

Delivering Chalk Talks

FacDev in 5 KEY TAKEAWAYS



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Try these strategies to make your chalk talks engaging, practical, and adaptable.

1

Choose Relevant and Focused Topics

Choose a clinically relevant topic and focus on 2–3 high-yield points for a 10–15 minute presentation.

2

Plan and Organize Visuals

Prepare a visual framework—lists, diagrams, tables, or simple sketches—to help learners connect and retain key information.

3

Engage Learners Early

Begin with a relatable hook and foster conversation by inviting learners to share and ask questions.

4

Save and Share the Visuals

Encourage learners to take a photo for future reference or teaching, and capture one for your own records.

5

Adapt to the Learning Environment

Be flexible with timing—coordinate with learners and adjust as needed to fit clinical demands.



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