

MYDISPENSE WORKSHOP: INTEGRATION OF VIRTUAL SIMULATION IN TEACHING AND LEARNING ACTIVITY

MyDispense is an online pharmacy simulation platform developed by Monash University that allows students to practice their dispensing skills. It provides a secure environment where students are able to practice skills and build confidence while learning from mistakes, if any, without severe consequences before practicing in the real world. From initial communication with the patient and prescriber to professional advice when handing medicines to patients, the web application supports the entire dispensing experience. It can be used as either clinical/hospital or community pharmacy settings.

With the aim to improve teaching and learning implementation, MyDispense workshop was conducted involving lecturers from the Clinical Pharmacy Department, Faculty of Pharmacy, UiTM. An experienced speaker, Dr. Izyan A.Wahab, a clinical pharmacy lecturer from Faculty of Pharmacy, University Malaya who had been using MyDispense platform for the past 5 to 6 years was invited to conduct the workshop. Among the topics shared during the workshop were features of MyDispense, hands-on training to create clinical cases, available cases online, and the advantages and disadvantages of MyDispense platform. The lecturers also learned to create a case scenario. The workshop ended with a question and answer session.

With the exposure to MyDispense through this workshop, it is hoped that this platform could be utilized as much as possible especially during tutorials. The easy accessibility of MyDispense which can be accessed from anywhere and at any time is an added advantage. Lecturers should use this opportunity to creatively enhance teaching and learning delivery. Ultimately, it is hoped that MyDispense will equip the students with the necessary knowledge and real world skills to become competent pharmacists.



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