



# RECS Preceptor Press



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## Practices that Teach

### Literature shows that teaching practices

1. are more innovative
2. have higher standards
3. enhance patient satisfaction
4. have higher staff morale

### Physicians that teach have

1. more enjoyment of the practice of medicine
2. more professional growth
3. more updated clinical knowledge

## Consider These Methods in Addition to “To Teach Is To Tell”

- **To teach is to question.** Ask your learners questions to get them to think in new directions, uncover assumptions, and explore complex concepts.
- **To teach is to listen.** If you take time to listen, your learners will often tell you what they don't understand and want to know.
- **To teach is to guide.** You can guide your learners in their learning, in development and examination of their own ideas, and in their personal and professional development.<sup>1</sup>
- **To teach is to coach.** Observe your learners' performance, break it down, then make suggestions for improvement.<sup>1</sup>
- **To teach is to model.** Be a good role model for patient-centered care. Also, consider demonstrating techniques instead of or in addition to explaining them.

<https://www.teachingphysician.org/content/preparation/the-teaching-roles-of-a-preceptor>

<https://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2013/07/teaching-doctors-how-to-think/277555/>

### Remember the RECS Learning Modules!

<https://www.akronchildrens.org/pages/Continuity-Clinic-RECS-Learning-Modules.html>

...and the medical student teaching guide:

<https://www.akronchildrens.org/pages/Medical-Student-Teaching-Guide.html>

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## What to Teach?

1. How to organize an oral presentation-do you want to know their assessment up front?
2. Physical exam pearls-how do YOU get the best exam
3. Critical thinking skills (generating an APPROPRIATE differential, pattern recognition, bias and how that can alter decision making and what the next step in management would be)
4. Practice resources-where do you go to find answers?



## Reminder!

Residents need to attend 26 weeks and 36 half day sessions of clinic. If your resident will not be coming to clinic, you should be notified by one of the Chief residents or one of the Associate Program Directors. Residents should be seeing a minimum of:

PL-1: 3 patients/half day

PL-2: 4 patients/half day

PL-3: 5 patients/half day

**Precepting Pearl: Doing brief structured observations (ex: watch your resident perform a PE or take the history or explain the plan) will give you a lot of information about your learner.**