

ITLS Case-Based Learning Scenarios:

Frequently Asked Questions

Will the scenarios for other ITLS courses change to the new case-based format?

This is being discussed. It is reasonable to believe it will and would follow the same general format and concept, but some modifications may occur because of the differences in the target audiences.

Do you have any suggestions on how to incorporate the new CBL scenarios into current courses?

Check with your Chapter or Training Centre. Consider:

- Replacing the current teaching scenarios used for the patient assessment skill stations.
- Match scenarios that have injuries that are part of other skill stations. Examples:
 Thoracic Trauma 1P-9 (Practice Set 1 case 9) for chest decompression skill station; or
 Clavicle Fracture 2P-3 (Practice Set 2 case 3) for a splinting skill station. A case-based
 approach provides skill teaching in context with a goal of achieving a higher skill
 level.
- In a small group, provide them with the "Synopsis Page" of a scenario and help them develop what they think the assessment findings (i.e., symptoms) could be (and why), what responses to interventions could be (and why). Like a differential diagnosis but in reverse. Instead of determining what's wrong based on symptoms, you determine symptoms based on what's wrong.

Will this format decrease the use the of PowerPoint set?

Yes, especially if any of the options just mentioned or other creative ways to incorporate the case-based scenarios are used.

May we use the new Scenario Evaluation Rubric with our current testing scenarios?

Check with your Chapter or Training Centre. It is an option.

Are coordinators still allowed to create their own scenarios for use?

Coordinators are still permitted to create and use their own practice scenarios. The Editorial Board will provide additional guidance about use of testing scenarios when testing scenarios are released in the future.

Can we use the rubric off line or not electronically?

Yes. The electronic version is one option. You may save the file locally to your devices for use offline, and you may also print hard copies to write on instead.



Does a score of 1 on the Scenario Evaluation Rubric justify a critical fail?

Yes. Remediation does not require another opportunity to test at that time. The student can fail and their remediation is retaking the course before retesting. Note that the ITLS standards and expectations for evaluation haven't changed; only the evaluation tool has. Instructors are always encouraged to use their discretion when evaluating a student's performance.

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