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# TEACHING TIPS

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## Creating a Learning Environment

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### SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF GOOD EDUCATIONAL PRACTICE

Here are seven different principles that teachers and learners can use to make the experience better for everyone. Look at your situation and see if you use these in your practice:

1. Encourage contact between learners and faculty (increases motivation and commitment).
2. Develop cooperation and reciprocity among students and residents (emphasize the health care team, rather than the solo effort).
3. Create active learning (have them apply it in their lives, as well as to their patients).
4. Provide feedback in a prompt manner (keeps them involved, allowing direction change and reflection).
5. Underscore time on task - don't let students take more time than they need (learning to use time appropriately is critical, including in the clinical setting).
6. Set high expectations, based on reality (push them to their limits; expect more and get more).
7. Respect diverse talents and ways of learning (there are many pathways to learning, just like there are many ways to carry out clinical duties).

Teaching and learning is a two-way street. If both sides practice these principles, it can be engaging and fun for everyone.

*Source: Chickering, A.W., Gamson, Z.R. Seven principles for good practice in undergraduate education. AAHE Bulletin, 1987;39:3-7.*

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