IU SOC PT Clinic Outcomes Assessment

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Student profile
- 9 IU DPT Students
  - 2 first year students (First semester of DPT program)
  - 3 second year students (Fourth semester of DPT program)
  - 4 third year students (Eight semester of DPT program)

Reflection 1.

How has your participation in the clinic influenced your understanding of what it means to place the needs of the patient/client ahead of your self-interest?

- My experience today has helped me realize the importance of getting all the details and information relevant to the patient’s problem/complaint even if it takes a long time to gather the information. It is necessary to get a clear picture of the patient and what is important to them so you can address their goals appropriately.
- I think this experience has shown me how much these patients appreciate what we can do for them. I think it gave me a better understanding of how much we can contribute to patients.
- When you put the patients needs ahead of your own it helps you understand how much of an impact you can make in a person’s life in such a short time.
- It helps understand listening to pt complaints and addressing them in order to help the pt get better. It is a valuable experience that is a great way to not only help an underserved population, but (selfishly) keep my skills fresh and learn more in a hands-on real world location.
- This is the first time I’ve been with a patient with no grade attached to how I performed. Because of this I was able to better focus on patients and their needs at the clinic.
- I think it helped me realize patient needs vs. my self-interests are a balancing act. I need to be more aware that what I want to do and what the patient will do don’t necessarily coincide.
- It has really helped me to address the patient’s needs and try to get the full story from them, not leaving any pieces out. It has been a great experience to put you in the clinic mindset and gain more hands on experience.
- It helped me realize the complexity of patients and the importance of gathering a comprehensive subjective history.
- It has reminded me that there are so many people in need that have been kicked in/out of the healthcare system. They really need our help, and it was encouraging to see how much they appreciated our work.
As a result of your clinic participation today, in what ways do you see yourself contributing in the future to address societal needs of health and wellness?

- I think volunteering at the clinic today has made me more likely to volunteer in society in the future.
- I thought this was a great experience and I plan on continuing to volunteer my time here. In the future I can see myself becoming more involved with a more active role.
- I see myself coming back to the clinic to gain the experience of interacting with more patients and being more involved in the community.
- I will continue to volunteer in the clinic whenever possible and educate people in the community about health and wellness (especially in my future career).
- I definitely want to use my career to serve populations who need PT when and where I can.
- I think patient education will be an important factor that will take on an even bigger role in the future. Educating patients on their health and how to improve their well-being is more important for me and that’s where I see myself intervening.
- I see myself being more thorough in my examination and patient education on a healthy lifestyle. I want to be an active member in my community.
- Even though I am a third year, I would like to stay involved in some way. I see the need in our community and the impact we can make.
- **I want to continue serving the low socioeconomic patient population in this type of setting. I like being involved in the non for profit work serving the needs of the community.**

How might your intentions to be an active member of your profession have changed as a result of your involvement in the clinic?

- Question a bit difficult to understand. I haven’t put much thought about “my intentions to be an active member of my profession” but I would say after today’s experience I will be more likely to be active in the PT profession and addressing societal needs.
- This involvement has strengthened my belief that it is important to be an active member of my profession.
- I realize that there is more to being a PT than just going to work every day.
- It has shown me that it is very important to stay active in the community because not everyone has access to or can afford healthcare.
- They probably haven’t – I definitely want to continue to learn throughout my career and use my career to serve the community. Those goals have been more affirmed through working at the clinic.
- I think it’s opened my eyes to the needs of those who aren’t educated and lack the resources most of us take for granted.
- Treat the patient, not the complaint; made me realize the importance of being actively involved in the community and the importance of giving back/helping in a outreach clinic to aid in those less fortunate.
- I think this experience has helped me see the importance of having the clinic and keeping PT in it. I’ve previously been involved in volunteering but mostly it wasn’t related to PT.
- It reminded me of the great need of PT for those who are unable to pay. It made me more inclined to participate in the future.