

TEAM BASED LEARNING: An Active Learning Strategy for Board Review

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Who We Are?

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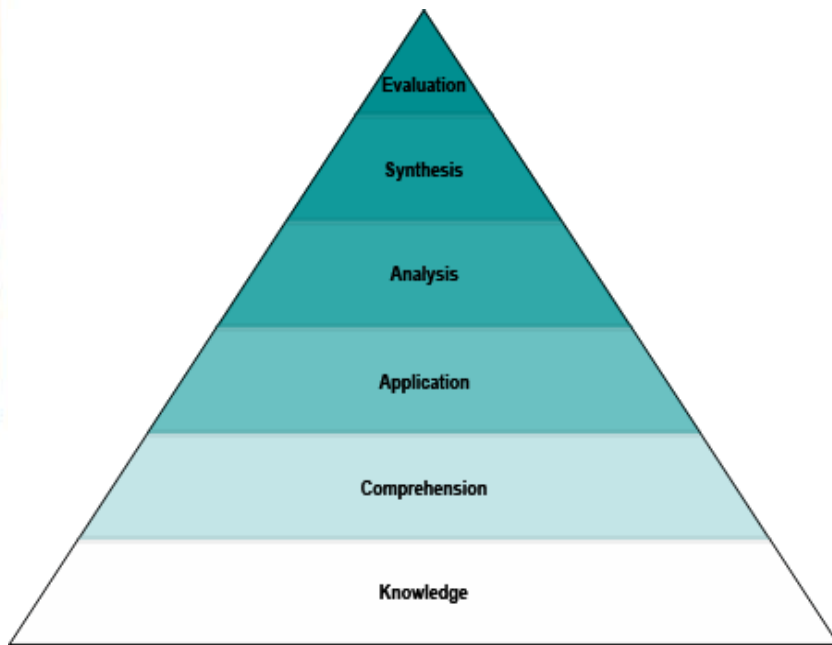
Goals

- Provide a brief overview of Team Based Learning
- Share TBL Board Review Curriculum
- Participate in a simulated TBL Board Review session
- Share published data about TBL and data from our institution
- Discuss TBL implementation strategies at your institution

Key Features We Wanted in a Board Review Curriculum

- Monthly Curriculum
- Interactive format
- Resident as facilitator
- Utilization of PREP series
- Objective data to trend

Why Use TBL In Board Review?



Bloom's Taxonomy of learning. Adapted from: Bloom, B.S. (Ed.) (1956)
Taxonomy of educational objectives: The classification of educational goals.
Handbook I, cognitive domain. New York ; Toronto: Longmans, Green.

Three Phases of TBL

Team Learning Phases

Phase 1

Preparation
(pre-class)

Phase 2

Readiness
Assurance

Phase 3

Application of Course
Concepts

Individual
Study

Group Test

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Written Group Appeals

Instructor Feedback

Small-group
Assignments

Our TBL Board Review Curriculum

- 13 pre-assigned monthly topics for board review based on PREP content topics and ITE areas of concern
- PGY-3 Teaching Resident(TR) assigned as facilitator for each month board review
- Teaching resident given 2 articles on TBL and guide to teaching TBL at beginning of TR rotation

Why Use TBL in Board Review?

- Learners benefit from hearing thought process of peers
- Immediate Feedback and Reinforcement of concepts
- Attention is focused on harder concepts
- Team building strategy
- A single instructor can both provide content expertise and oversee the learning endeavors of an entire class.

TBL Facilitator

Pre Conference Preparation

- Teaching resident chooses 2 Pediatrics In Review Articles based on topic
 - Sent to residents 2 weeks before conference
- TR creates 1st quiz-simpler concepts
 - 5 questions from PREP online
 - Performance must be $>70\%$ on questions
- TR created 2nd quiz-harder concepts
 - 5 questions from PREP online
 - Performance must be $<50\%$ on questions
- IF-AT answer key provided to align answers appropriately
- Slides with answer explanation highlights for teaching

Time to Form Teams...

- Principle: When forming teams, you want to ensure equal distribution of resources and maximize participation of all members
- Operationalized:
 - Aim to identify important resources available to individuals and equally distribute those individuals
 - The teacher forms the teams

Haidet, P, Getting Started with Team-Based Learning: A Strategy for Transforming Teaching and Learning

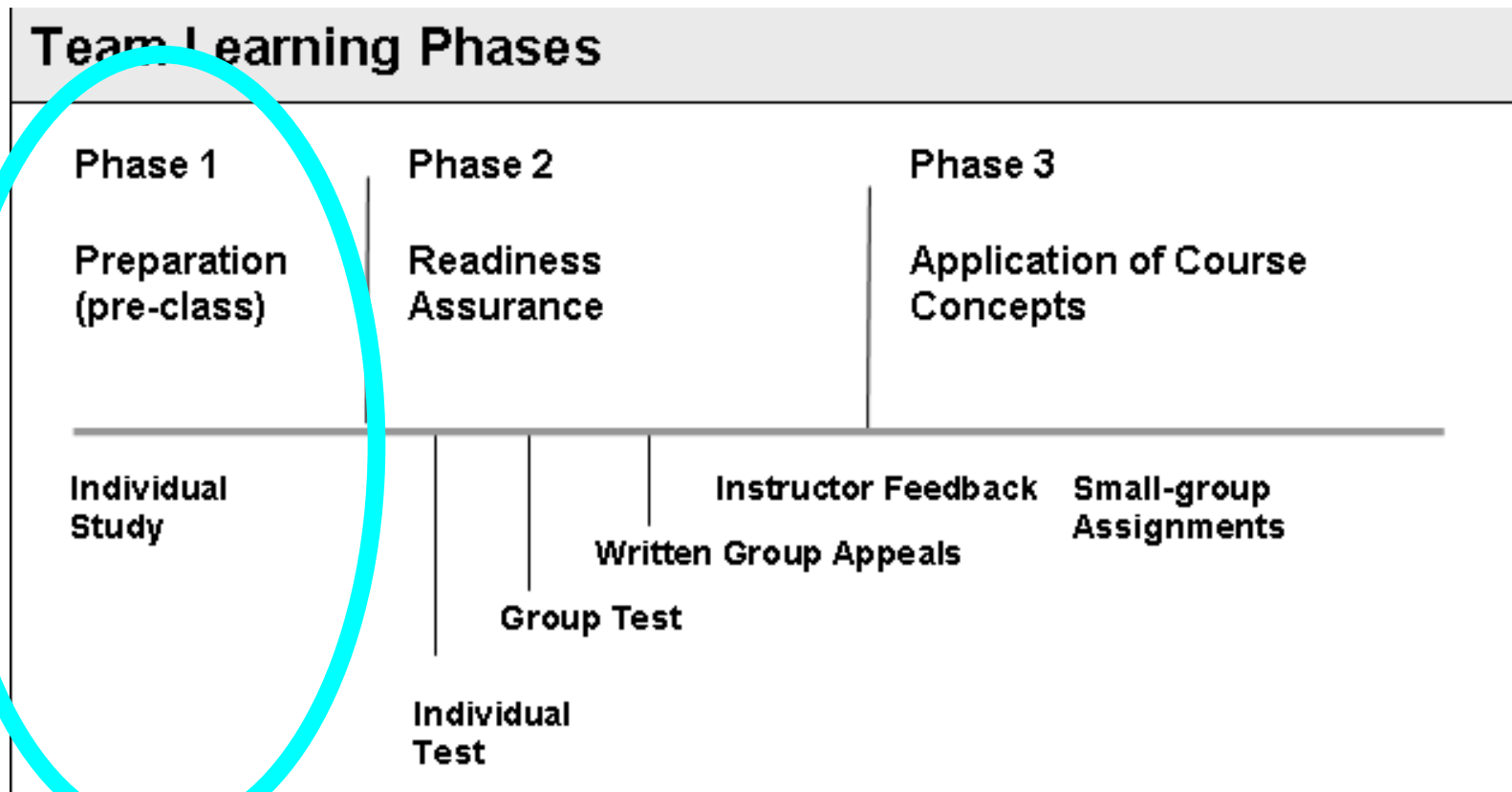
Team Formation

- How many times have you attended APPD?
 - A. >20 times
 - B. 16-19 times
 - C. 13-15 times
 - D. 10-12 times
 - E. 7-9 times
 - F. 4-6 times
 - G. 1-3 times
 - H. First meeting!

Team Formation

- Make the process transparent so all residents know how they ended up in a particular team, even if the process is totally random
 - Who read the article?
- Distribute what you define as ‘resources’ for a team as evenly as possible
 - Training level
- Strive for the teams to have a diverse composition

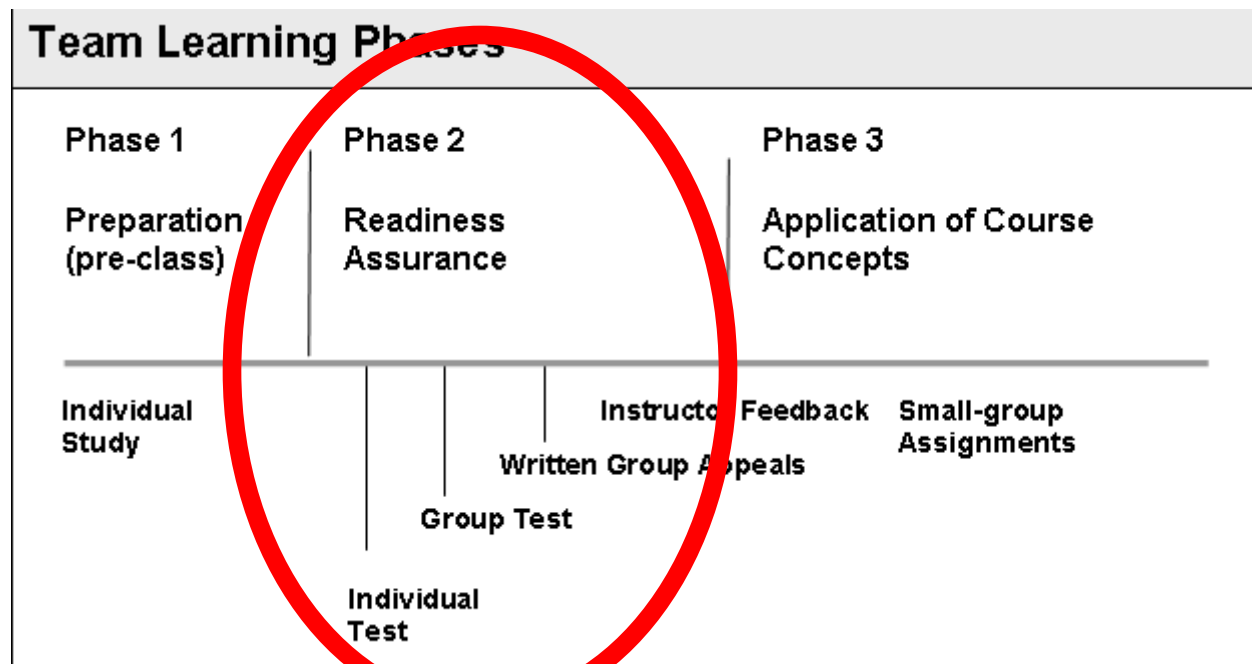
Pre-Class Preparation



Individual Preparation

- Please spend 5 minutes reviewing the Pediatric RRC guidelines we have provided

Readiness Assurance



Readiness Assurance-Individual Test

- Please take 5 minutes to complete the quiz individually

Using the Individual Readiness Assurance Answer Sheet

	Answer				
Question	A	B	C	D	E
1	5				
2	3	2			
3	1	1	1	1	1

- 5 points for each question
- Assign points based on how sure you are of your answer

Team Readiness Assurance

- Now, take the SAME TEST again as a team
- Use the 'IF-AT' forms to record your team's answers

IMMEDIATE FEEDBACK ASSESSMENT TECHNIQUE (IF AT®)

Name _____ Test # _____

Subject _____ Total _____

SCRATCH OFF COVERING TO EXPOSE ANSWER

	A	B	C	D	Score
1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
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Using the 'IF-AT' form

- Decide with your group which is the correct answer and scratch that answer on the form
- If there is a '*' beneath the answer you scratched, you got the question correct; move on to the next question
- If there is not a '*', keep scratching until you find the answer with the '*'
- Points will be scored as follows:
 - Correct answer on the first scratch: 5 points
 - Correct answer on the second scratch: 3 points
 - Correct answer on the third scratch: 1 point
 - Correct answer on the 4th or 5th scratch: 0 points

Readiness Assurance Experience

- How did the groups do?
- What were the individual vs team scores?
- How did the process work?

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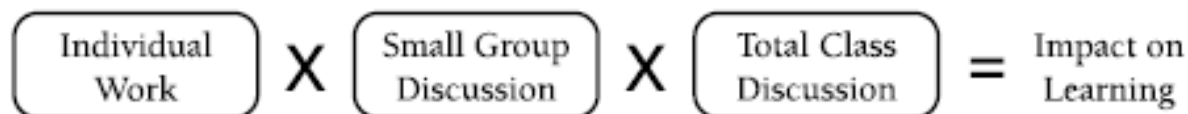


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Phase 3

Figure 1.3. Keys to Creating Effective Group Assignments



To obtain the maximum impact on learning, assignments at each stage should be characterized by 4 S's:

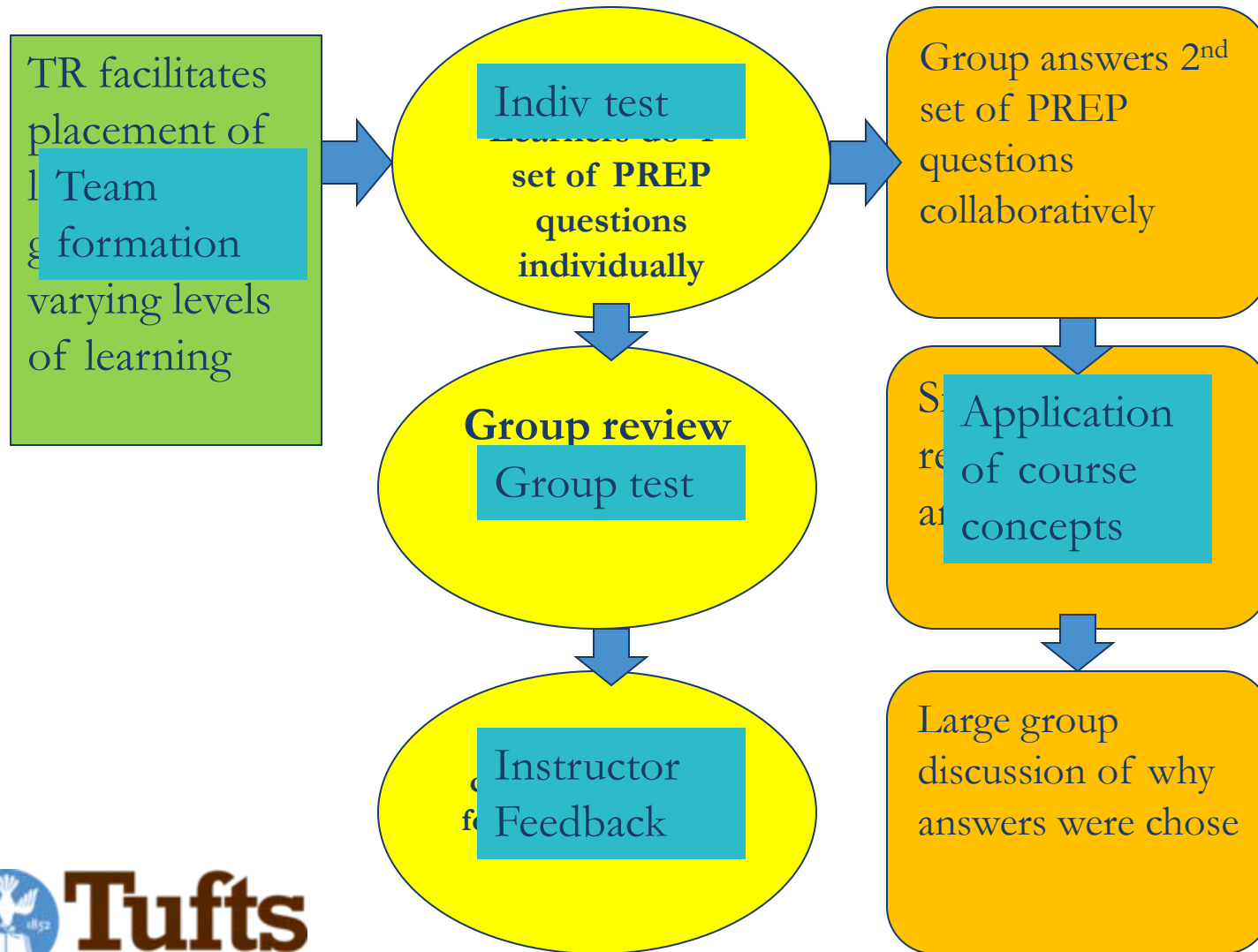
- **Significant** – Individuals and groups should work on a problem, case, or question demonstrating concept's usefulness.
- **Same problem** – Individuals and groups should work on the same problem, case, or question.
- **Specific choice** – Individuals and groups should be required to use course concepts to make a specific choice.
- **Simultaneously report** – If possible, individuals and groups should report their choices simultaneously.

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Application Phase

- We are going to handout another 5 questions
- Read through them as individuals
- Do all questions as a group
- We will then simultaneously report answers
- Large group discussion

TBL Board Review Session



Are Top Students Held Back by Teams?

Team	Individual Scores			Team Score	Gain	% Gain
	Low	Avg	High			
1	137	173.0	213	276.0	63.0	29.6%
2	180	187.8	199	291.3	92.3	46.4%
3	203	229.0	271	322.0	51.0	18.8%
4	154	195.7	230	291.8	61.8	26.8%
5	177	205.2	227	318.8	91.8	40.4%
6	186	198.6	215	295.5	80.5	37.4%
7	197	210.0	233	321.8	88.8	38.1%
8	149	173.4	199	282.8	83.8	42.1%
9	150	180.8	208	278.3	70.3	33.8%
10	126	179.2	200	299.5	99.5	49.8%
Avg.	165.9	193.3	219.5	297.8	78.3	36.3%

Every team score is higher than its own BEST member (avg. = 36.3%)



Gain (or loss) based on comparing the score of each team to the score of its own BEST member.

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1	201	221.4	237	325.5	88.5	37.3%
2	168	197.8	255	331.5	76.5	30.0%
3	147	177.5	249	273.8	24.8	9.9%
4	168	194.4	211	315.0	104.0	49.3%
5	174	194.3	209	315.0	106.0	50.7%
6	157	186.0	224	299.3	75.3	33.6%
7	169	193.2	218	307.5	89.5	41.1%
8	163	181.2	201	313.5	112.5	56.0%
9	180	217.8	254	339.0	85.0	33.5%
10	170	198.6	226	319.5	93.5	41.4%
11	164	199.8	231	314.0	83.0	35.9%
12	194	217.5	252	315.8	63.8	25.3%
13	152	201.4	269	313.5	44.5	16.5%
14	176	185.5	224	301.5	77.5	34.6%
15	175	210.4	246	304.5	58.5	23.8%
Avg	170.5	198.5	233.7	312.6	78.9	34.6%

**Lowest team is
4.8 points higher
than the highest
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Our Performance

Topic	Individual Avg Performance Score	Group Avg Performance Score
IBD	55%	75%
Puberty and Short Staure	80%	80%
Toxicology	60%	100%
Inborn Errors of Metabolism	68%	85%
Genetic syndromes	78%	85%
Immunology	74%	100%
Nephrotic and Nephritic Syndrome	75%	85%
AVERAGE	70%	87%

Data

Individual versus Team Readiness Assurance Test Scores*

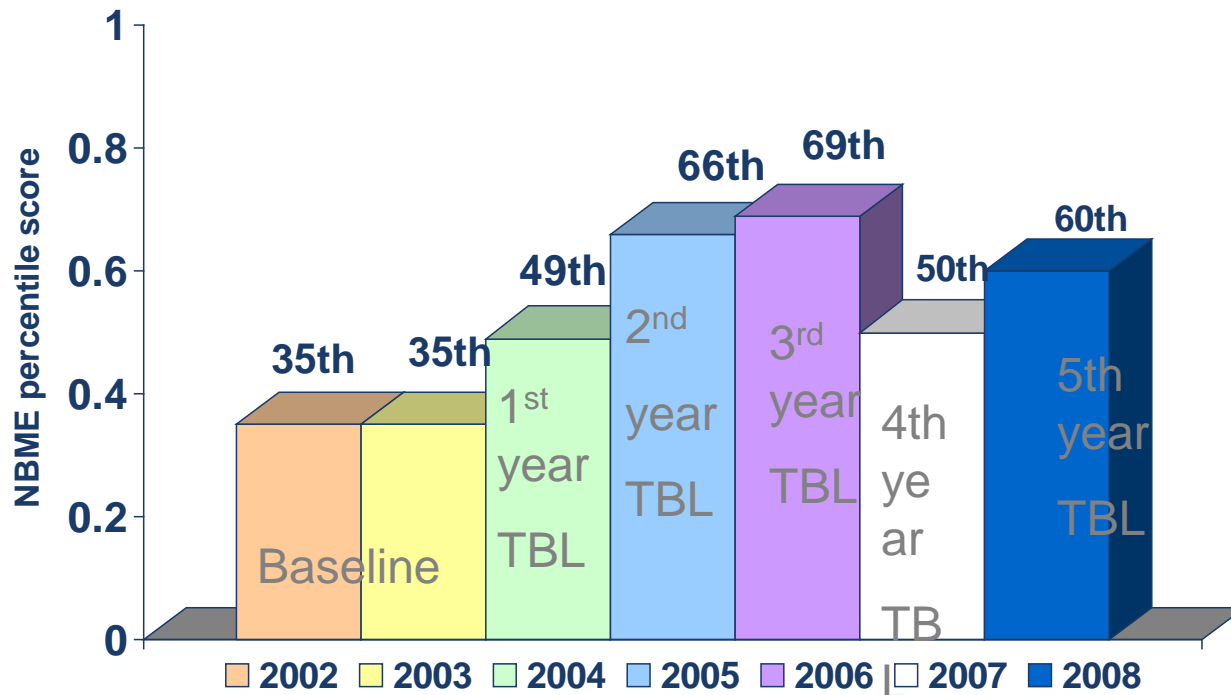
- In the majority of classes, the lowest team score will be higher than the highest individual score in the entire class.
- Overall, approximately 4% of the individual scores will be higher than the lowest team score in a class.
- Teams will outscore their own very best member 99.9+ percent of the time (i.e., 1,114 of 1,115 teams).

*Based on 30 years of data from 6,161 students in 1,115 teams.

Figure 2. RAT scores.

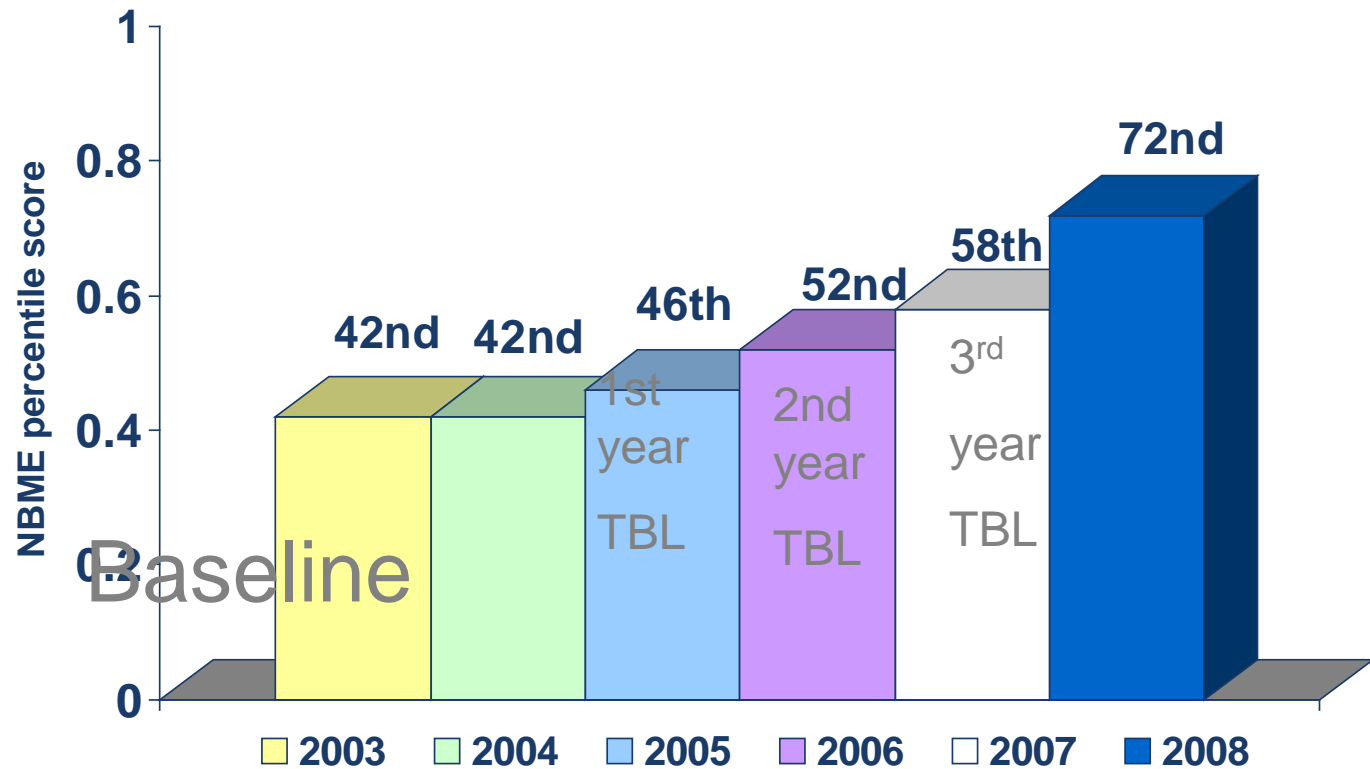
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NBME Psychiatry Subject test results: Percentile Scores



Class of 2004 scores significantly higher than previous years ($p < .05$), and Class of 2005 and 2006 higher at $p < .01$ level. Class of 2008 represents first half of the Academic year.

NBME Ob/Gyn Subject test results: Percentile Scores



2008 scores represent 1st half of the Academic year

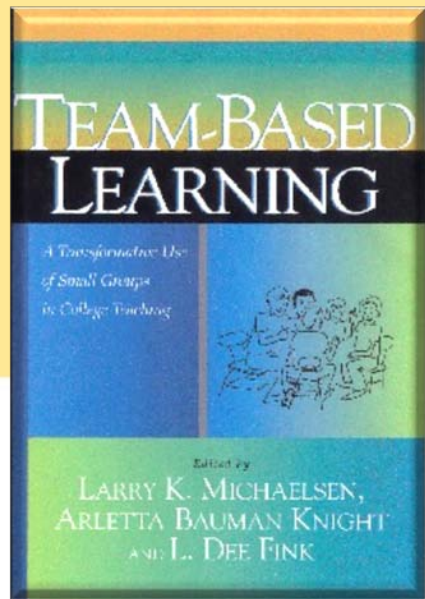
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