Student Perspectives on Information Sharing During an In-Person Interprofessional Education (IPE) Event Compared to Remote



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Background

- Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) and Physician Assistant (PA) students attended an IPE event that was conducted remotely in 2022, and in-person in 2023
 - In 2022, students were able to participate remotely via an online platform. Large group discussions occurred with the entire cohort, and small group discussions in breakout rooms
 - In 2023, students were in-person in multiple classrooms with smaller groups. Group discussions occurred within the classroom, but not with the entire cohort
 - PA and PharmD faculty facilitated both events
- During the event, students worked together to gather patient data from a simulated electronic health record, formulate a differential diagnosis, and determine a treatment plan for a patient with a heart failure exacerbation

Objective

 To evaluate PharmD and PA student perspectives on information sharing during in-person IPE event compared to the same event in a remote setting

Methods

- Following the IPE events in 2022 and 2023 students completed an adapted Interprofessional Collaborator Assessment Rubric using Qualtrics
- Students were asked whether their data could be used for research, and students who agreed were included in this study

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2022 Survey Participants

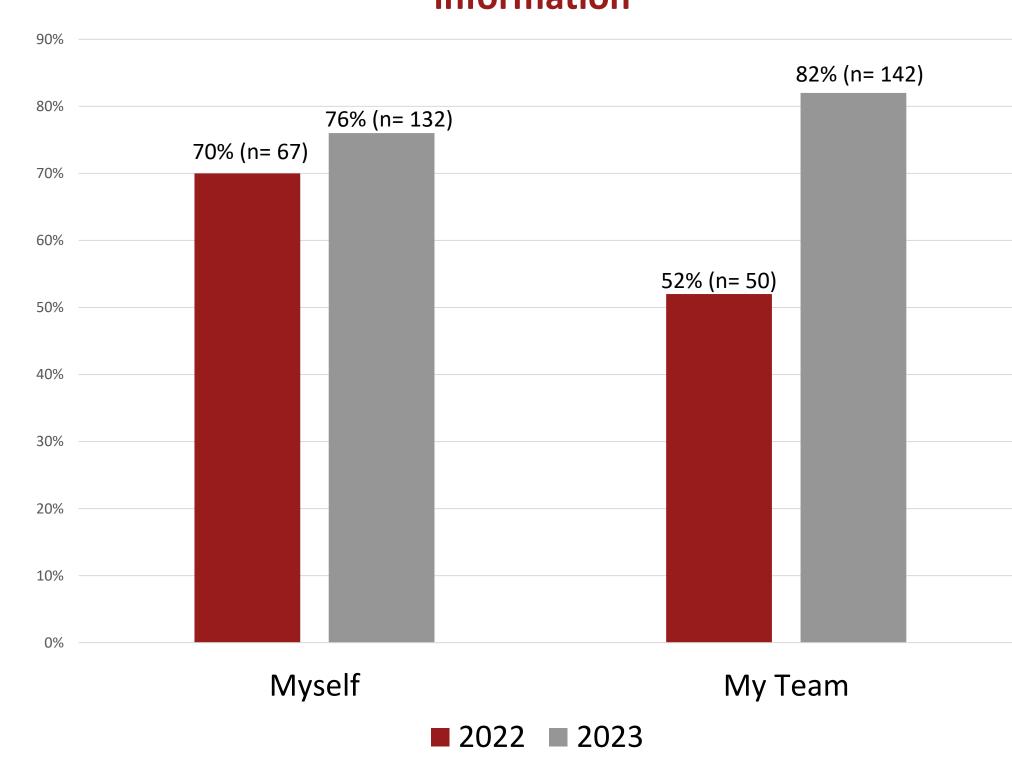
- Pharmacy students = 39
- PA students = 57
- Total = 96

2023 Survey Participants

Results

- Pharmacy students = 108
- PA students = 65
- Total = 173

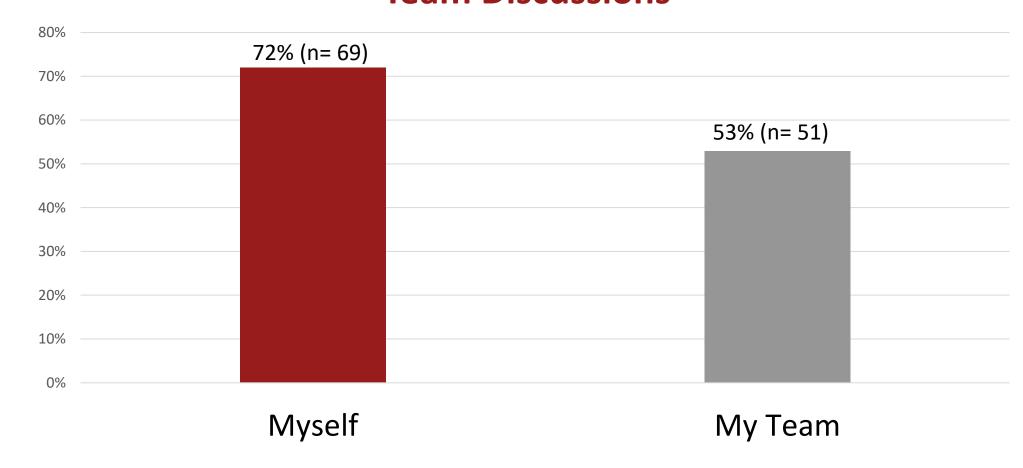
Students perceptions on consistently sharing information



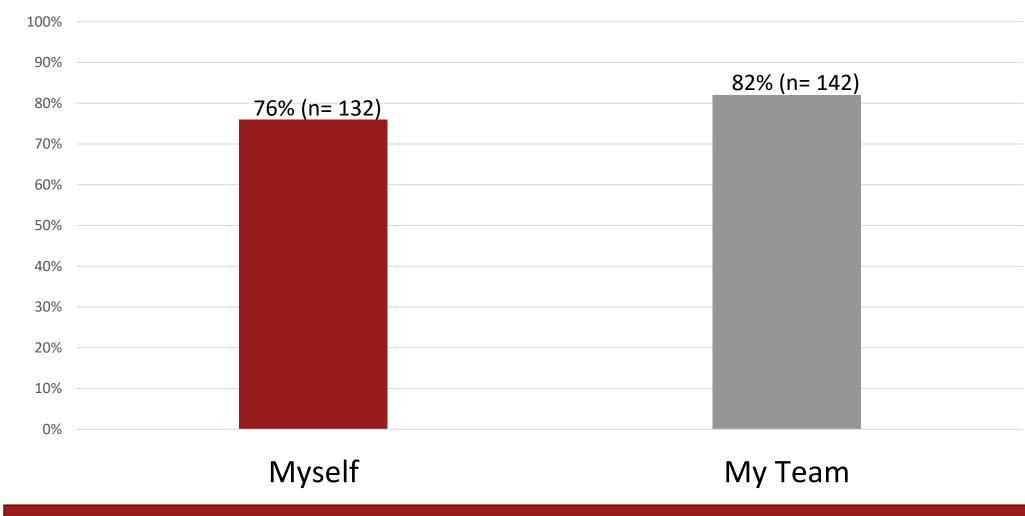
Strengths and Limitations

- Strengths: utilizing the same case, small-group format, and disciplines for both events
- Limitations: fewer student survey participants in 2022, large group discussion was smaller in 2023, and course coordinator changes from 2022 to 2023

2022 Students Perceptions on Contribution to Team Discussions



2023 Students Perceptions on Ability to Communicate Opinion on Patient Care



Conclusions

- Results indicate that an in-person setting increased collaboration
- In the future, in-person IPE events should be considered over remote, when possible