

AEM Education and Training Editor's Pick

Information at Your Fingertips – What Are Physicians Looking For?

The editor's pick for this issue of *Academic Emergency Medicine Education and Training* is an article by Catherine Patocka, Michelle Lin, Jeremy Voros and Teresa Chan entitled, "[Point-of-care Resource Use in the Emergency Department: A Developmental Model](#)." With the advancement of technology, so many resources are available at the bedside to assist with patient care decisions through the use of computers, tablets, smart phones. In this article, the authors explored the reasons why various clinicians used point of care (POC) resources in the clinical setting. In their study, they interviewed medical students, residents, and attending physicians, and four themes emerged. The themes they discovered for the use of POC resources were: 1.) learning within the clinical environment; 2.) advanced clinical decision making; 3.) teaching/communicating with patients; and 4.) teaching learners. The conceptual framework they discovered will, I am sure, prove to be valuable. For example, if you are designing a free open access medical education (FOAM) tool, an application for a smart phone or a podcast, you may want to be explicit as to the purpose of your content. I encourage you to read this article and think about how their findings might impact your use of POC resources.

Best Wishes,
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