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NYCPM Steps Further into the Digital Future



Mock-up of QR-coded Clerkship Card

New York College of Podiatric Medicine (NYCPM) students entering their clinical years will soon receive ID-sized cards printed with a series of QR codes that are linked to all the information that they need to complete their required clerkships during each clinical academic year. The information ranges from clerkship director contact information to the locations of clerkships, the academic expectations, and required tasks as well as a general description of the clerkship itself.

These codes build on the College's new iME (interactive Medical Education) initiative to harness the broad range of digital information and technologies available to create a leading-edge medical school curriculum. Most students have incorporated the use of smart phones or tablets into their educational experience at NYCPM. This ties in directly with their technological decisions. What were once devices for communication and entertainment now become essential medical tools.

The iPad Mini was provided to students in the NYCPM class of 2017 as a pilot project to launch the digital curriculum. The program will be expanded to include future incoming students. The College has chosen the iPad mini as the digital device that will enable students to interact with the curriculum and utilize the many digital assets at their disposal, such as Lecture Capture, Medical Videos, Lecture Handouts, Textbooks, Medical resources, Medical/Educational Apps and their Notes.

This QR coding will become even more significant when our current NYCPM iPad-equipped freshmen undertake their clinical studies in future years. They will be able to use their iPad minis to procure the clerkship cards and save them on their devices and have access to them along with their notes, textbooks etc. Similarly, students can use the note-taking apps on the iPad to help them make notations on the clerkship card because of its pdf format. Due to these innovations, the cards become more personal in nature, and in turn, so does the clerkship.

NYCPM's iME initiative is enhancing the podiatric medical school curriculum, and NYCPM has become one of the first in the nation to offer a digital, interactive learning environment to its incoming students.