be the best you can be

Helps you build skills, use your resources

# Mentor

Someone more experienced

Teaches and shows you the ropes

You may want to be this person someday

# Advisor

Offers advice

Deep technical knowledge in a particular area

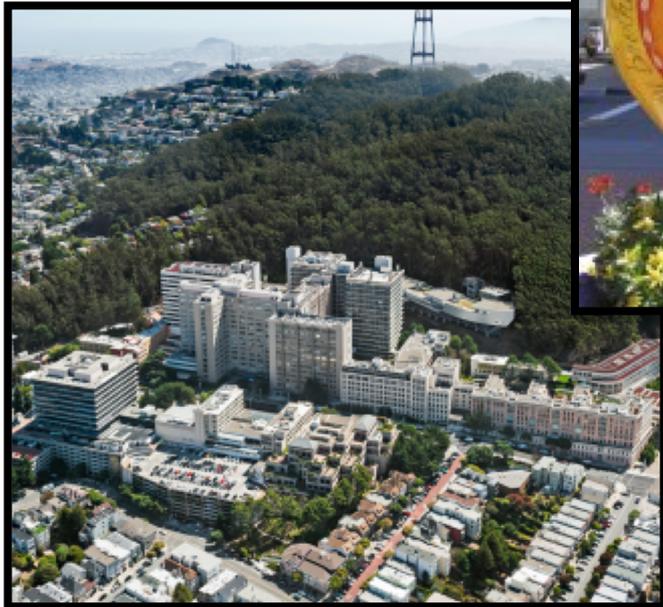
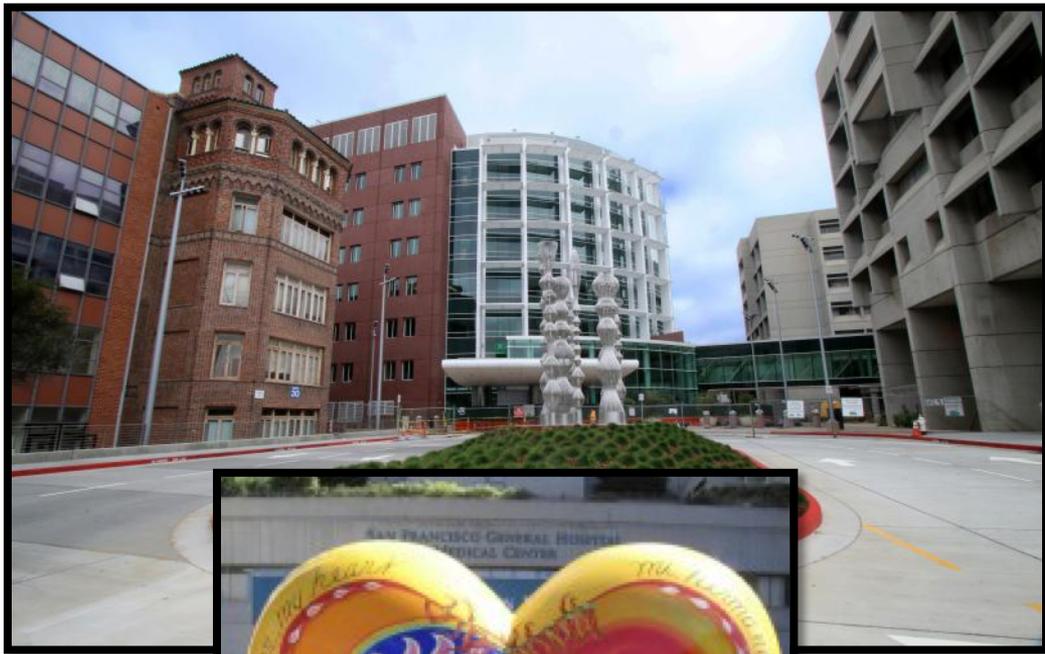


# Before we get started

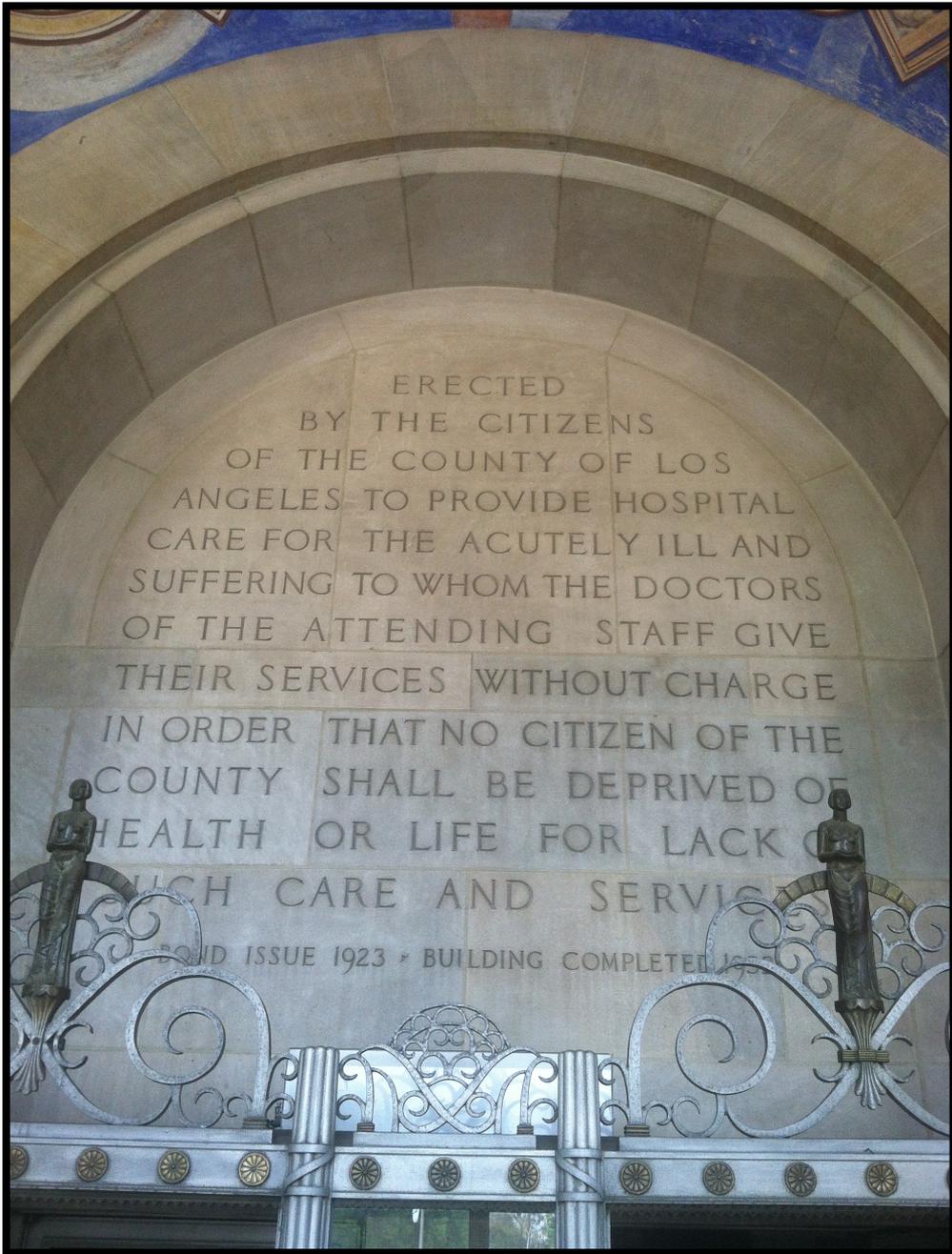
- Your goals for today's session.....

# Coaching – small group

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*Service above Self*



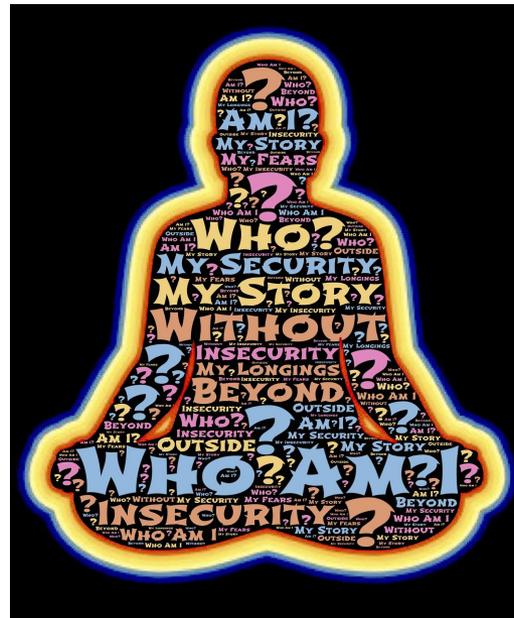
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# Self Reflection

Why did you go into health professions education?

What is one goal you have for this conference?



# Dyad Exercise

Turn to person next to you

One person speaks, the other listens

Share the reason why you went into health professions education



# Coaching

## Practical Tips of the Trade

- Establishing norms
- Structured Check-in
  - Happiness Project
  - Dream Teams



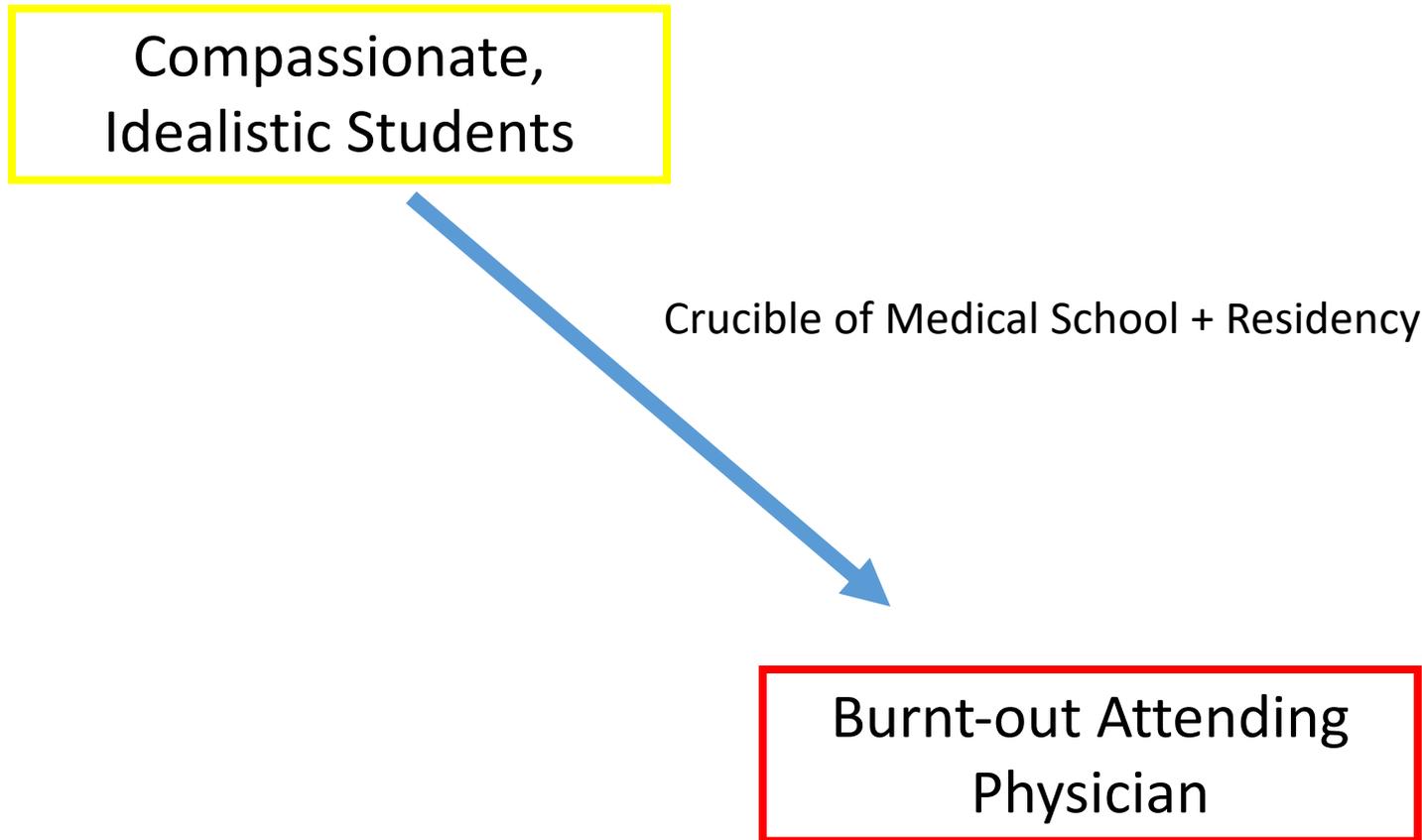
# Norms

## Establishing ground-rules early: a key to success

- Confidentiality
- Amnesty (give each other benefit of doubt)
- Compassion (for each other)
- Be. On. Time.



# Background: Physician Training Model



1. Shanafelt TD, Balch CM, Bechamps G, et al. Burn- out and medical errors among American surgeons. *Ann Surg* 2010;251:995–1000.
2. Wallace JE, Lemaire J. Physician well being and quality of patient care: an exploratory study of the missing link. *Psychol Health Med* 2009;14:545–52.

# Happiness Advantage

## Background

- 54% of physicians experience burnout
- We made it! Change the **lens** in which we see the world
- Frame our session so that our team experiences the “**Happiness Advantage**”



# Happiness Project

## Start Session with Positive Priming

- If we are positive in the **present** then
  - We can learn faster
  - More Resilient
  - Less burnout
- Physicians with positive priming
  - Integrated information earlier
  - **Demonstrated less anchoring**



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# Happiness Project

## Student-led well-being

- Part of a structured check-in (10 minutes)
  - Rotating facilitator
  - Bring in an activity to focus on **happiness**





### Examples include:

Excerpts from “Peace is Every Step”

Gratefulness practice

Origami crane folding lesson

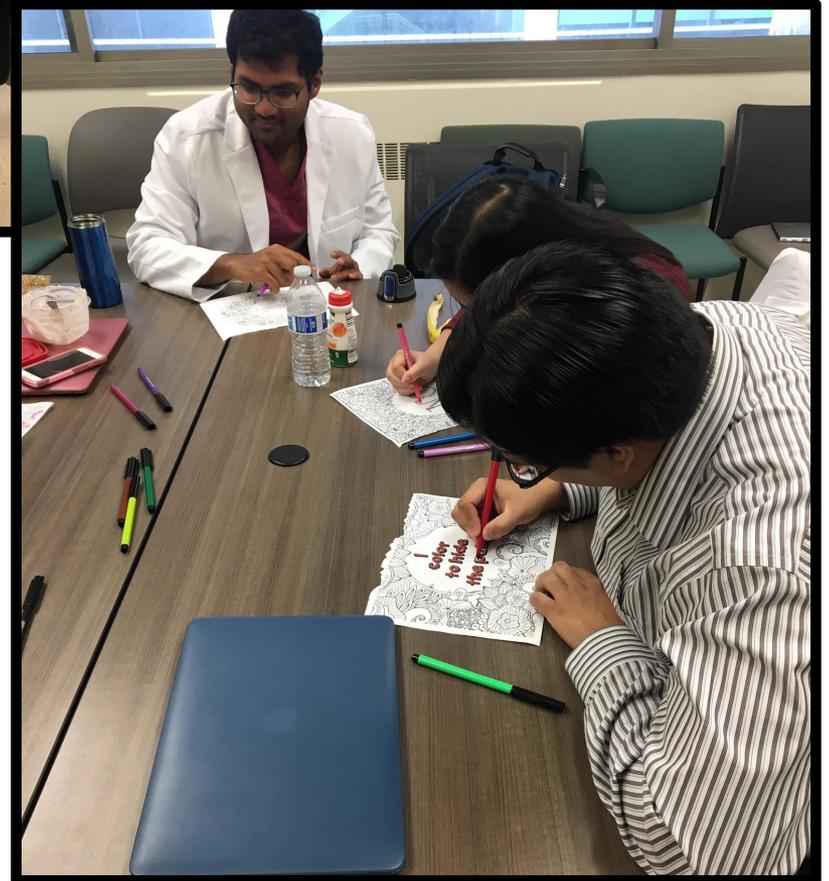
Ted Talk on Positive Psychology

Headspace meditation

Compliments game

Excerpts from “Grit”

“Draw a place that brings you peace”





# Crucible Moment



# Peer-to-Peer Mentoring

## Establishing Dream Teams

- What if each student had their own **personal board of directors**?
- Small Groups of 5-6 to hold each other accountable for their **dreams**



# Dream Team

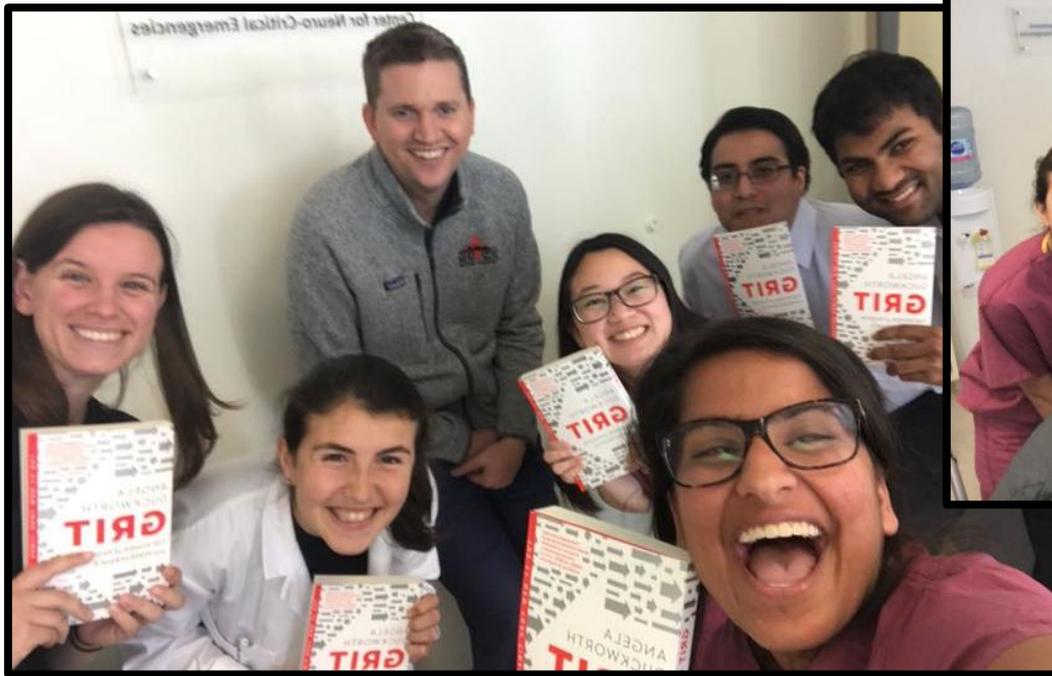
## Part of Structured Check-in (10 min)

- One student per session
  - Share goals and **dreams for career**
  - Subsequent sessions are progress reports
- Group acts as **Personal Board of Directors**
  - Asks questions, gives advice
  - Opens up personal networks

# Dream Team

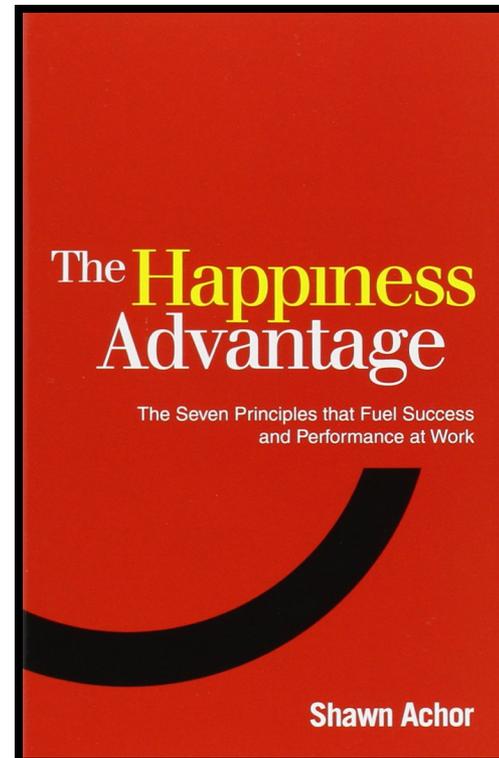
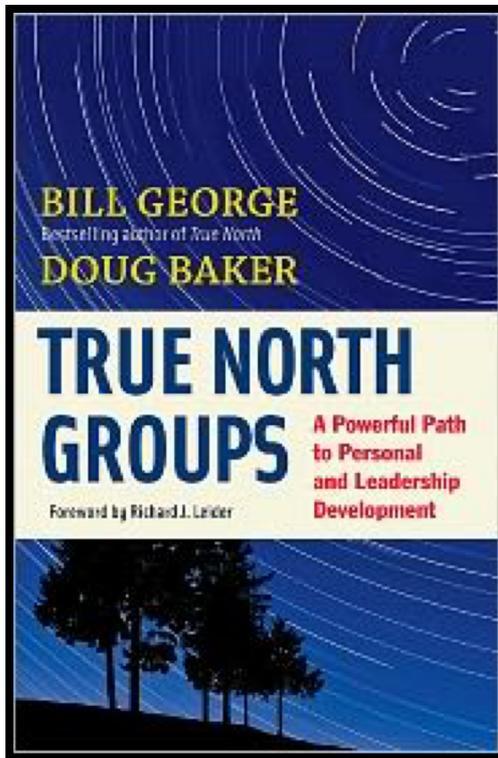
## Potential Impact: Students Coaching Themselves

- Discuss shared strategies for work-life balance
- Summer research, specialty selection
- Cultivating mentors
- Utilize network of peers for career development
- Discuss **medical errors** amongst peers



# Thank you

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**Suggested Reading**

# Informed self-assessment and feedback

Karen Hauer

# Coaching conversations

- What about when the feedback is not all positive?
- How can a coach help?
  - Provide and interpret feedback
  - Promote awareness
  - Provide encouragement
  - Facilitate practice with reflection, learning planning



# Challenges with self-assessment

## Accuracy of Physician Self-assessment Compared With Observed Measures of Competence A Systematic Review

JAMA, September 6, 2006—Vol 296, No. 9

David A. Davis, MD

Paul E. Mazmanian, PhD

**Context** Core physician activities of lifelong learning, continuing medical education credit, relicensure, specialty recertification, and clinical competence are linked to the

## Flawed Self-Assessment

### Implications for Health, Education, and the Workplace

David Dunning,<sup>1</sup> Chip Heath,<sup>2</sup> and Jerry M. Suls<sup>3</sup>

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## “I’ll Never Play Professional Football” and Other Fallacies of Self-Assessment

JOURNAL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION IN THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS, 28(1):14–19, 2008

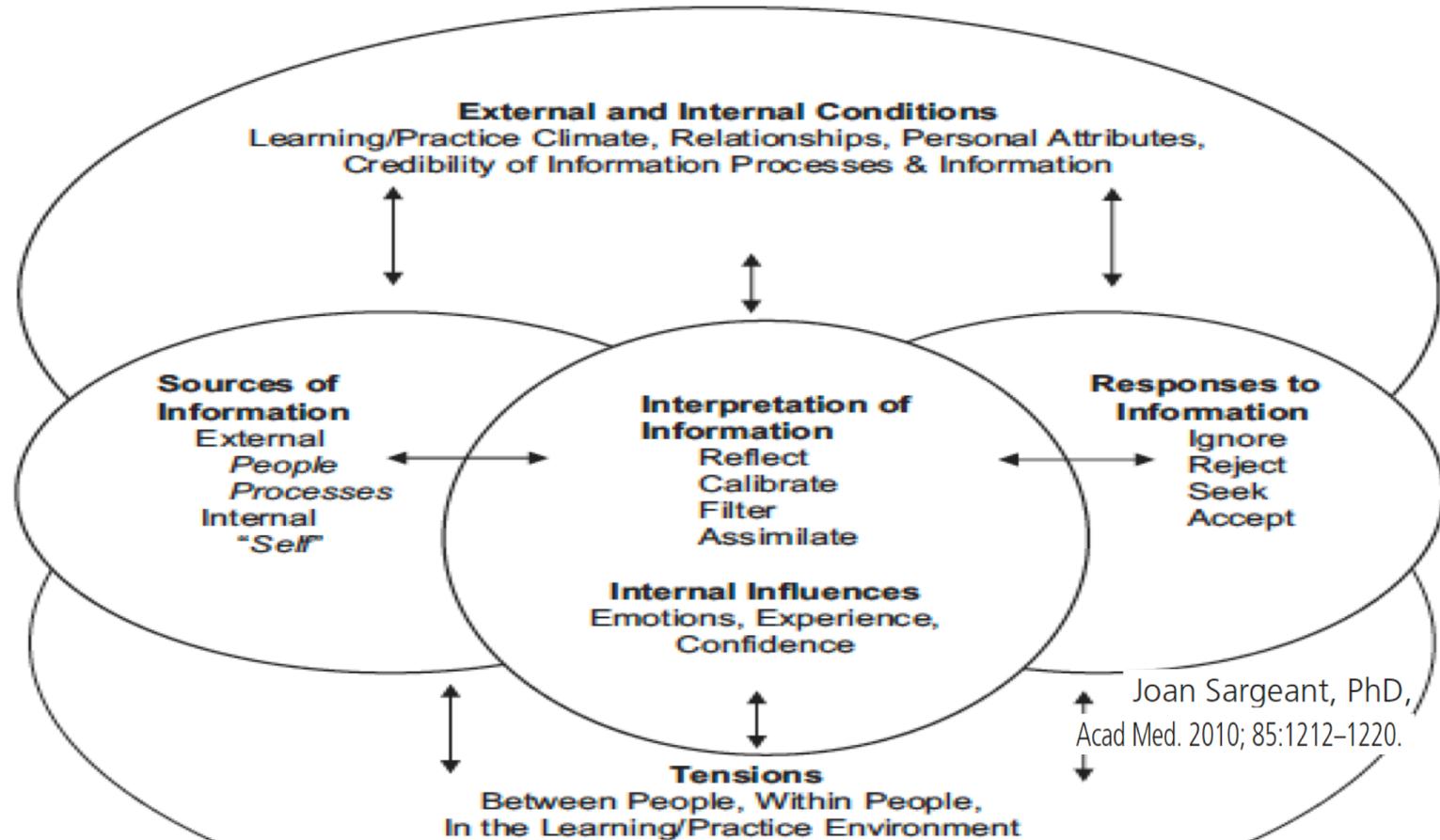
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# Improving the accuracy of self-assessment

- Important for metacognition
  - Reflection-in-action, reflection-on-action
  - Self-directed assessment seeking (Boud)
- Two critical ingredients
  - Information: accuracy of self-assessment improves with performance information
  - Coaches: facilitator, in context of longitudinal, trusting relationship



# Informed self-assessment: a model



Joan Sargeant, PhD,  
Acad Med. 2010; 85:1212-1220.

# 3 steps for informed self-assessment

Role of the learner	Role of the coach
Review own performance information, standards	Understand where the learner is at Know the standards (competencies, milestones)
Reflect on information	Ask questions, probe Care personally
Design individual learning plan	Ensure learning plan is SMART Provide follow up, accountability

# Facilitating a feedback conversation

## R2C2 feedback model

- Rapport building
    - Explore resident experience/context
    - Offer empathy, establish trust
  - Explore Reactions
    - Invite resident reactions to the feedback
  - Explore understanding of feedback Content
    - Understanding of data – score and comments
  - Coach for change
    - Build on successes and strengths
    - Identify goals, consider framework like SMART goals
- Sargeant, Acad Med 2015

# Activity: Exploring reactions to feedback and feedback content

1. Review information
2. Reflect on information

- pair share practice with R2 and C– (10 min)
- large group debrief – 5 min

# Coaching for Change

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# What coaching is NOT:

disciplinary conversation

“venting”

teaching

psychotherapy

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# Coaching Conversations: Purpose

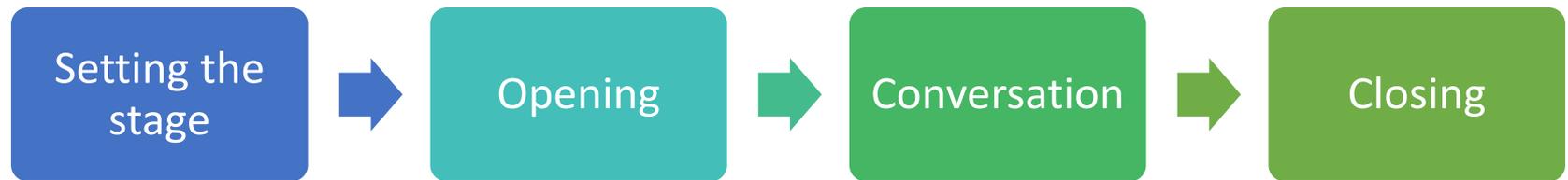
## Purpose

- Reflect on challenges
- Identify strengths
- Make a plan going forward

## Avoid the impulse to

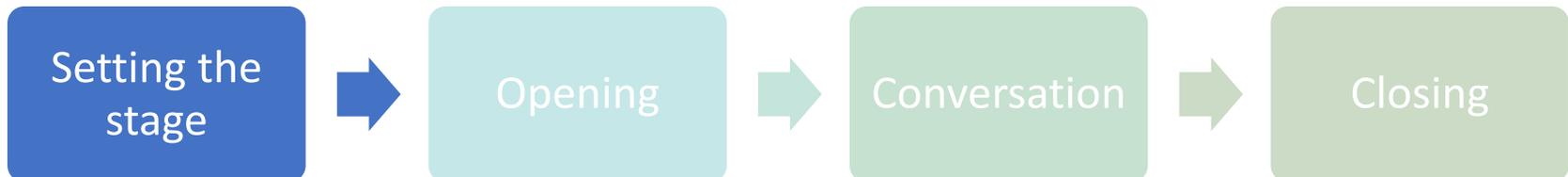
- Discipline (be clear on your role)
- Give advice (talk less; listen more)
- Commiserate (not bi-directional)

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Laying the Groundwork for Success	
Coach Mindset	Assume positive intent
Planning	Ongoing vs. new issue
Timing	Contextual awareness (exam tomorrow; post call)
Setting	Confidential space vs. real time “on-the-fly”
Voluntariness	Most effective when voluntary but “opt-in” not always possible



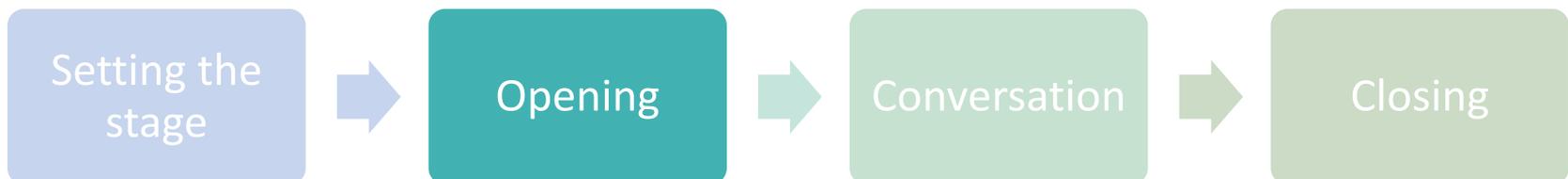
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- Identify the reason for the conversation
- Clarify your role if ambiguous
- Practice some phrases to open the conversation (can feel awkward!)

“I noticed that interaction and wanted to check in. Can we talk about it?”

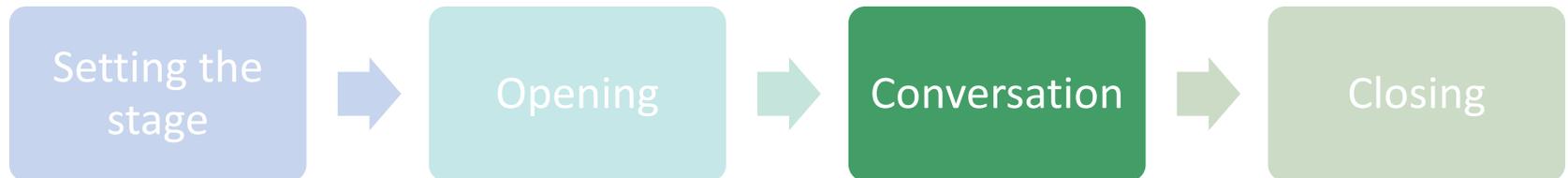
“You just got back your CPX results. Let’s discuss them together”

“The other day when we talked, I realized that you were going through a stressful situation. Could we discuss it?”



# Key Elements of a Coaching Conversation

- Listen when you want to talk
- Ask probes until you get to the heart of the issue
- Leave with an action plan/concrete next step

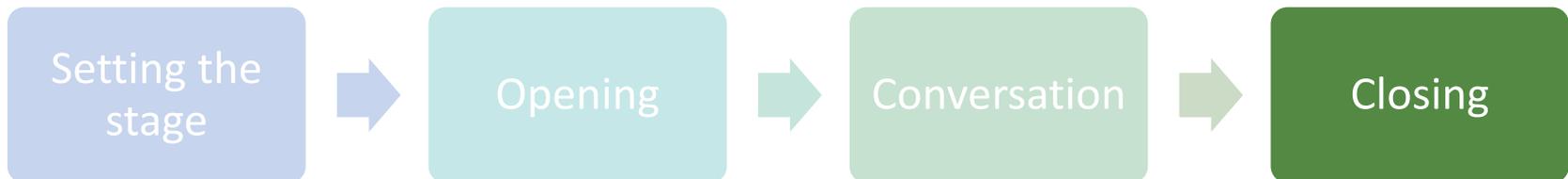


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<b>Awe Question</b>	And what else?	Probing to get at deeper issues
<b>Focus Question</b>	What’s the real challenge here for you?	Identify the root cause or underlying challenge
<b>Foundation Question</b>	What do you want?	Identify goals (before tactics)
<b>“Lazy” Question</b>	How can I help?	Identify barriers and possible supports
<b>Strategic Question</b>	If you’re saying yes to this, what will you say no to?	Set limits and realistic expectations
<b>Learning Question</b>	What was most useful for you?	Reflect on the conversation

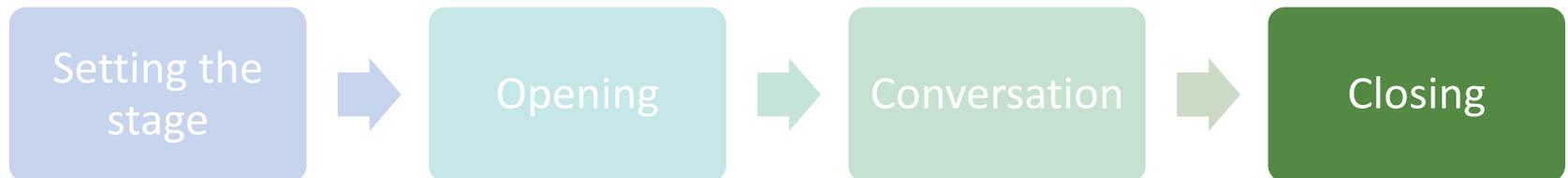
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- Reflect on the conversation
- Make a plan/set a SMART goal
- Schedule follow-up



# Key Elements of a Coaching Conversation

- Self-regulated learning involves the autonomous selection, management, and evaluation of personal learning activities.
- *Mental contrasting with implementation intentions* (cognitive psychology literature)
- WOOP



## WOOP steps

### Wish

*I want to learn more about sepsis*

### Outcome

*I will feel much more in control when managing these patients by myself*



### Obstacle

*I spend too much time on Facebook*



### Plan: "If [obstacle], then I will [action]"

If... *I am looking through Facebook posts*

Then... *I will turn off my phone and read one of my sepsis articles*

## WOOP tips

- The goal should be important *to you*.
- It should be attainable but challenging.

- This should be the single best outcome of achieving the goal *for you*.
- You must imagine the outcome.

- The obstacle should be internal (something you can control), not external (eg, "I don't have time").
- You must imagine the obstacle.

- The planned actions should promote your goal.
- The action should be one that you plan to enact in the moment the obstacle arises.

# Activity: Coaching Conversation

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Commitment to Change

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