

Making Sense of IPECP Assessment
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What worlds do I represent?

- Where I live: Program evaluation and assessment
- Where I have moved: IPECP, an idea with a 40-year history

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Point 1: Why IPECP? Why now?

Two reasons for dentists to pay attention to studying (including evaluating and assessing) IPECP

1. Accreditation standards mandate that dental students must be able to collaborate with other professionals
2. IPECP is a good idea whose time has come

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Point 2. The National Center: A New Model for Public-Private Partnership

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The National Center Vision



- Our Goals:**
- a. Improved quality of experience for people, families, communities and learners
 - b. Shared responsibility for achieving health outcomes and improving education
 - c. Reduced cost and added value in health care delivery and education

National Center Principles

1. We are focused on sustainable national change.
2. We inform action with evidence, leveraging new approaches to data collection and use.
3. We evaluate at each step and level, building on what we discover.
4. We engage collaboratively as leaders, as colleagues and as advisors.
5. We are learners with minds open to new ideas and approaches.
6. We strive to demonstrate trustworthiness every day.

Point 3: What has research shown us about IPECP?

- Over the years, call for studies in IPECP to be methodologically and conceptually sound
- One reason that improving IPECP research is difficult: The lack of appropriate assessment/data collection instruments
- For these reasons, the National Center team compiled a set of IPECP assessment tools

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Point 4: What can one assess when assessing IPECP? And how?

- You want a solid instrument that measures learning
- The team and its ability to perform as a team is one thing; there are others
- Outcomes/IPEC competencies can serve as a framework for assessment
- They can also be used to create a program or attend to more systemic issues
- Good instruments are in short supply right now

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Introducing. . .

The National Center website's assessment tool collection

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Point 5: What's in it for you?

- Assessment data can help you have important conversations
- Assessment can provide data for deciding what to do/change in your program

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To review, then. . .

1. Why IPECP? Why now?
2. What is the National Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education?
3. What has research shown us about IPECP?
4. What can one assess when assessing IPECP? And how?
5. What's in it for you?

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