Using Case-Based Team Training to Introduce the Social Determinants of Health

INTRODUCTION
Interprofessional team-based training (IPTT) promotes positive attitudes towards working in Interprofessional (IP) teams and helps to create a “collaborative practice-ready” healthcare workforce. The challenge is to integrate IPTT learning experiences into university-wide clinical courses to cross all four IP collaborative competency sub-domains (values/ethics, recognition of roles and responsibilities, effective communication and teamwork) while also introducing participants to the concepts of the Social Determinants of Health (SDOH).

METHODS
Building on earlier versions of our IPTT activity we devised a new maternal/child case study underpinned by the SDOH. Interprofessional teams of learners (n = 271) were guided through a 3-step team-based experience.
Step 1: Learners from nine professions viewed a video interview with the mother and daughter where they described the clinical, financial and social conditions they were experiencing.
Step 2: Faculty facilitated small groups (~11-25 learners/group) to develop a care plan.
Step 3: Medical, emotional, social, environmental and economic problems were prioritized for treatment. Groups reflected on professional values and personal attitudes towards working in IP teams.

EVALUATION
Learner competencies were evaluated using the Interprofessional Collaborative Competency Attainment Scale (Revised) (ICCAS) (McDonald et al.). Participants also provided written feedback about their experience of the activity.

RESULTS
On a five point Likert scale learners demonstrated improvement in IP skills on all ICCAS items.
The greatest increase was to “understand the abilities and contributions of IP team members”.
Learners provided qualitative feedback on the activity, including:
“Really enjoyed the case and working with other specialties;”
“This was one of the first times collaborating with all the other professions. Amazing”.
Improvement on every ICCAS item.
Smallest increase 11% Q2.
Largest 19.5% Q11.

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Case-Based Team Training Introduces Learners to Social Determinants of Health

Step 1
Develop Learning Objectives

Step 2
Recruit MCH Faculty to Develop realistic case

Step 3
Create program materials: Video +Preceptor Guide

Step 4
Pilot Test