

Active Learning Strategy Adoption by Students in the New Trek Curriculum

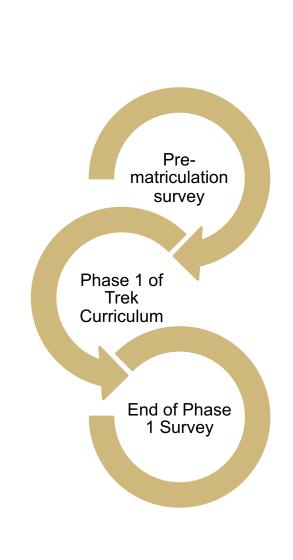
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Background

- Research in learning theory has identified active recall and spaced repetition as learning strategies that are associated with better student outcomes
- Passive learning strategies, such as rereading notes, are associated with worse long-term recall
- Students in the new CU Trek Curriculum were given a lecture during the first week of medical school about active learning strategies and the curriculum is designed to support active learning

Methods

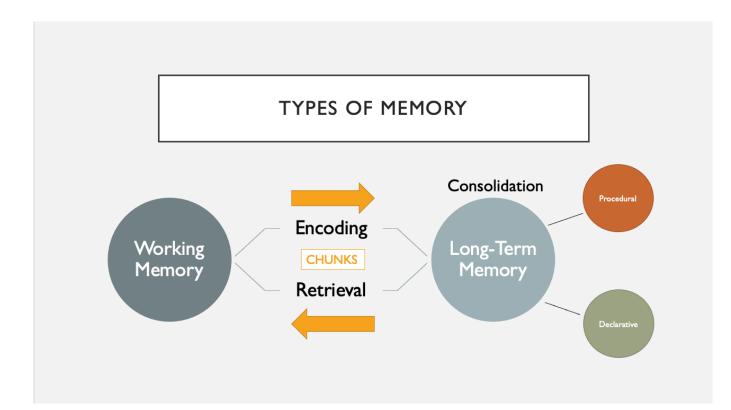
- 172 students completed 2 surveys, before and after their first year of medical school
- Descriptively compared the percentage of participants who identified "often" or "always" using various learning strategies on each survey
- Conducted chi-square tests of independence to compare before/after response distributions

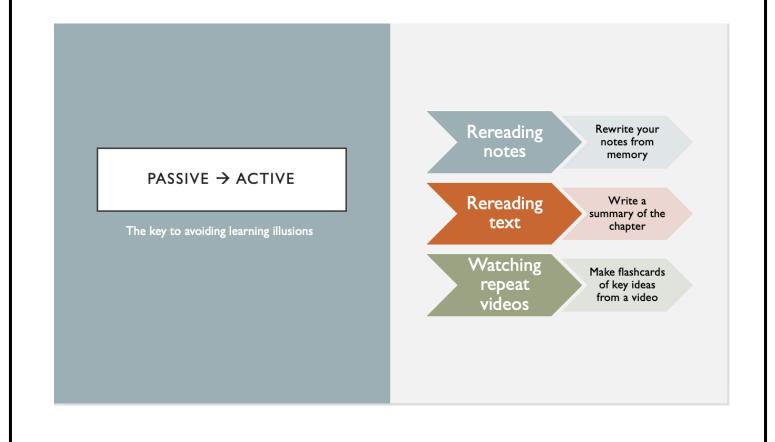


Purpose

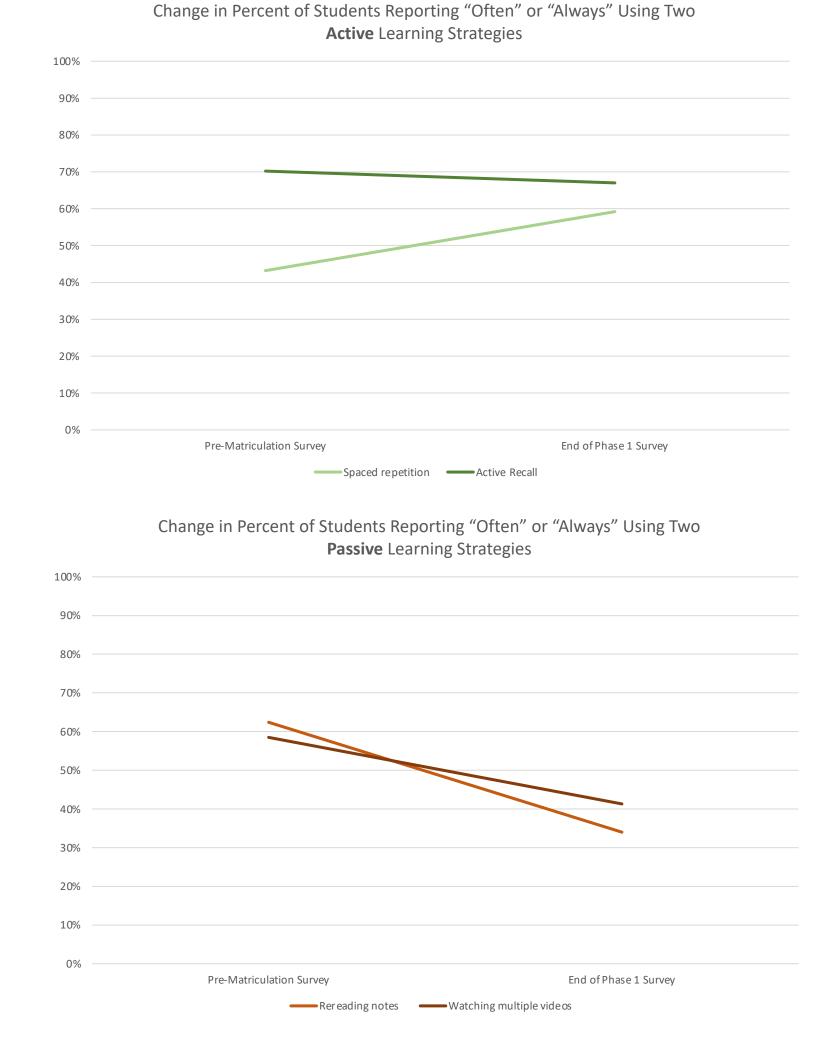
To evaluate the change in utilization of active and passive learning strategies over the course of the first year of the Trek curriculum following an evidence-based learning strategy session

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Results



| | Pre-Matriculation Survey | End of Phase 1 Survey | P-value |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| Spaced repetition | 43.2% | 59.2% | 0.02 |
| Active Recall | 70.2% | 67.0% | 0.28 |
| Rereading notes | 62.4% | 34.0% | <0.01 |
| Watching multiple videos | 58.5% | 41.3% | <.001 |

Conclusions and Next Steps

- Students in the new Trek curriculum adopted adaptive learning strategies over the course of their first year of medical school
- Further analysis on individual student behavior and comparison to students in the legacy curriculum will better illuminate the impetus for this change in learning strategy utilization

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Nothing to disclose