Improvising Medicine

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Outline

The Problem

The Solution

The Problem with the Solution

Improvisation and Medicine

Practice

The University of Toronto Standardized Patient Program

The Problem with the Solution

Activity #1

Improvisational Theater

Getting on-stage and performing without any preparation or planning

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*of course I'm kidding in your eyes even one of death is right here in our hands, just thinking and sitting without doing anything, learning what you're doing wrong...*
Improv and Medicine

Activity #2

Imagining should be as effortless as perceiving—Keith Johnstone, *Impro*, 1979

Activity #3

Co-Creation

“Don’t just sit around raising questions and pointing out obstacles. Speak in statements instead of apologetic questions. No one wants to go to a doctor who says, ‘I’m going to be your surgeon? I’m here to talk to you about your procedure? I was first in my class at Johns Hopkins, so?’”—Tina Fey, *Bossy Pants*, 2011

Activity #4

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Questions?
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