

# **Persuasive Pain Education: Improving Pain Management through Powerful Learning**

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“\*\*\*\*\* off and  
leave me to  
die!”



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#WHYISTUDYPAIN

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# ‘The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows’

Sydney J Harris (American Journalist)



Notes: In pain education, it is not a single pane of glass we want people to see through. Clinicians need to understand multiple perspectives (patient and other professionals). More of a mirror ball.

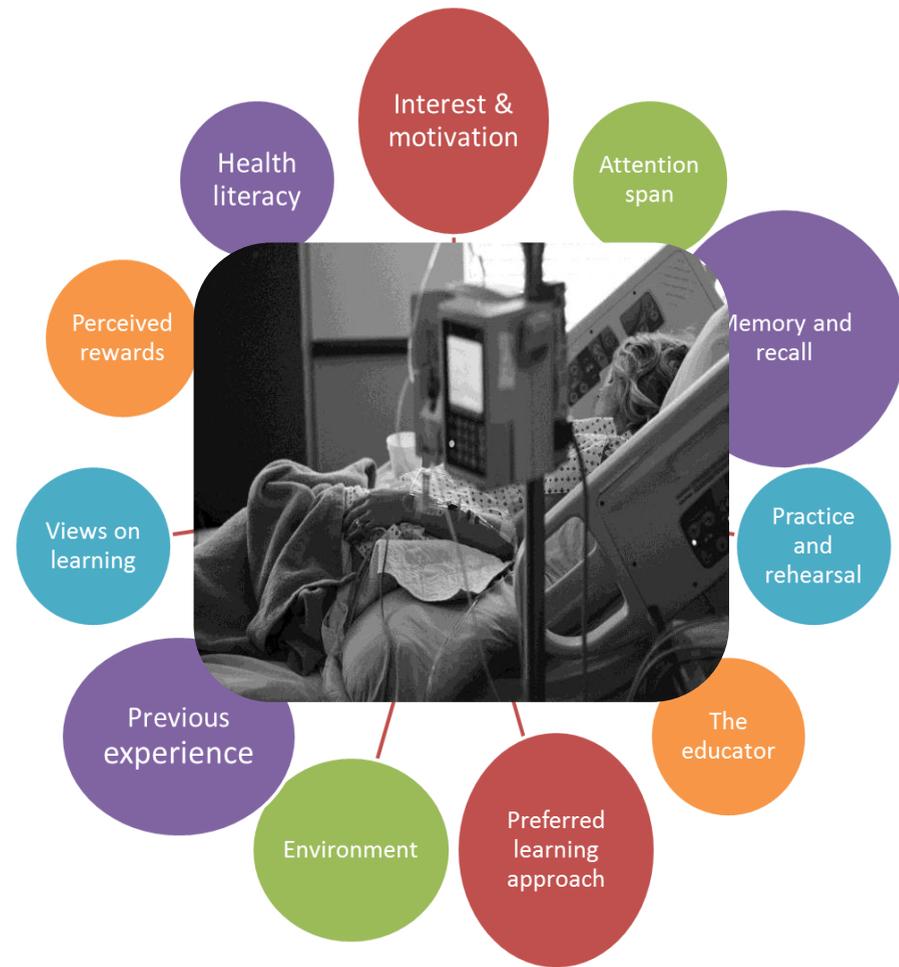
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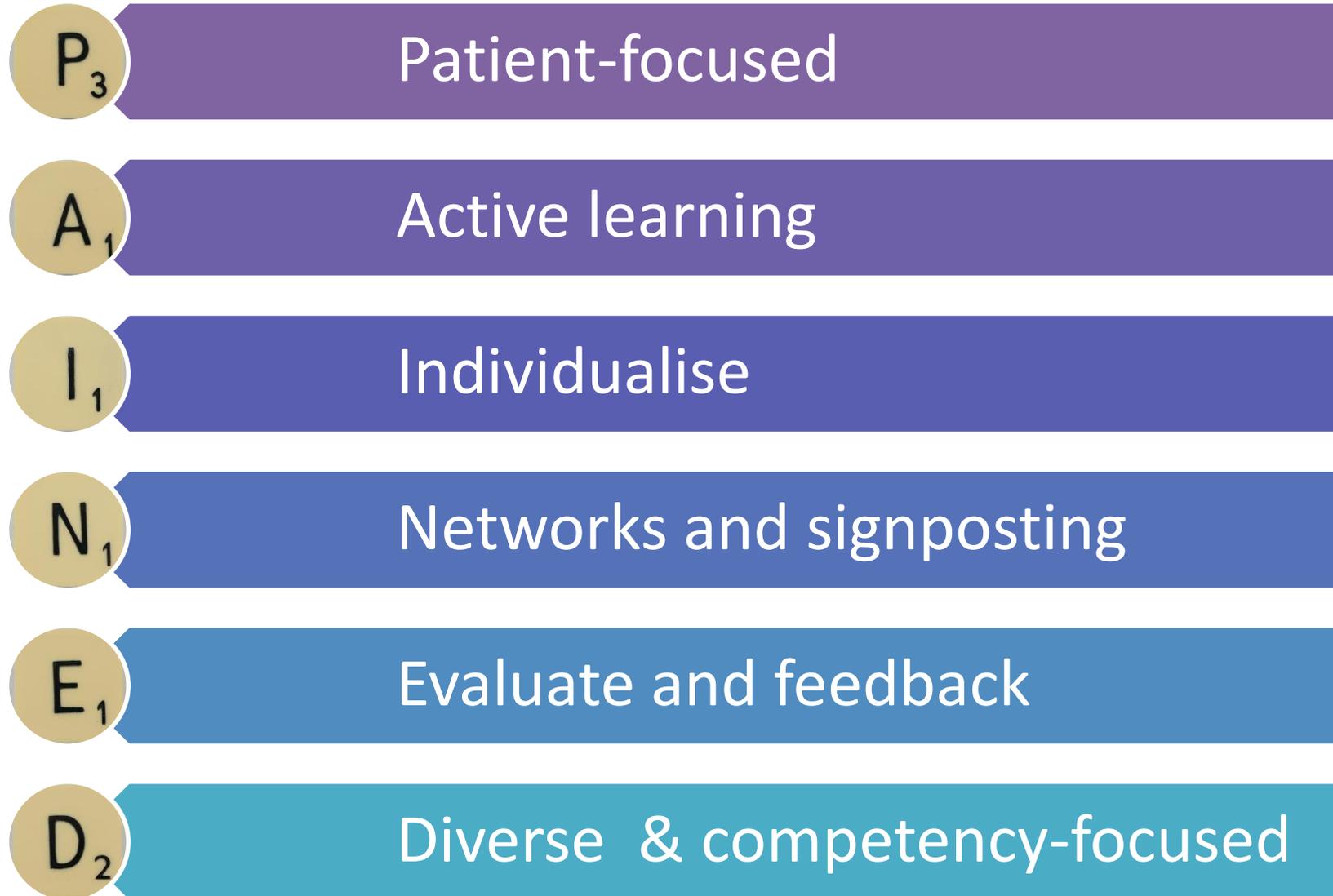
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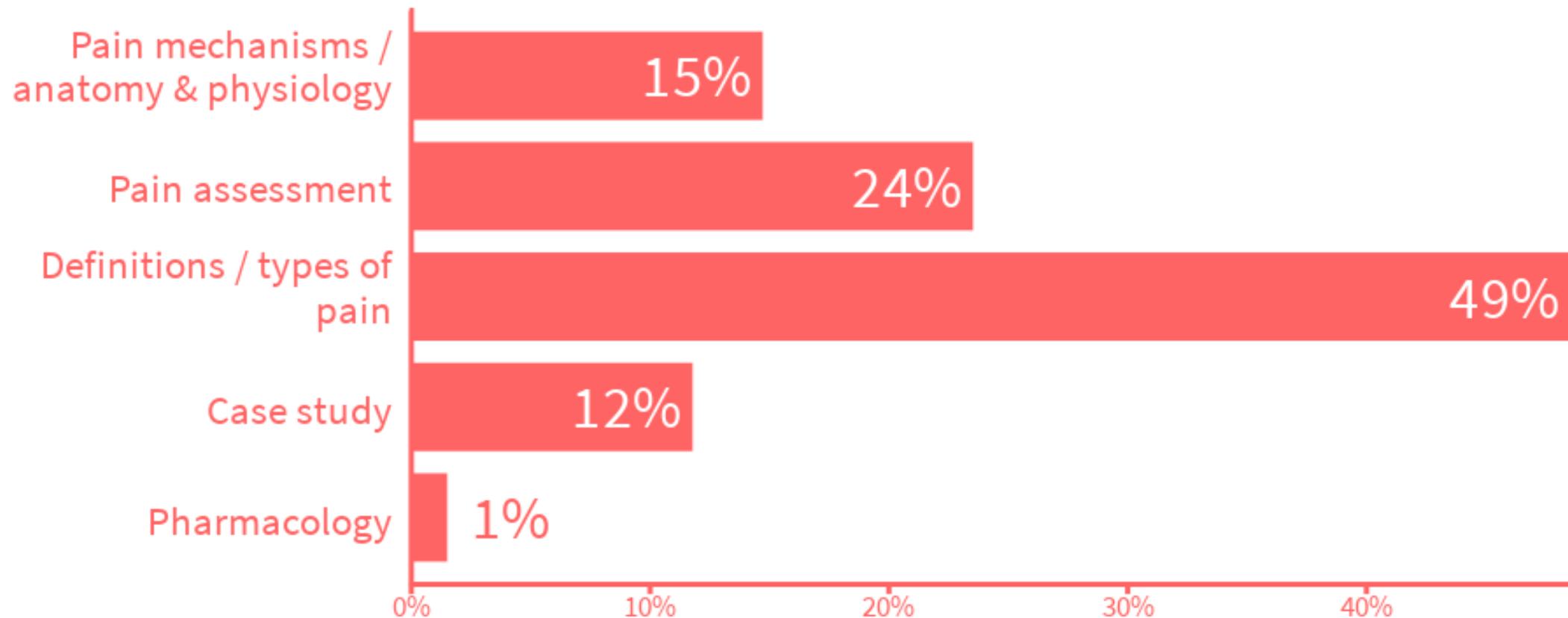


# PainEd -Briggs Model of Powerful Learning



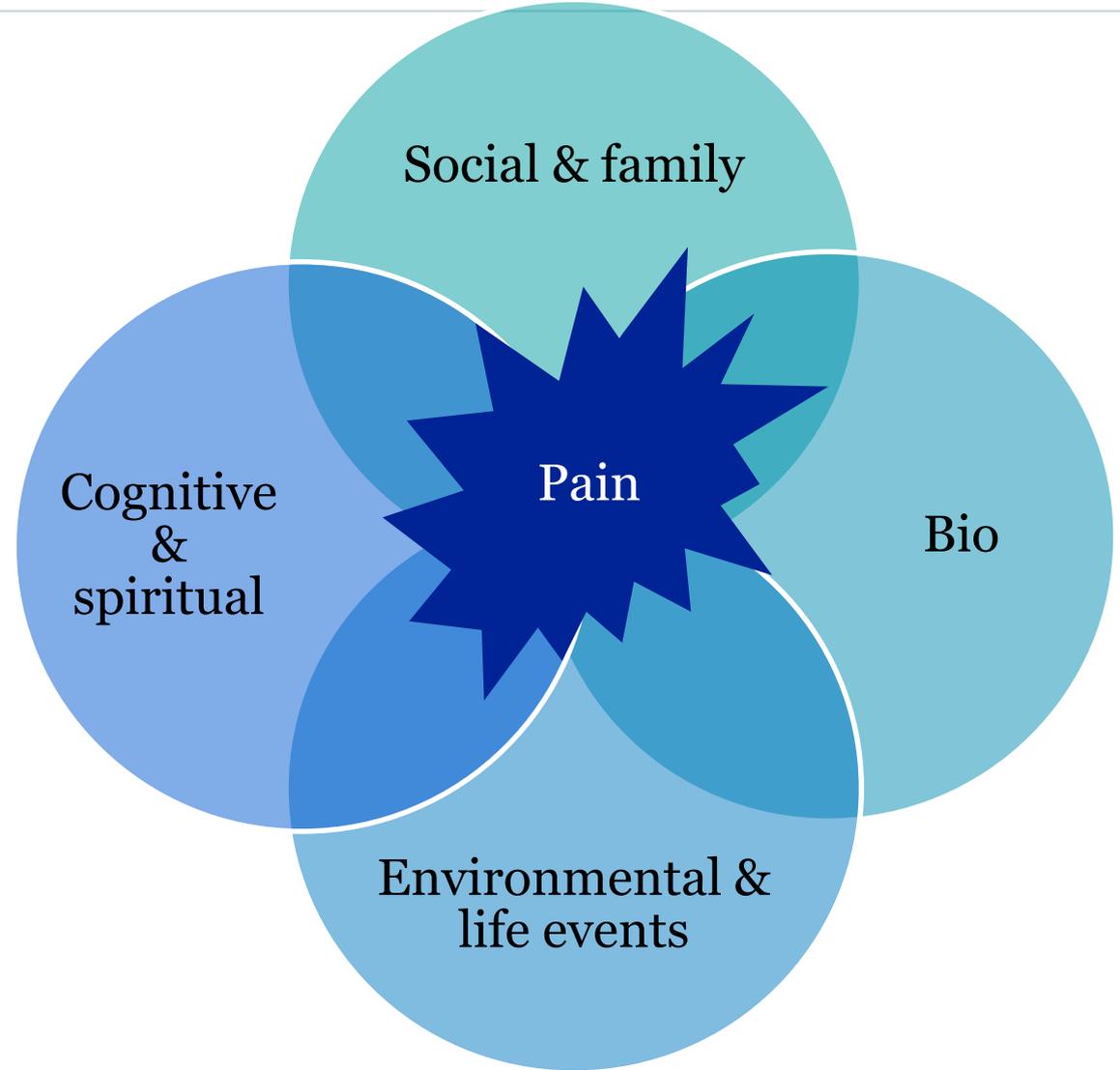
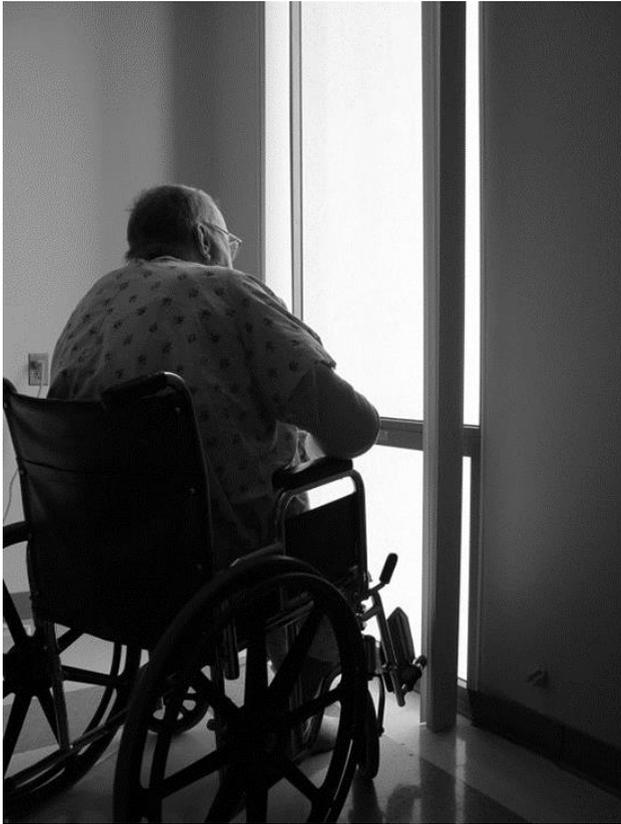
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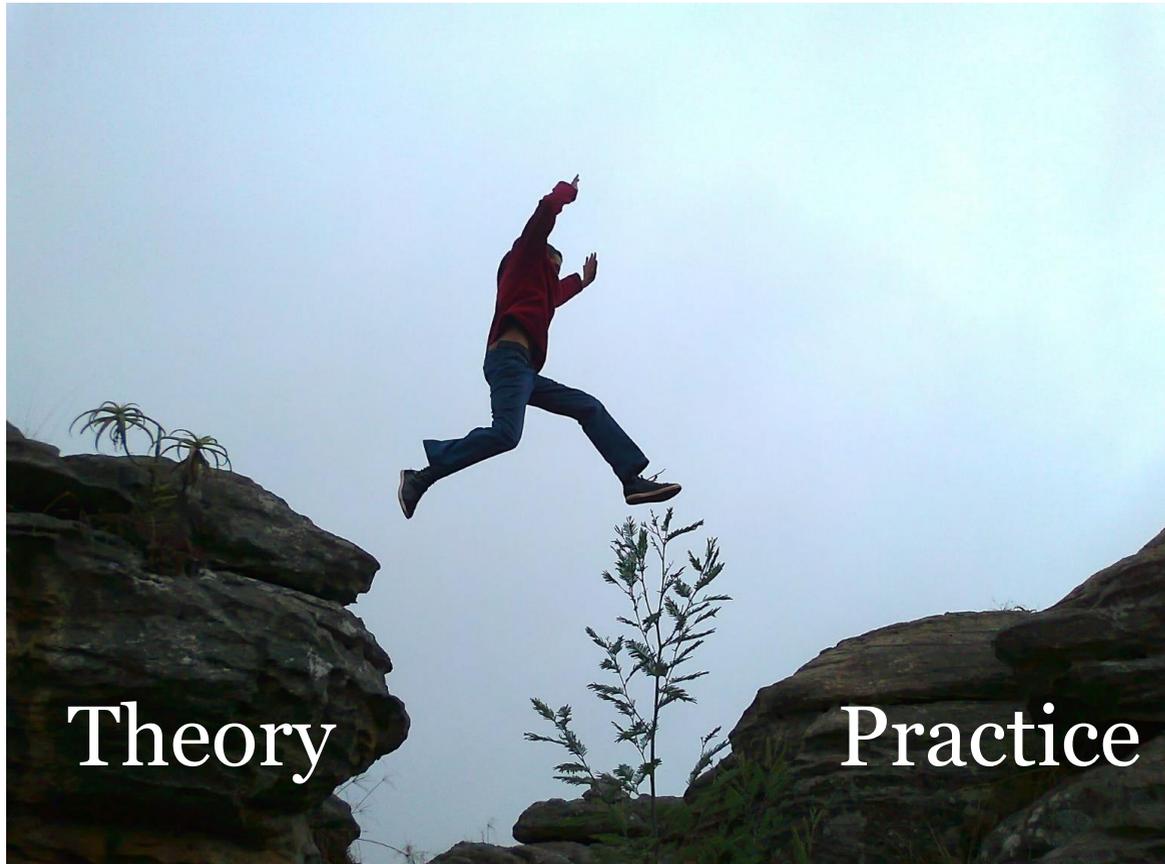
## When you teach pain, what topic do you start with?



# P –Patient-focused - start with real-word examples

## Power of patient stories

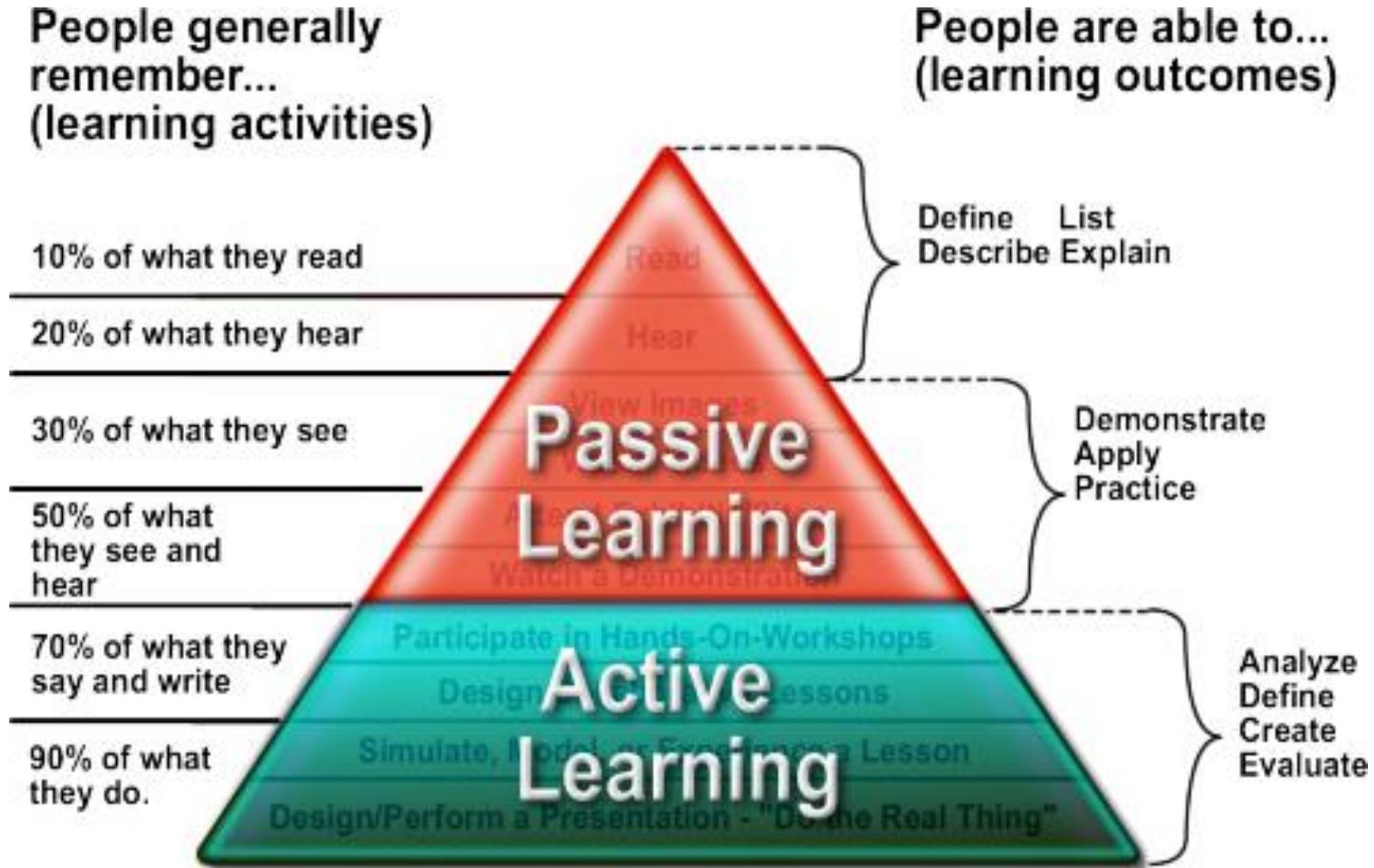






- Reality shock ??
- Exposure over time – students (e.g. Allcock & Standen 2001; Mackintosh-Franklin 2014)
- Moral distress (e.g. Morley et al 2015; Green et al 2016; Morley et al , *under review*)

# A – Active Learning

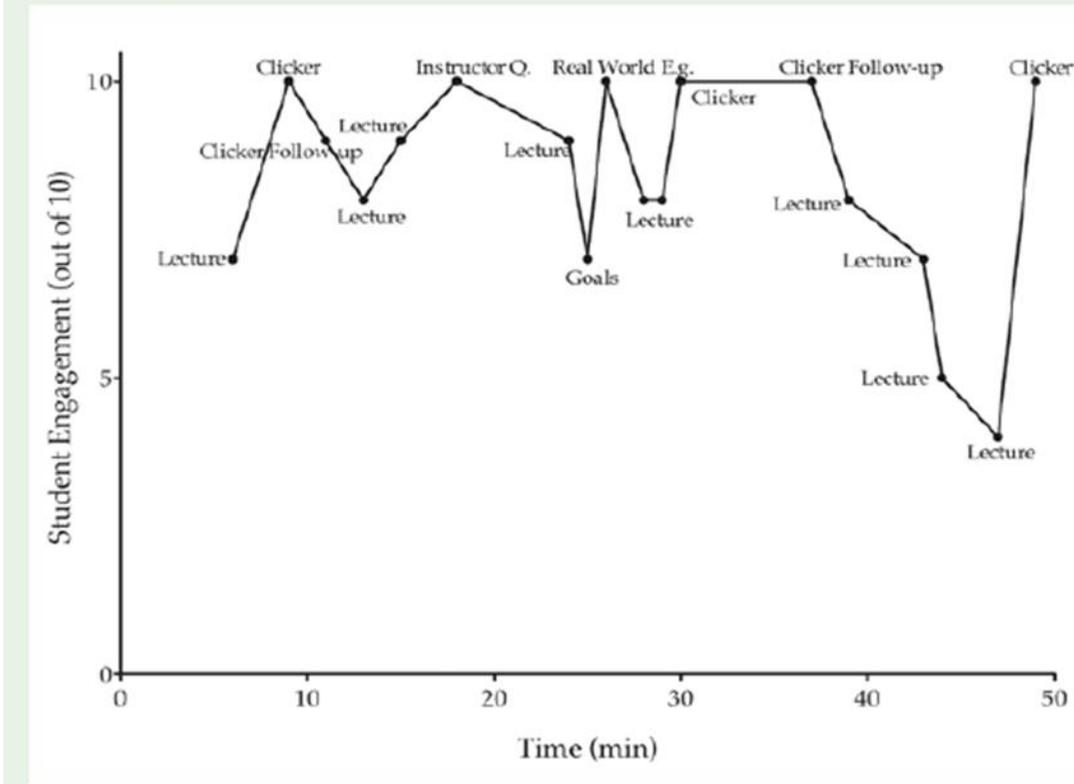


Zayapragassarazan (2016) Based on Dale's Cone of Experience (1969)

# A – Active Learning



Sample of engagement data over a 50-minute class period, showing classroom activities that are more/less engaging. Data like these are provided to instructors shortly after observation.



Lane & Harris (2015)

# Age of distraction



## Use it or (ask them to) lose it

- FOMO
- Sana et al (2013) Multitasking on laptops
- Notes
- Learners who multitasked on laptops – performed worse on recall tests (poorer note taking)
- Learners in the vicinity did twice as badly (thought to be due to the lack of control over distractions)
- Other studies have shown note takers retain more that taking notes on electronic devices

# I – Individualise

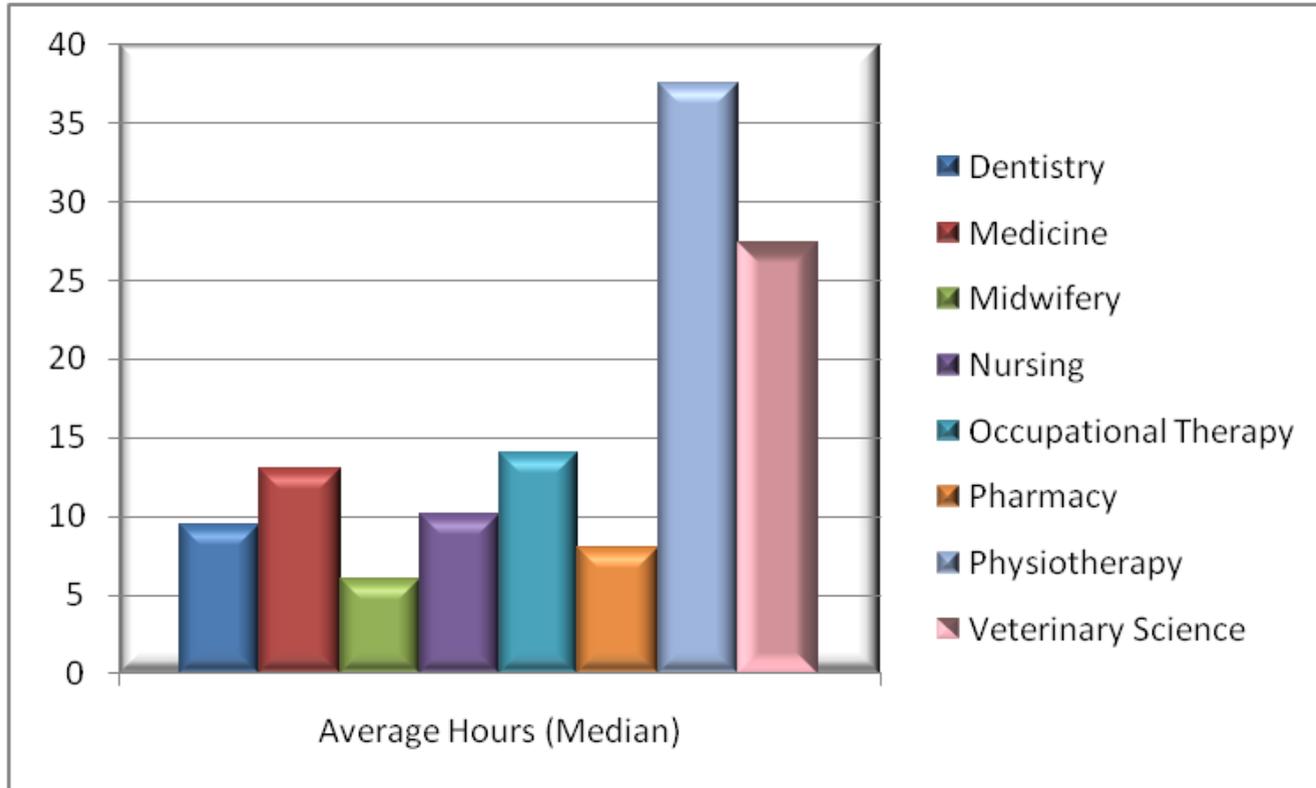
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## **Know your learners**

- What do you want / need to learn about pain?
- What challenges do you face in managing pain?
- What do you understand about mechanisms of analgesics and what do you want to know?

# UK: Median Hours



Briggs et al 2011. Eur J Pain

Some disciplines pain  
<1% of the taught  
curriculum

European Medical  
undergraduates:  
Briggs et al 2015. BMJ Open

Thompson et al 2018. Pain

Watt-Watson et al 2019. Pain  
Medicine

# N – Network & signpost

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## NETWORK

### *Educating a community*



Notes:

Learning is a social activity - where interactive, deeper, more meaningful learning. Reflects interprofessional practice where we can share knowledge, sharing power, learning about roles, negotiating, problem solving

1 or 10 or 100 people – you are always educating a community – Just like Twitter – your reach is much further than the staff member and patients they care for. So encourage that community and where people share their learning, more is retained. What is the one thing you would share with someone else today about managing pain?

**Sharing is caring - one thing from this session or the conference that you will share with a colleague.....**

The importance of how knowledge is shared	The importance of psychological aspects of pain
Asking learners what they want	??? IV Lidocaine
Signs of borderline personality disorder	TPS info
Try to minimise the gap between theory and practice	Post op Lidocaine
Lignocaine protocols	Liposome LA
Lidocaine infusion, The Briggs pained, managing opioids	PolIEv
Changes in acute pain	The fact that using devices in lectures etc decreases learning
Inter professional not multi disciplinary	Patient follow-up
Transitional service.	Use lidocaine in Acute setting
Psychologist should run the pain service	Transitional pain team
pt Stories - use in teaching	Patient examples and the way we educate staff on pain
Patient story	Complex pain services
Collaboration	Listen to the patient
Ask the learners	Transitional pain approach
Lessons learned from setting up & running transitional services	Know your learners
Biochronomer bupivacaine will render us all unnecessary.	PAINED Model, gives a good format to training sessions
Real life examples	We need more money to do what we want
Clinical psychologists are needed!	Iv lidocaine
Transitional pain team	Take home message New knowledge or skills gained
TPS info	Find gaps in learning
Other pain team models	Managing deprescribing of opiates.
Joined up care between specialists	Patient stories
Transitional Pain Services, managing complex pain patients	Slow release local anaesthetic for wounds
Patient story first	The Briggs painEd method
Complex/ functional pain team	Networking
Begin teaching with case study	Start teaching with patient story
The vast importance of pain education for ALL staff	Switch phones off
PainEd process	PainEd process
We need psychology and physios on Pain teams.	Opioid free pain management
Lidocaine infusion	I've lignocaine protocol
Don't take notes on a laptop	Patient examples first!
From patient to person!	Use of real world examples and patient stories

# N – Network & signpost

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## SIGNPOST

*Inspire don't inundate*

### Sign posting

What's your role as an educator- try to avoid the information transmission mode. Plutarch's words....'The mind is not an empty vessel, but a fire to be ignited.' Try to be that spark of curiosity or fuel the flames.

Inspire rather than inundate –large volumes of information are not retained.



# E – Evaluate & Feedback

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## **Powerful feedback and feedforward**

- Timely, constructive

## **Powerful Evaluation**

- Avoid evaluating you
- Process and outcome
- What do you feel most / least confident about?
- What has helped you learn?
- Anything I/we should do differently?

Briggs (2012) Brit J Pain

## **D – Diversify - learning**

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**Multimodal  
analgesia**



**Multimodal  
education**



# D – Diversify - learning

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*Scientia potential est*

but...

**Competency (not just  
knowledge)**

- Assessment skills
- Interpretation & problem-solving
- Understand and apply evidence
- Decision-making
- Negotiation
- Interprofessional working and learning

# D – Diversify - the learners

## Interprofessional Working & Learning

‘two or more professions learn *with, from* and *about* each other in order to improve collaboration and the quality of patients’ care’

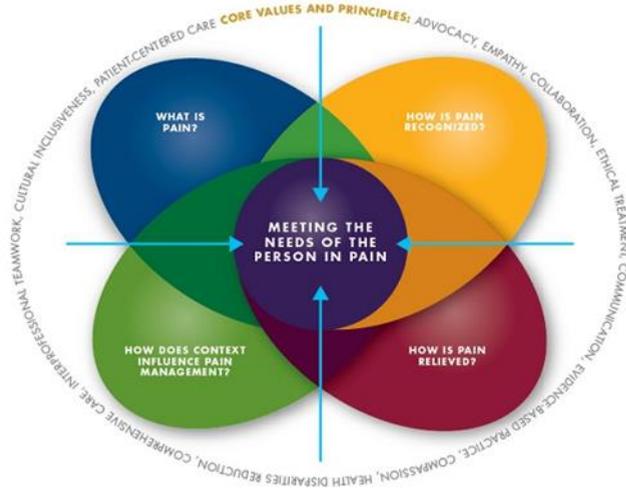
(Centre for the Advancement of Interprofessional Education 2002)



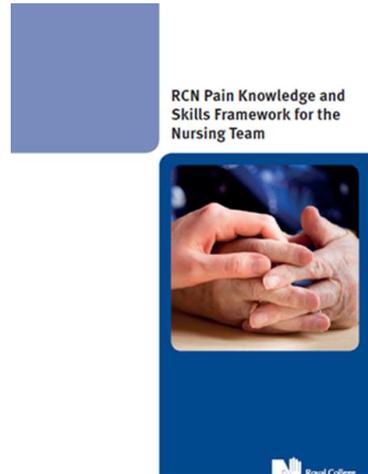
- Higher levels of collaboration had more adequate pain management (Martin-Rodreguiz et al 2008)
- IPE improved interprofessional communication, increased pain assessments and improved pain scores (Carr et al 2003; Allen et al 2011)

# Curricula & Competency Frameworks

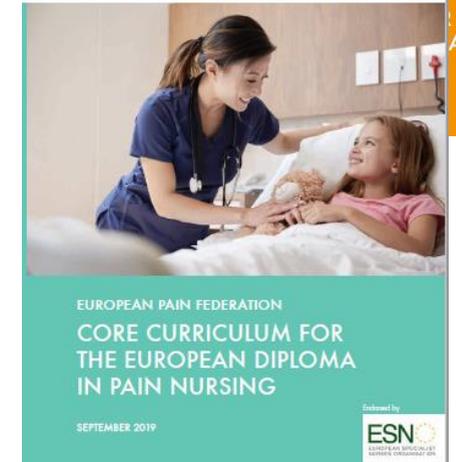
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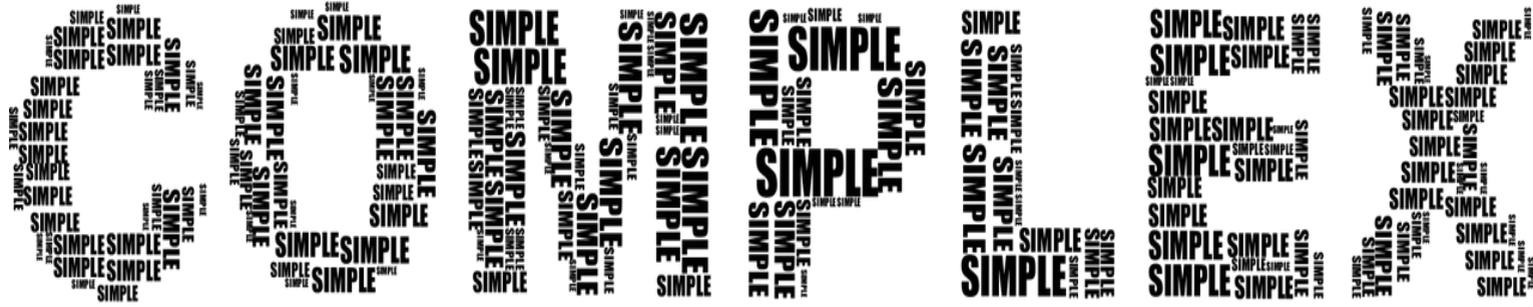


## Across levels



## Specialist only





# Education – panacea or part of an essential package?

Pain Services

Knowledge transfer / exchange / mobilisation

Effective preceptorship / clinical supervision

Technology  
Organisational structures

# Summary

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**P**atient-focused & real world challenges

**A**ctive not passive learning activities

**I**ndividualise – know your learners

**N**etworks – community and signpost

**E**valuate & feedback

**D**iversity and competency





**Enjoy Being a Powerful Pain Educator!**

**Thank you**

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