

# Oral presentations but they're fun?! Rediscovering joy through a near-peer student group

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## Background:

### What is PreOP?

- **Preparing for Oral Presentations: a student group that meets over zoom for one hour per week.**
- **Students from every year can join to practice their oral presentation skills and get near-peer feedback**



### How did PreOP come about?

COVID-19 delays and reduces clinical education in 2020/2021



Students from the class of 2021 start a student group to address this



PreOP Student group

The benefits of the group remain even after clinical rotations return to normal

We name the group PreOP, Preparing for Oral Presentations, cuz it's cute



## Benefits of PreOP



Dedicated space for oral presentation alone  
Supportive environment without assessment, grades, LOR

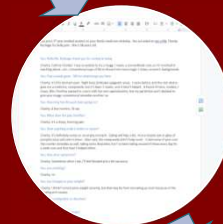
Competing clinical responsibilities  
High stakes evaluations from preceptors (especially as narrative feedback gains importance)



## PreOP structure



Welcome and intros (2-3 minutes)

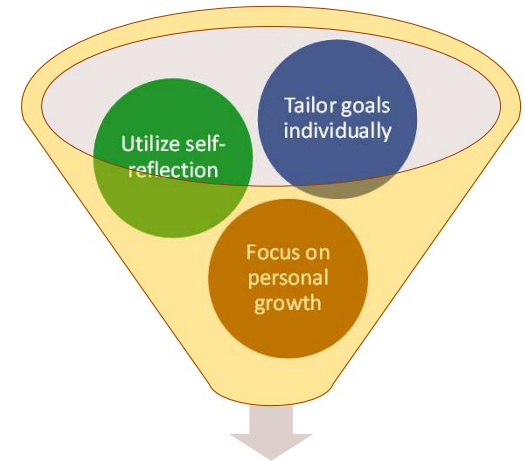


Break to read and prepare case (20-30 minutes)



Presentations and feedback (20-30 minutes)

## Lessons Learned



Create a space open and relevant to students across classes



## Benefits

### Benefits for participants

- Practice and improvement at presentations
- Near-peer teaching and connection across classes

### Benefits for leaders

- Act as teachers and mentors, adding meaning and joy to medical school
- Prepare for the transition to residency

