Implementation and Quality Improvement of a Pre-health Advising Program for Students and Volunteers Within PhysioCamp.

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ABSTRACT

With increasing competitiveness across the country regarding admission into healthcare professional schools, undergraduate students and prospective applicants are in need of in-depth advising on the application process. We aimed to implement a pre-health advising program to help PhysioCamp volunteers feel adequately prepared during the application process.

RESULTS

100% Satisfaction

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<th>Strengths</th>
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<td>&quot;It was very easy for me to get an advising appointment. It is also less daunting to speak to someone who is currently in medical school and can more easily be considered a peer than a university pre-health advisor.&quot;</td>
<td>&quot;The only improvement I could think of was having more advisors&quot;</td>
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<td>&quot;I think it is a great way to get guidance and direct answers to questions that students may have. It also provides the opportunity to network.&quot;</td>
<td>&quot;It would be nice if there was more guidance available for students on different healthcare tracks.&quot;</td>
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DISCUSSION

- Based on the results from the post-session feedback form, plans moving forward should be based on expanding the number of advisors.
- To allow for expansion of the program, we recommend that there be two advisors available for each health professional school who have robust and diverse backgrounds within the healthcare field.
- Current strategy is to connect advisees with contacts within their professional interest.
- Limitations to this can include delays in communication and scheduling issues.
- Future evaluations should include acceptance rate of these participants into their respective programs.

REFERENCES


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