



PEERMEDICS

Teaching for Medical Students
by Medical Students



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About:

Founded in Liverpool in September 2013, Peermedics is a student led peer-to-peer teaching initiative. Developed by two medical students for the benefit of 1st and 2nd years, Peermedics provides a platform for 4th and 5th year medical students to deliver regular structured teaching for the benefit of both teacher and students alike.

Following on from its first year, Peermedics is now integrated into the University of Liverpool Graduate Medical curriculum and in the summer of 2014 Peermedics was awarded funding from Jisc, an organisation which supports UK education and research (www.jisc.ac.uk).

With this grant, Peermedics plans to expand its teaching base beyond Liverpool and implement its teaching programme within other universities across the UK. A website has also been developed and enables student teachers to host events, share their resources and build their own personal teaching profile.



Why:

Peer-to-peer teaching is a well known and effective method of education that exists in most UK medical schools. Due to the demanding nature of the course, medical students often look for teaching from anywhere they can find it, usually from friends that are further into their studies.

Peermedics removes the spontaneity of teaching times, pulls teaching out of student houses, and makes it available to anyone and everyone. Ultimately, a more structured peer-to-peer teaching format allows younger students to benefit from structured teaching from older, easily approachable students on a regular basis.

Along with this, Peermedics sessions also double up as an opportunity for students to ask any questions they may have regarding social events, sporting activities or issues with university life in general. The aim of Peermedics isn't to reinvent the wheel, only upgrade it and make it totally inclusive.



Benefits:

Students

- Regular teaching on topics that they have requested
- Teaching from experienced students who have already taken the exams they're learning for
- Freely available resources online
- Opportunities to chat with older students
- A place to pick up tips on what to expect from exams and clinical placements
- A great way to meet other students
- Opportunities to practice OSCE skills
- Provides a platform for students to teach in the future

Teachers

- Enables students to develop their teaching, presentation and communication skills
- Excellent form of revision
- Assisting with mock OSCE sessions (a great way to perfect clinical skills!)
- Feedback is provided following every session
- Certificates are awarded for teaching 3 (**Blue**), 5 (**Bronze**), 10 (**Silver**) and 15 (**Gold**) teaching sessions

Web:

Since the beginning of August, www.peermedics.com has been up and running for our teachers to upload their resources for students to use. The 'Join In' function of the website allows us to gauge which medical schools across the country are interested in our idea. We then use this information to identify potential universities who can benefit from our teaching initiative.

The site is constantly developing and will include:

- Slides/notes from teaching sessions available to download
- Podcasts & screencasts (developed by Peermedics teachers)
- Teacher profiles and portfolios
- Discussion boards for students to have their questions answered personally by the teachers
- Up to date calendar showing up coming lessons and events
- A hub for students to go to and apply to teach

In the near future, we aim for www.peermedics.com to be a valuable resource for students throughout the UK to use for their studies.



Future:

- Peermedics implemented in medical schools across the UK
- Teams of Peermedics coordinators at medical schools facilitating weekly sessions
- For all teachers to have their own online teaching portfolio
- To expand our team of reliable, consistent and passionate student teachers
- www.peermedics.com used regularly nationwide as a learning platform for students
- To become a desirable teaching society for students to want to be a part of
- To be a self-sufficient programme where students taught in their 1st year at medical school become teachers in their later years
- A website that allows teachers to set up their own teaching sessions within their own medical schools for other students to sign up and attend

Testimonials:

‘ **Very interactive** sessions where misunderstandings were well clarified and concepts well explained,

‘ Teaching on history taking before starting placement was great as it enabled us to **discuss any concerns** before we started,

‘ Great to have some **good quality** student-led teaching!,

‘ Getting teaching from 5th years who **knew exactly the level** we needed was the best thing about Peermedics,

‘ The whole thing is **fantastic!**,

‘ **Tailored to what we need** to know and pitched at an **appropriate level,**

‘ Throughout the year the teaching that we had was **some of the best** from the whole course,



Interested?

If you're interested in trialling Peermedics at your medical school then don't hesitate to get in touch!

What we offer:

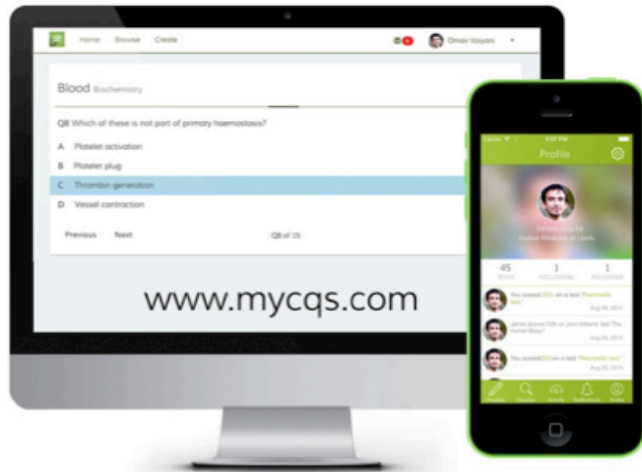
- Guidance on setting up, supporting and delivering a bespoke structured peer-to-peer teaching programme
- Regular teaching opportunities for 4th and 5th year students
- Reliable teaching to 1st and 2nd years in line with their curriculum
- Certificates for teachers approved by the medical school
- All teachers receive constructive feedback following every session – great for the portfolio!
- Teaching resources developed by our teachers available at www.peermedics.com



MyCQs

A learning network for medical students.

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What is MyCQs?

A social learning network where students can create, practice and share multiple-choice questions (mcqs).

Why should I use it?

Because the vast majority of your medical exams will be in the MCQ format. Creating tests is a great way to learn your material.

What can I find?

MyCQs has thousands of tests, covering almost all of your upcoming curriculum.

MyCQs statistics

10, 000
Users

5, 000
Tests

250k
Questions

Features overview:

- Create mcq tests
- Unlimited questions
- Annotate images
- Spaced repetition
- Tailored modules

Sign up for free today
with your university
email address
or

Connect with Facebook

Coming soon to
Google play

Coming soon to Apple
App Store

Contacts:

Remember, Peermedics is **completely free** and a fantastic resource, so drop us an email if you have any questions or would like to arrange a meeting.

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