

Developing a Strategy for Effective Health Information Literacy Instruction Using a Neurocognitive Model for Dual-Processing

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Main Points

- ① Why Information Literacy Instruction?
- ② Learning and Memory
- ③ Neurocognitive Approach in Context
- ④ Dual Processing Learning Model
- ⑤ So What?

Operationalizing Health ILI

Access & retrieval of high quality health information for decision-making



This impacts:

- Quality of patient care
- Avoidance of adverse effects
- Informed decision-making

(Marshall, et al, 2013)

Information Literacy Instruction



Why ILI?

- Digital revolution
- Growing demand for information
- Exponential growth of publishers
- Information overload (Data Smog)

(A Progress Report on Information Literacy, 2013)



Learning and Memory

Learning Contexts

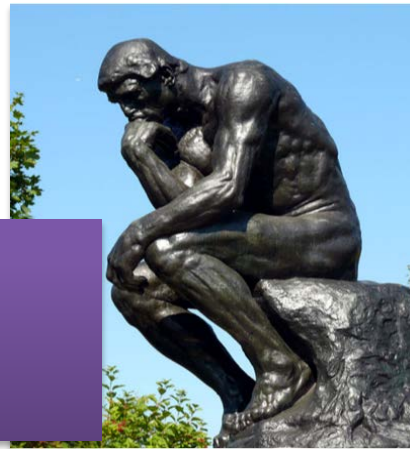


Social

Interpersonal



Individual



Roles in Health ILI

INSTRUCTOR

- Medical librarian
- Health care professional
- Public health outreach worker
- Professional Development

Trainer

- Parent
- Child

LEARNER

- Health care professional
- Patient
- Family member
- Health care administrator
- Public health outreach worker
- Community member
- Children
- Parent

Roots for a Strategy

The challenge: ILI is engulfed by

- Complex roles
- Complex interactions
- Complex contexts

(being human)



Life is simple.



Possible Approach

Adopt a Neurocognitive Strategy

Consider the following:

- human memory systems
Are activated during input, rehearsal, and retrieval of information



Neurocognitive Basis for Learning



- Declarative memory
 - Conscious recall
 - Facts and events



- Procedural memory
 - Learning by doing
 - Riding a bicycle, using a spoon
 - *Does not require conscious learning

(Willingham et al., 2002; Glisky, 2007; Wulf, 2007)

Neurocognitive Basis for Learning



- Declarative memory
 - Input: aural, visual
 - Output: oral, text-based recall, facts recall



- Procedural memory
 - Input: mimic, follow a process, act in a sequence
 - Output: follow a process, act in a sequence

(Willingham et al., 2002; Glisky, 2007; Wulf, 2007)

Neurocognitive Basis for Learning

So what?

Take advantage of both memory processes &
Get more bang for your buck!



Aural input

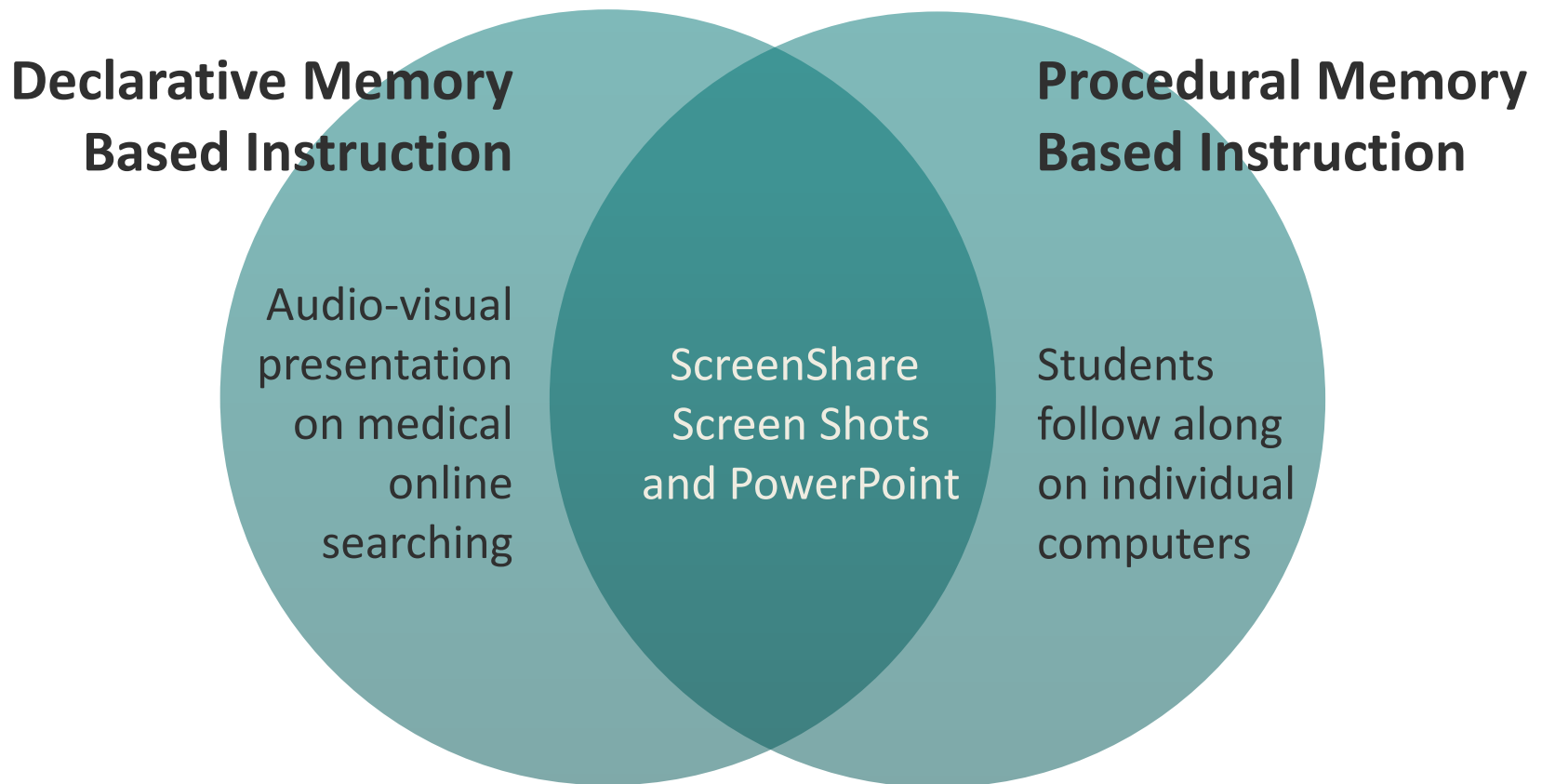
Visual input

Procedural input

More effective learning

Instructional Strategies

Dual-Processing Based Instruction



Evaluation of Health ILI

Dual-Processing Based Evaluation

- Authentic assessment
 - Multimedia projects
 - Research papers
- PBL – Problem-based learning
 - Case Studies
 - Collaborative Problem-Solving

But wait, there's more!

It's not just for health information

The dual processing memory model can be applied to any learning context that involves

- A Process
- Self-regulation and metacognition
- A Human

Thank you for your attention.

**Tell me and I'll forget.
Show me, and I may not
remember. Involve me,
and I'll understand.**

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