

# Teaching Communication Skills Virtually



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# Agenda

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- Project Methodology
- Challenges
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# PROJECT DESCRIPTION



# Objectives vs Results

## Project Description

### Objective

- Convert on-site courses to online courses
- Maintain the decorum of teaching and learning communication skills
- Apply role-play virtually

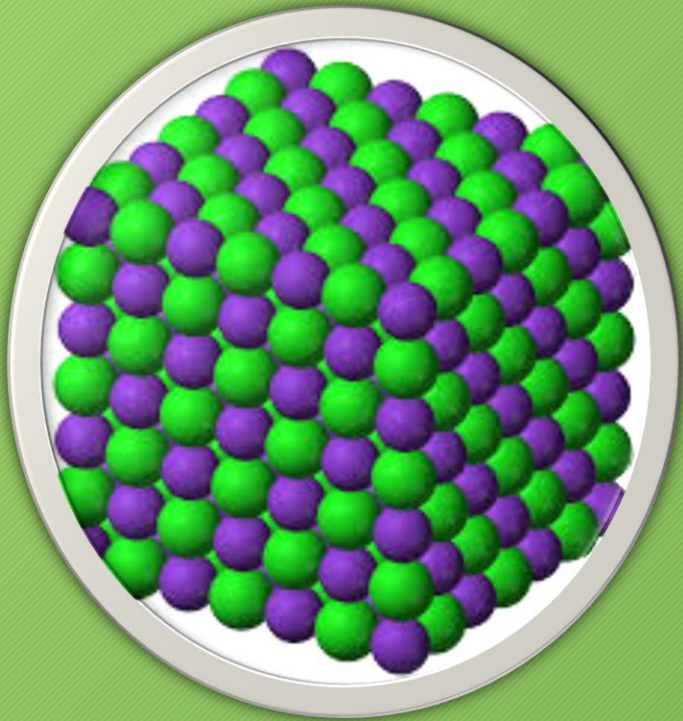
### Results

- Successfully established e-learning
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# Communication

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Description



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# Communication

## Project Description

**Communication** (from Latin *commūnicāre*, meaning "to share" is the activity of conveying information through the exchange of thoughts, messages, or information, as by speech, visuals, signals, writing, or behavior





# Patient Communication

**> 50%**

of the patients can be diagnosed  
by only communication

**69 %**

Doctors interrupting patients  
speech within the first 18 seconds

**77%**

Patients didn't even express their  
reason for encounter

# Wonder !

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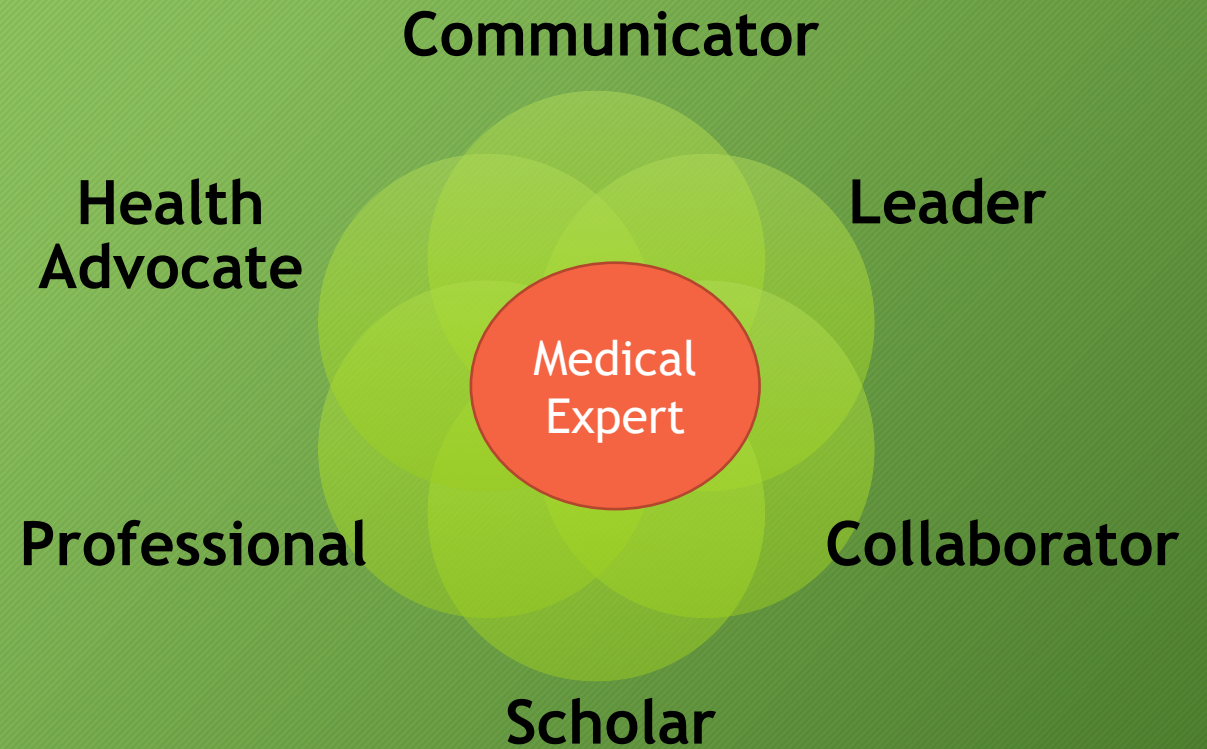
- **50%** of patients leaving doctors office who do not have enough information on their illness:
- **50%** of patients who do not know how to use their medication
- **22-70%** of patients not adhering to the suggestions of their doctor



# Expectations

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As Communicators, physicians form relationships with patients and their families that facilitate the gathering and sharing of essential information for effective health care.



# Micro skills

## Project Description

- Prompting
- Connecting
- Making specific
- Giving feedback
- Showing empathy (reflecting feelings)
- Paraphrasing
- Summarizing
- Using pauses
- Asking opened and closed questions



# Meso skills.

## Project Description

- Accommodating
- Active listening
- Investigative questioning
- Explaining
- Informing
- Advising and motivating
- Coaching
- Instructing
- Reaching consensus



## Project Description

### Fifth Year

- Using fully equipped simulation labs for learning skills
- Simulated Patients from the community
- Expose to real patients

### Fourth Year

- Using fully equipped simulation labs for learning skills
- Simulated Patients from the community

### Third Year

- Micro & Meso - Skills of communication through role play & simulation from the peers
- Dealing with difficult patients
- Breaking Bad News

### Second Year

Meso - Skills of communication through role play & simulation from the peers

### First Year

Micro - Skills of communication through role play & simulation from the peers



# PROJECT METHODOLOGY

# Sample of the session: On site

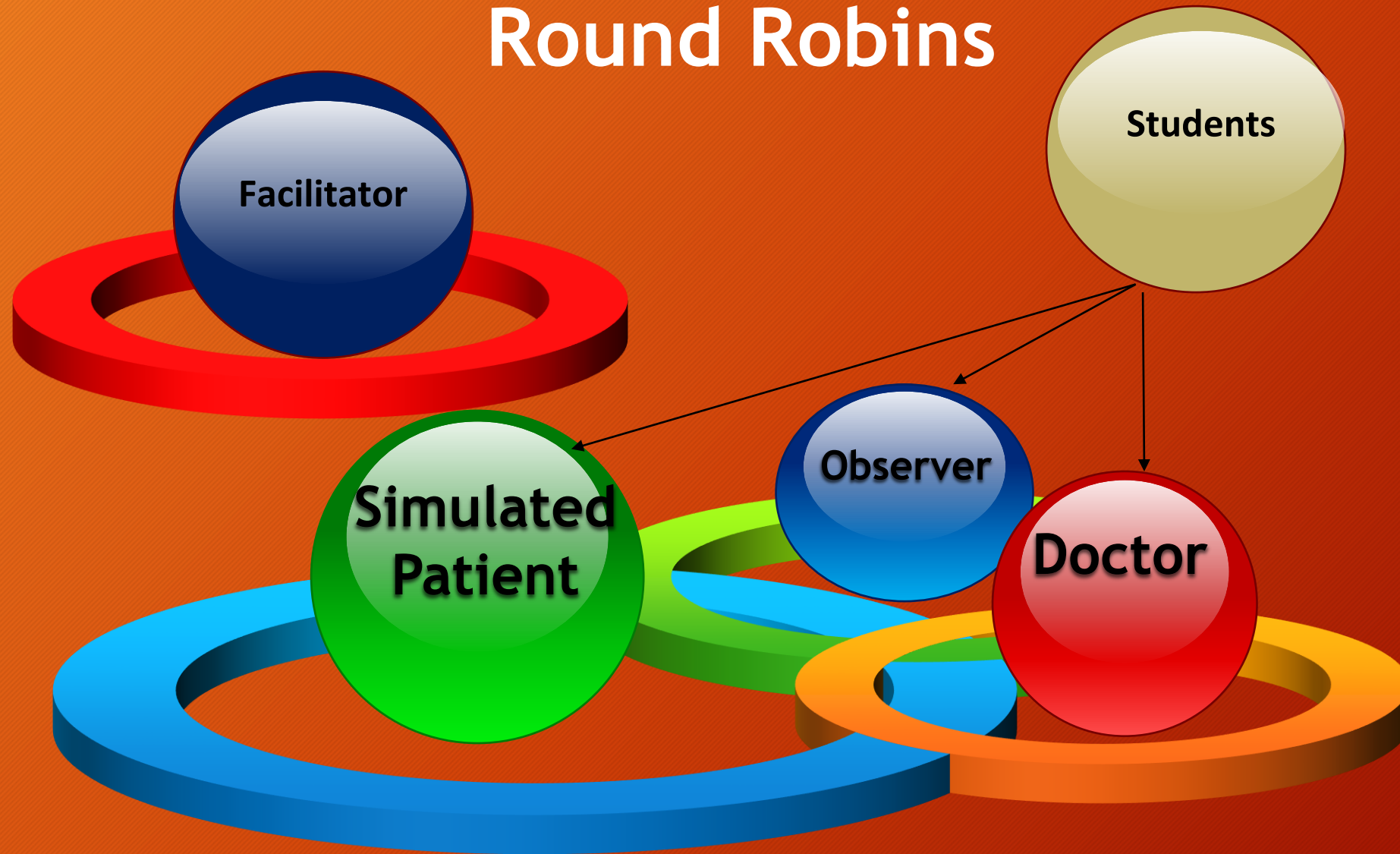
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## Training Session 1: Informing & Explaining

Timing	Activities / Session Program (2 Hours)
00:00 - 00:10	Meeting with the trainer: Explanation of whole program
00:10 - 00:30	Agree upon the training group session: Structure, procedure, obligations, & methods
00:30 - 00:45	Discuss the theory: Skills in the diagnostic and treatment Consultation
00:45 - 01:00	Video demonstration for the diagnostic and treatment Consultation
01:00 - 01:55	Role Play for a given case: <b>Round Robins / Relay Method</b>
01:55 - 02:00	Discuss about the preparation of the next session



# Round Robins



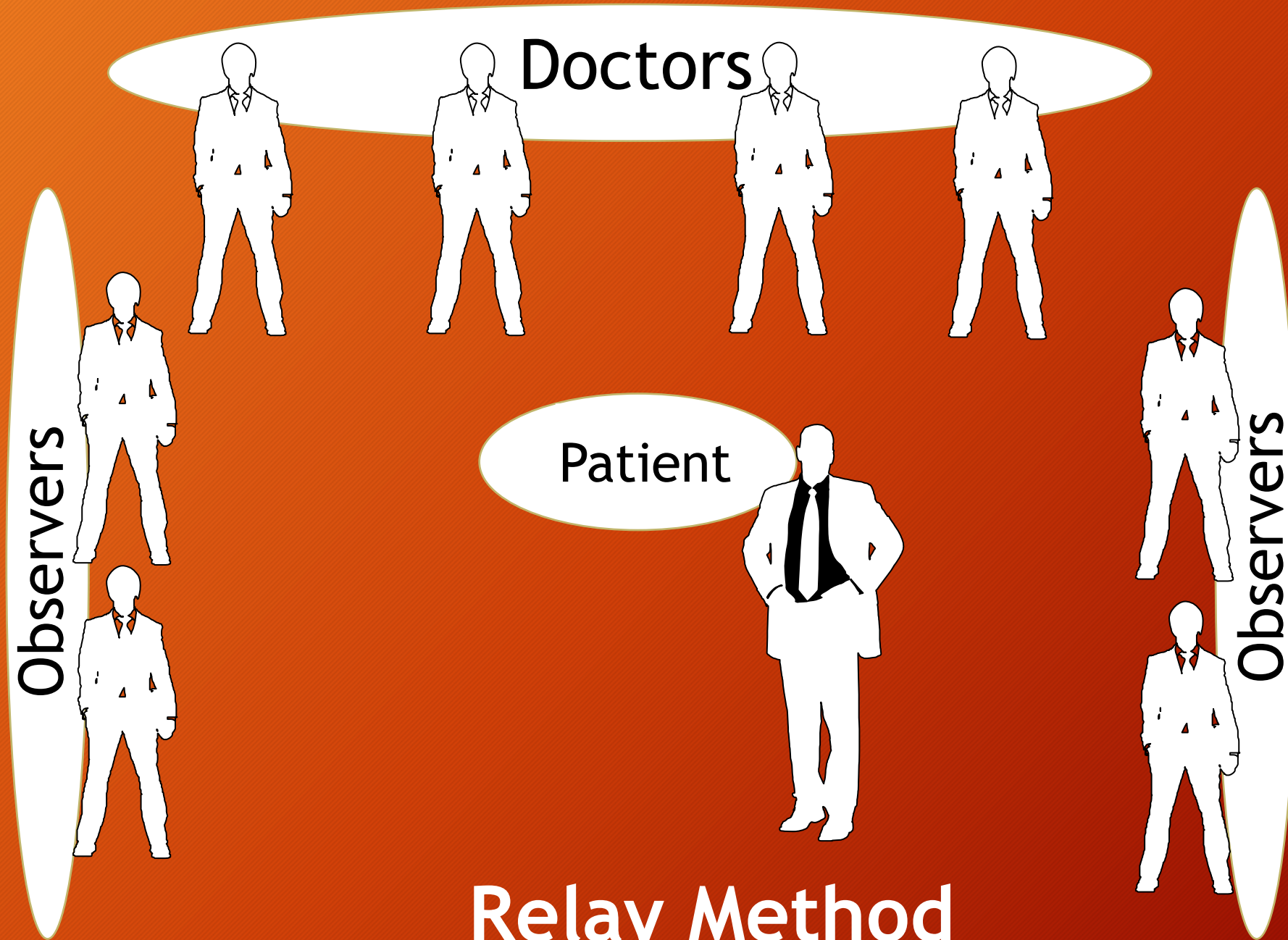
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## Project Methodology



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# Stages for development of the on-line Training Session

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# Instructions for Trainers

## *(Blackboard Collaborate Ultra)*

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- 1) Kindly ask them to use ONLY the assigned link with their names.
- 2) Same link can be used in all sessions as the link does not have any end time (no expiry).
- 3) It is a Moderator Link, so trainer will have all privileges to manage the sessions.
- 4) Recording of all sessions are MANDATORY by the trainers (there is an option to record sessions on the top left side)
- 5) Once they finish session, stop recording and click on 'leave session' (icon will be on bottom left)
- 6) All links will be activated before 15 minutes of the session.
- 7) There are chances for crash or hanging of Blackboard when all the groups are conducting session at the same time, so session can be rescheduled with students after informing producer and coordinator.
- 8) It is the responsibility of tutor to take attendance and confirm wrong entry of students in the group.
- 9) The link is already activated, trainers may conduct a mock session with students to check the technical aspects.



# Instructions for students: On - Line

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- All students would play as a “doctor” one by one.
- CST trainers will act two roles: As an observer as well as a patient.
- 5 to 7 minutes for role - play
- 2 to 3 minutes for feedback
- Feedback: Other students will give feedback on “doctors” performance using a ‘ Checklist for feedback during Communication Skills’
- Group Evaluation: The whole group of students would comment and give feedback from what is comparable, easier or more difficult, for either doctor or patient?
- Conclusion: Go through the preparation for the next session.

# Sample of the session: On - Line

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# Session Creation

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## FEMALES Students

1) Block 1.4 CST Session Group 1 (FEMALE)- DR. SABA

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2) Block 1.4 CST Session Group 2 (FEMALE)- DR. NURJAHAN

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3) Block 1.4 CST Session Group 3 (FEMALE)- DR. SUJATHA

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4) Block 1.4 CST Session Group 4 (FEMALE)- DR. NAHEED

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5) Block 1.4 CST Session Group 5 (FEMALE)- DR. ARWA

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# Communication Skills Teaching - Videos

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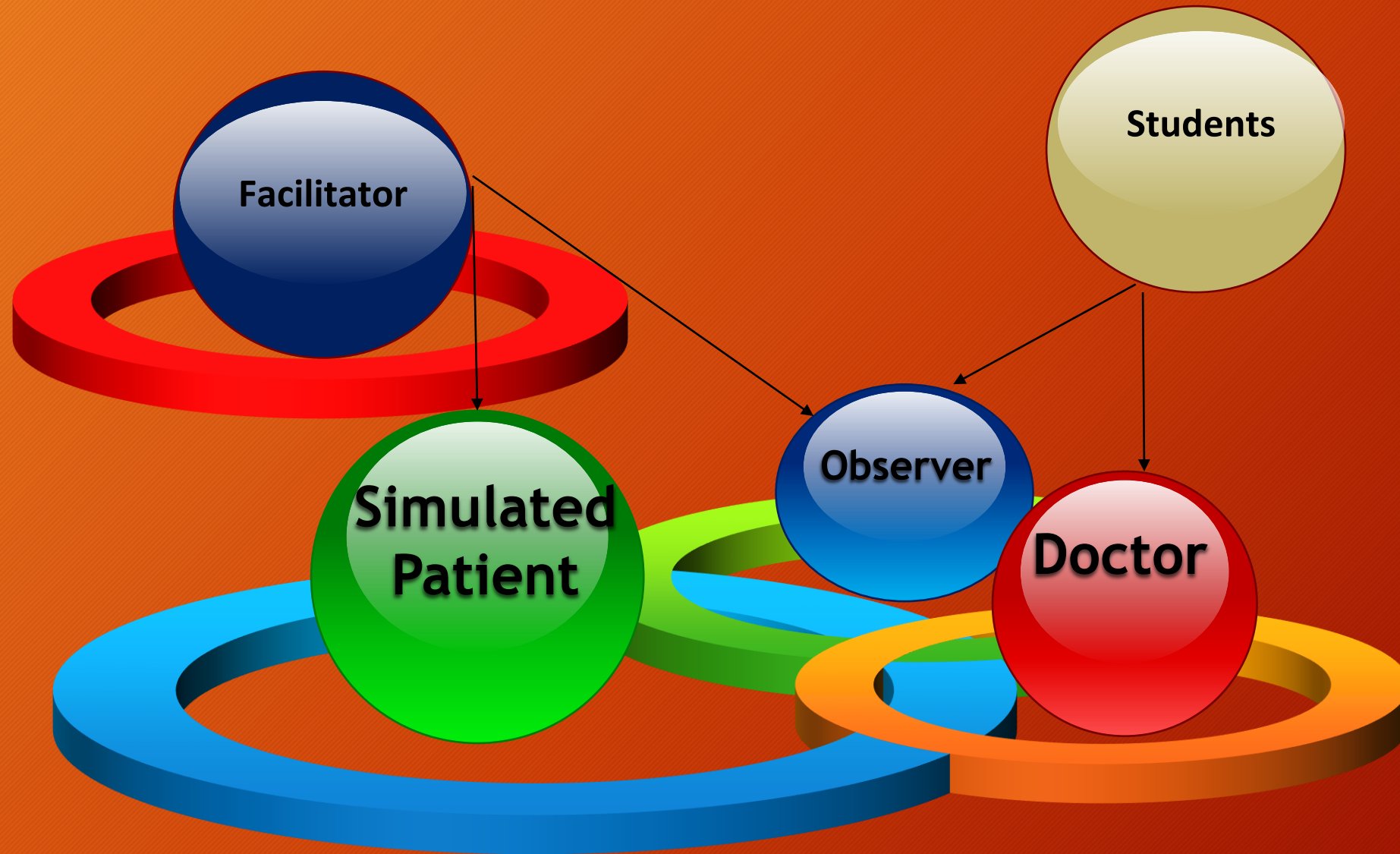
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## Project Methodology

# Feedback / CST Evaluation

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- Discuss points for improvement.
  - Fill-up feedback forms by trainers and students and submit online (Google Form).
- <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/12l59tEdGAl04nJHpg0CFwuTiOndnbYUzB1D9Y2KJ1Zs/edit?ts=5e7f9d0f>

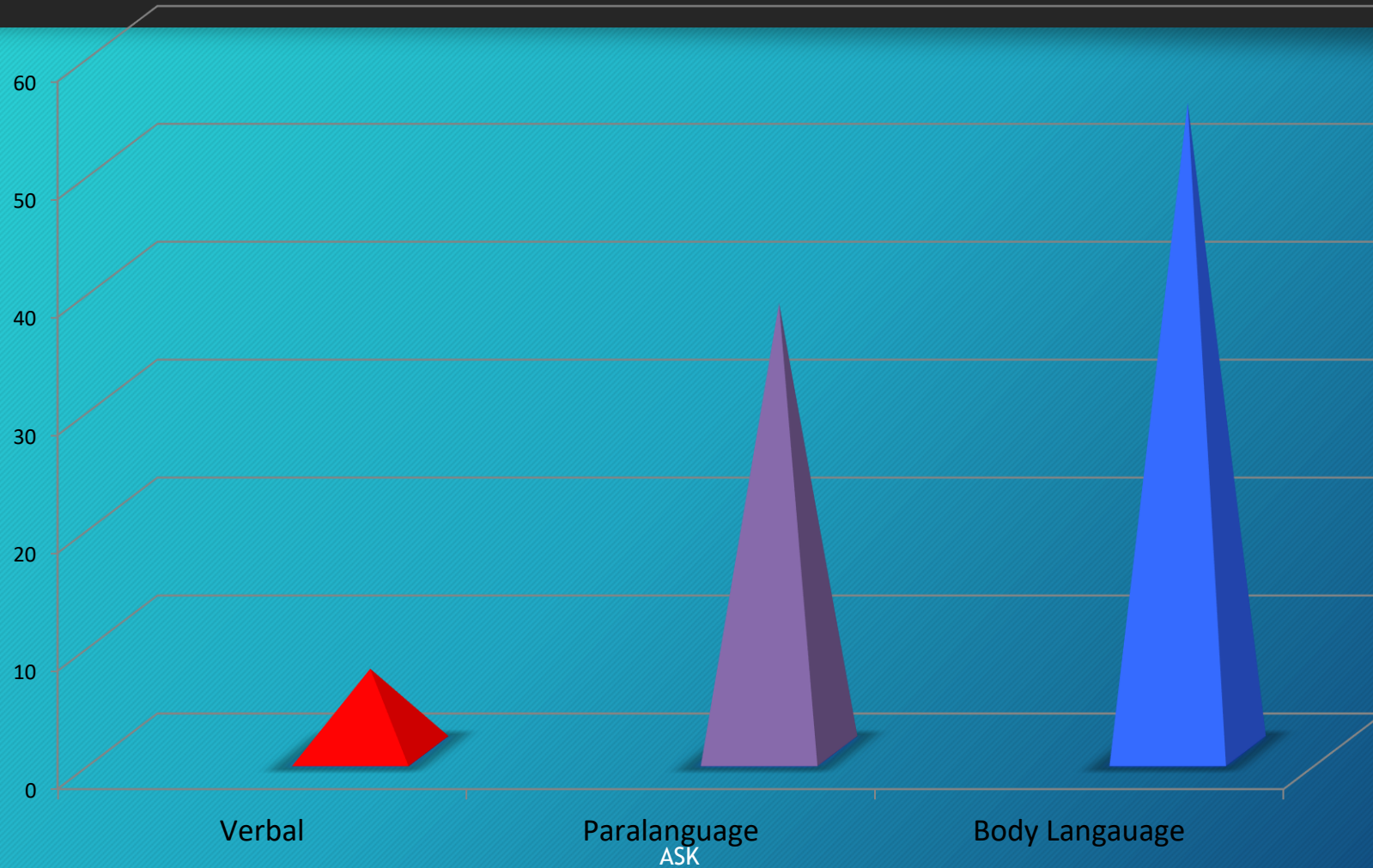


# CHALLENGES

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# Components of communication

Challenges





# Non-Verbal Communication

Challenges

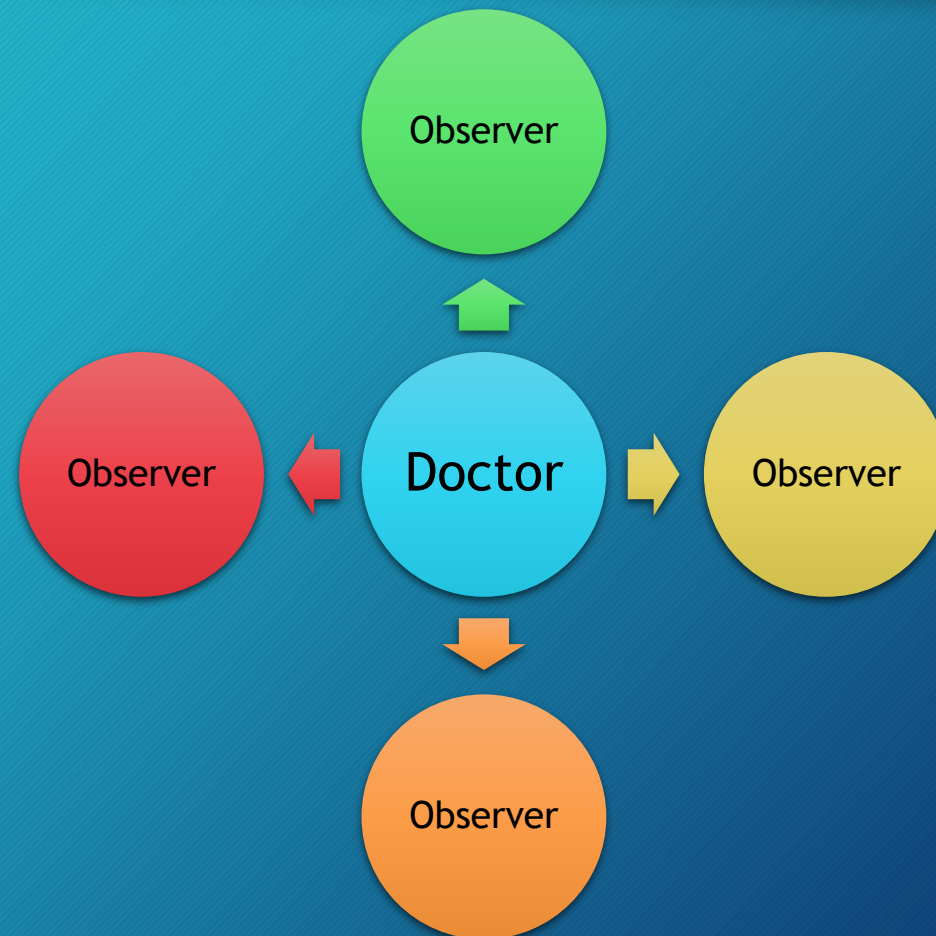
**S** (smile)  
**O** (open posture)  
**F** (forward lean)  
**T** (touch)  
**E** (eye contact)  
**N** (nod)



# Feedback from students

## Challenges

Sometimes difficult to have all feedback from all students due to technical issue like video streaming / voice or internet non-availability





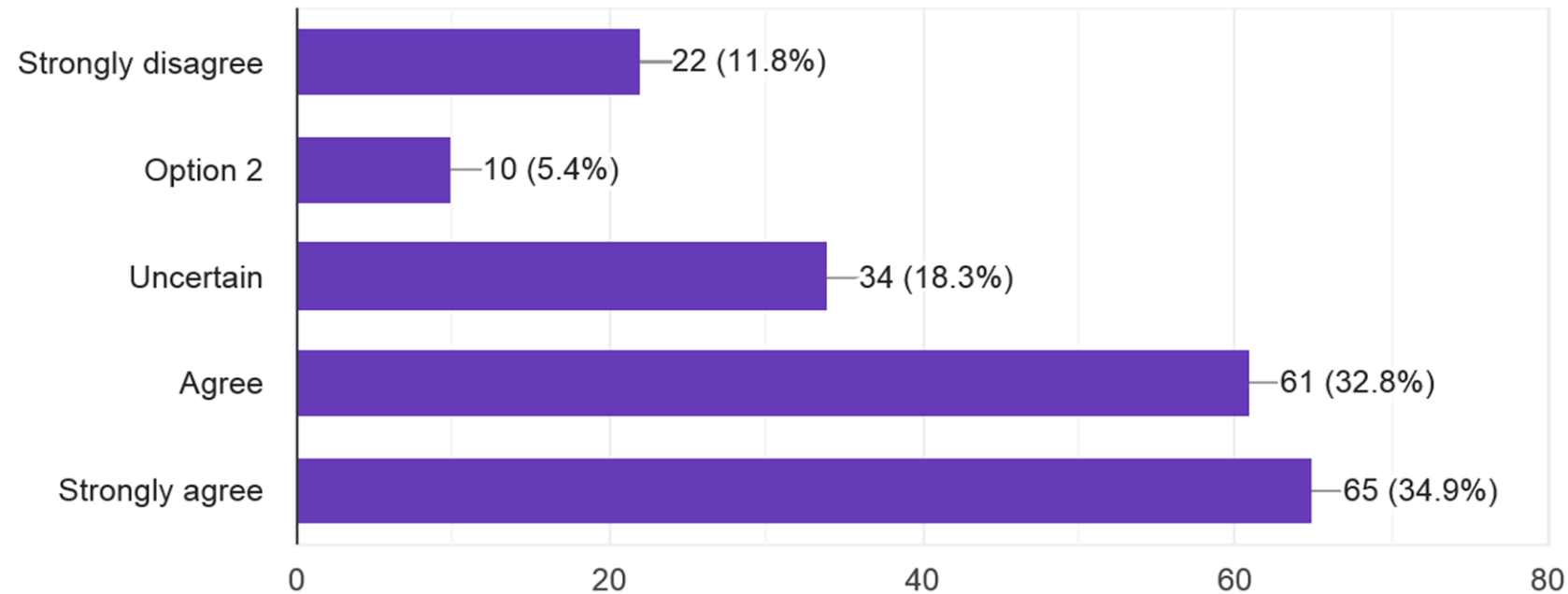
# IMPACT & CONCLUSION

## Regarding the E-Learning Teaching Styles on Medical Communication Skills Training Sessions

### Impact & Conclusion

The E-Learning teaching style is efficient and recommendable.

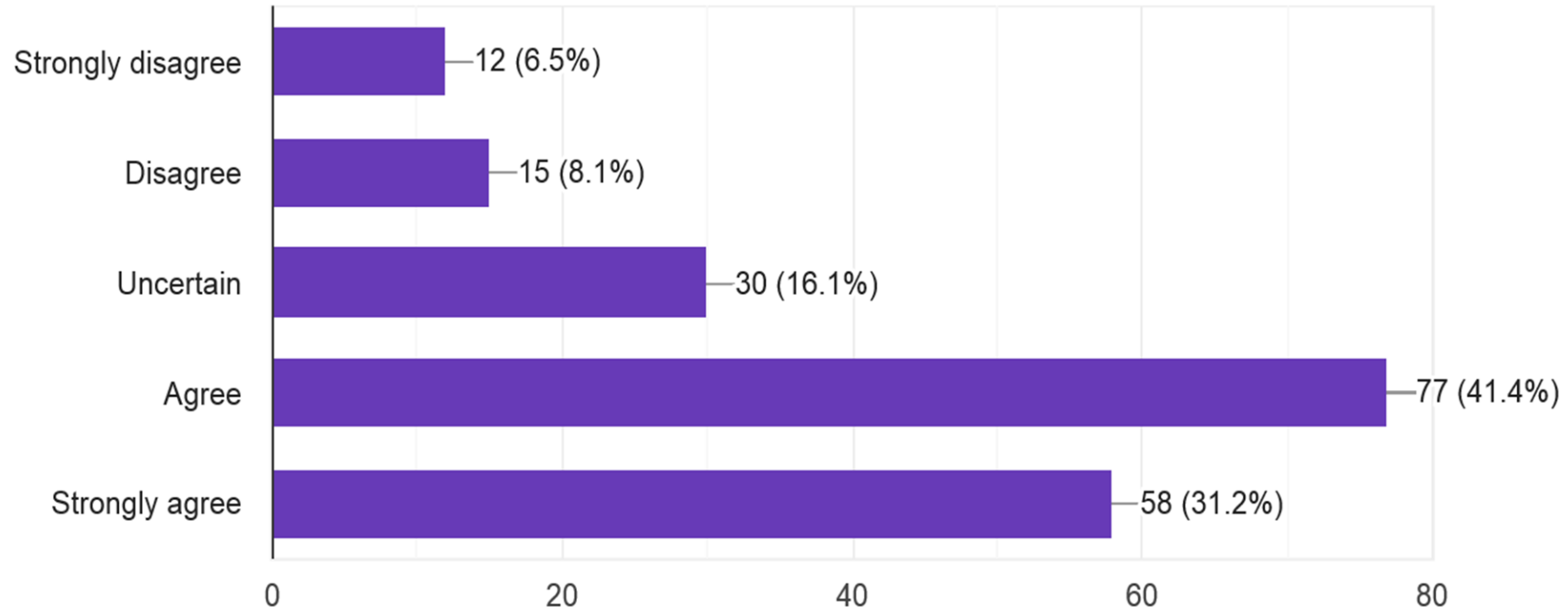
186 responses





All activities on E-Learning Teaching Style on Medical Communication Skills helps students to gain clear

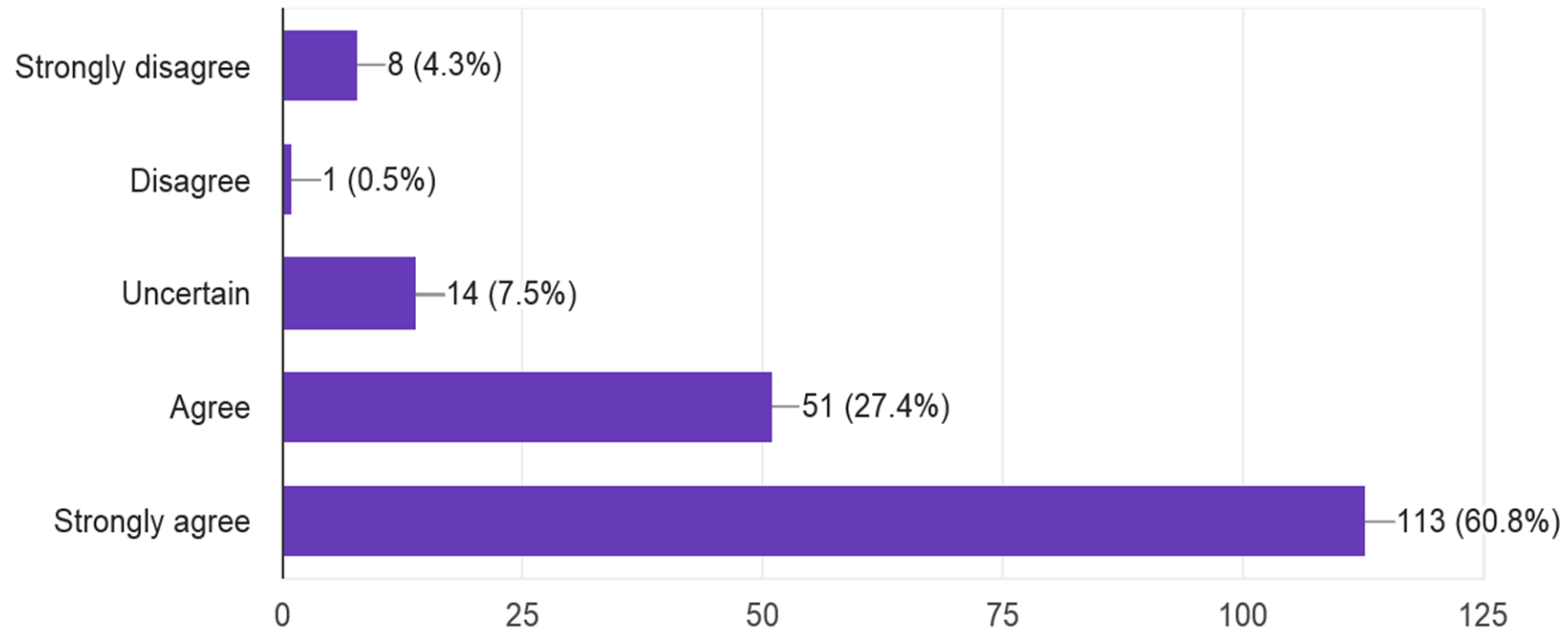
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Group participation and interaction were encouraged.

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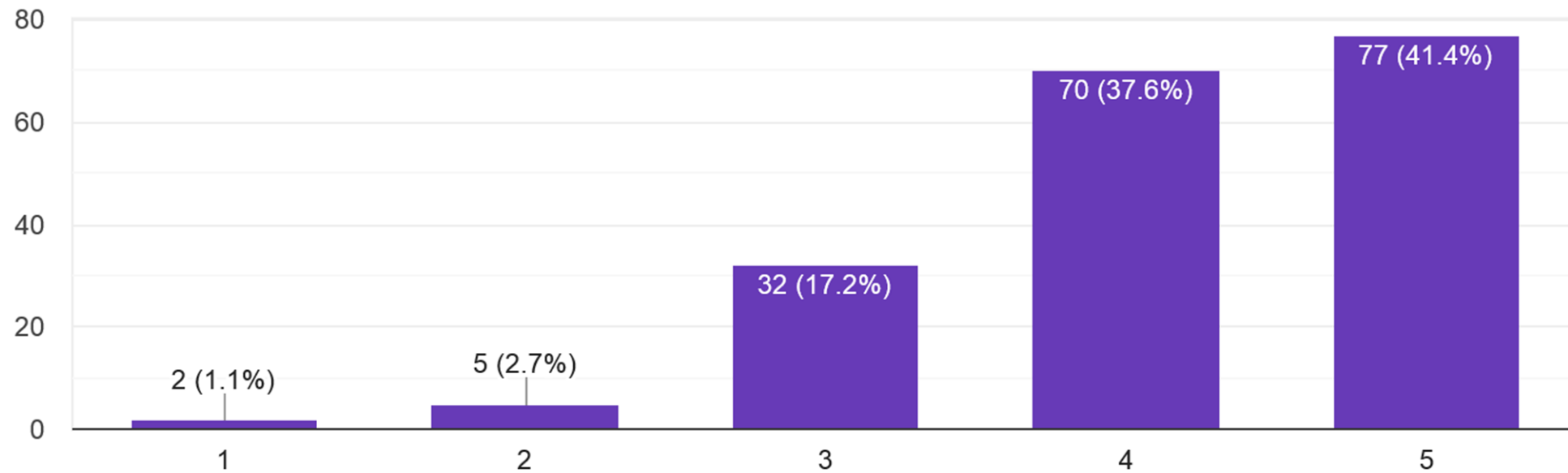


## Overall General Feedback

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Please rate the Medical Communication Skills Teaching Sessions.

186 responses



# Conclusion

## Impact & Conclusion

### Results

- Successfully established e-learning
- Overall decorum was maintained
- Applied a modified role-play

### Conclusion

- Successfully established e-learning and taught communication skills virtually and gain as equal as benefits as achieved by on-site learning



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