



# Teach the Teacher Module

*Student-assistants in CPT education*



# CP4T

Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics  
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# Introduction to CP4T



## Mission statement:

As a result of our project, teaching and training of CPT in Europe (and perhaps beyond) will be harmonized and modernized, with the aim of promoting rational and safe prescribing.





# Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics Teach the Teacher



Who are we?



UNIVERSITY OF  
GOTHENBURG



University of  
Zagreb



ALMA MATER STUDIORUM  
UNIVERSITÀ DI BOLOGNA



Amsterdam UMC



UNIVERSITÄT ZU LÜBECK



Universidad  
de La Laguna



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# Introduction to CP4T

## *Previous Teach the Teacher modules*

- The European Prescribing Exam
- Hot topics in CPT education
- Flip-the-classroom (online via Zoom)
- How to integrate the (new) Guide to Good Prescribing and 6-step in education
- Curriculum development and changes







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# Today (17:00-18:30)

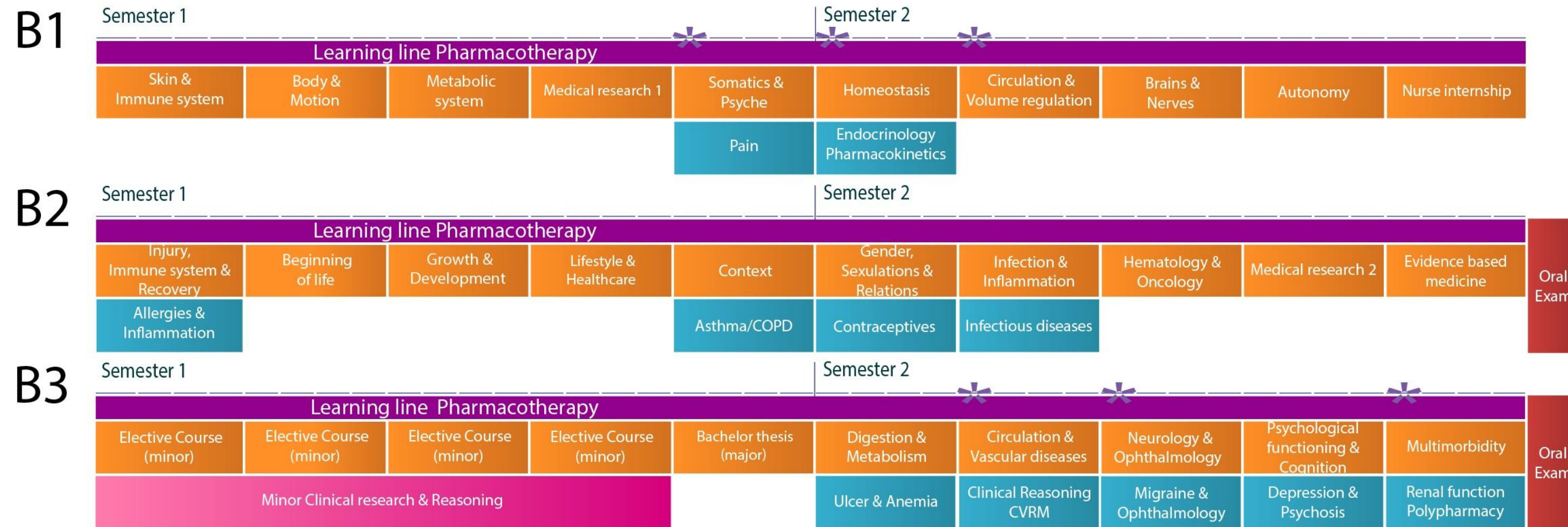
How to set up a student-assistant system for CPT education?

- Examples of practice
  - Amsterdam
  - Ghent
- How to implement this in your own education/curriculum?
- Working with students for ‘future proof’ education





# Student-assistants for bachelor education



## Chart

- Course
- Practical lessons
- Optional
- Exam
- Lecture







# Student-assistants in clinical care



[Student run clinic, subs - YouTube](#)





# EACPT WORKING GROUP EDUCATION WORKSHOP: PHARMACOTHERAPY STUDENT ASSISTANTS AT GHENT UNIVERSITY (BELGIUM)

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LEAD PHARMACOTHERAPY EDUCATION

EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY  
CONFERENCE      HELSINKI, 29/06/2025





# PHARMACOTHERAPY EDUCATION AT GHENT UNIVERSITY

- Problem-based pharmacotherapy teaching in the medical curriculum from year 3 to 5
- Small groups sessions with solving clinical cases e.g. hypertension, diabetes, depression...
- Supervised by clinicians and pharmacist from the hospital
- Growing number of students (500 started in year 1 in 2024!)

➔ Expected problem in year 3:  
Lack of doctors/pharmacists to supervise small group sessions



# SOLUTION?!



## Student-assistants Pharmacotherapy

- Inspired by Amsterdam UMC
- Trust in my own education
- Start project SA in 2023-2024

### Format:

- SA's in Year 4 teach Year 3 students
- Each SA do 2 tutorials (topics) per semester, min. 2 sessions
- Alone or with 2 if they want
- Preparation required: SA-specific training session + self-study of cases
- Seeing them as one of the teaching colleagues, although no mini-professors



# RECRUITMENT



Announcement made during my course and via the student forum in December of Year 3

Students apply with a CV and motivation letter

Kick-off meeting and explanation of expectations, basic CPT training session (WHO 6-steps)

Signing contract (credential added to their CV)

Oproep: Word Studentenassistent Farmacotherapie

25 november 2024 10:33

**Word Studentenassistent Farmacotherapie!**

Ben je door het volgen van de tutorial hypertensie gepassioneerd over geneesmiddelen en onderwijs? Grijp dan nu de unieke kans om betrokken te zijn bij het farmacotherapie-onderwijs als studentenassistent.

**Wat bieden wij?**

- **Inzicht in Onderwijs:** Als studentenassistent krijg je de kans om het onderwijs van binnenuit te ervaren en maak je deel uit van een team van toegewijde tutores en studenten, allen gedreven door een grote passie voor rationeel voorschrijven.
- **Intensieve Opleiding:** Je krijgt een grondige training om je voor te bereiden op je rol als studentenassistent met focus op didactische methoden, een 'train the trainer' farmacotherapie en training in de specifieke tutorialonderwerpen.
- **Verantwoordelijkheid:** Je bent actief betrokken bij het ondersteunen van farmacotherapie-onderwijs, je begeleidt medestudenten in tutorials van een jaar lager en je draagt bij aan de leerervaring van anderen.
- **Versterking van CV:** De ervaring als studentenassistent zal niet alleen je begrip van het onderwijs verbeteren, maar is ook een waardevol pluspunt voor je CV!

**Wie zoeken wij?**

We zoeken gemotiveerde studenten die:

1. Een passie hebben voor geneesmiddelen en onderwijs en het delen van kennis.
2. Goede communicatieve vaardigheden hebben en anderen kunnen begeleiden.
3. Bereid zijn verantwoordelijkheid te dragen en actief deel te nemen aan het onderwijsproces.
4. Een tijdsinvestering van een 10-15 tal uur kunnen doen per semester

**Interesse?**

Als je geïnteresseerd bent om deel uit te maken van ons team als studentenassistent, stuur dan je motivatiebrief waarin je je interesse en eventuele relevante ervaring benadrukt ten laatste 5/12/2024 naar Dr Ellen Van Leeuwen ([ellen.vanleeuwen@ugent.be](mailto:ellen.vanleeuwen@ugent.be)) en Joke Van Dorpe ([Joke.vandorpe@ugent.be](mailto:Joke.vandorpe@ugent.be)).

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First call: 13 students!



# TRAINING AND SUPPORT

- One intro didactic session
- Detailed written tutorial instructions
- WhatsApp group for practical and urgent questions
- Follow-up by email
- End-of-semester debrief with informal feedback and sandwiches
- Student/SA evaluations used to improve the process

Opvolging na 2 weken: verdraagt metformine goed → metformine verhogen naar 1 tablet van 500mg 2x per dag

Opvolging na 3 maanden: verdraagt behandeling nog altijd goed, nieuwe bloedafname toont HbA1c 6.7%, gewicht 2kg minder (85kg); behandeling 500mg 2x per dag voort

**Behandeling Cardiovasculair Risico**

- **Acetylsalicylzuur?** Nee, primaire preventie en in studies bij diabetes in primaire preventie meest recente grote RCT kleine winst totaal teniet gedaan door extra CVA
- **Statine?** hier eerder jfy SCORE risicoschaal (statine geven los van SCORE is aanbevolen bij patiënten met diabetes type 2 + 1 andere risicofactor, dus wel zeer vaak zo, maar hier niet)

Casus 2 Edith  
Focus: onvoldoende glycemiecontrole met metformine.

Edith is **63 jaar** en je stelde 2 jaar geleden bij haar **dia** behandeling met **metformine (500mg 2x per dag)** opge eveneens een **ACE-inhibitor** gestart. Patiënte komt op cc een BMI van 28, zijn zowel bij anamnese als klinisch on De bloeddruk is **130/75 mmHg**. De gemeten **nuchtere** 8%. Wat is je beleid?

Tutorial Diabetes 2 Casussen  
AJ 24-25

Casussen	Student maakt wanneer?	Tutor	Focus
Casus 1 Jan	Tussen les en tutorial 1, volledig in Pscribe (krijgen feedback op alle stappen)	Vragen of hierover nog vragen zijn	Diagnose, niet-medicamenteus beleid, opstart metformine
Casus 2 Edith	Opdracht tussen tutorial 1 en 2	Per casus 1 student bevragen over stap 4 tot 6 (ze krijgen feedback op stap 1 tot 3 in Pscribe) + ruimte laten voor vragen +- 25min	Onvoldoende glycemiecontrole met metformine, compliance + CVR
Casus 3 Roos			Onvoldoende glycemiecontrole met maximaal metformine
Casus 4 Guy			Onvoldoende glycemiecontrole met maximaal metformine bij patiënt met CV antecedent
Casus 5 René	Tijdens tutorial 2: in kleine groepjes	10 min in groepjes laten werken aan 1 casus + 5 min per casus voor bespreking (eerste stappen zijn herhaling en kunnen wemmelaten worden	Behandeling met metformine en SU met vermoeden hypoglycemie-aanvallen
Casus 6 Johanna			Maag- en darmklachten na snelle opbouw metformine

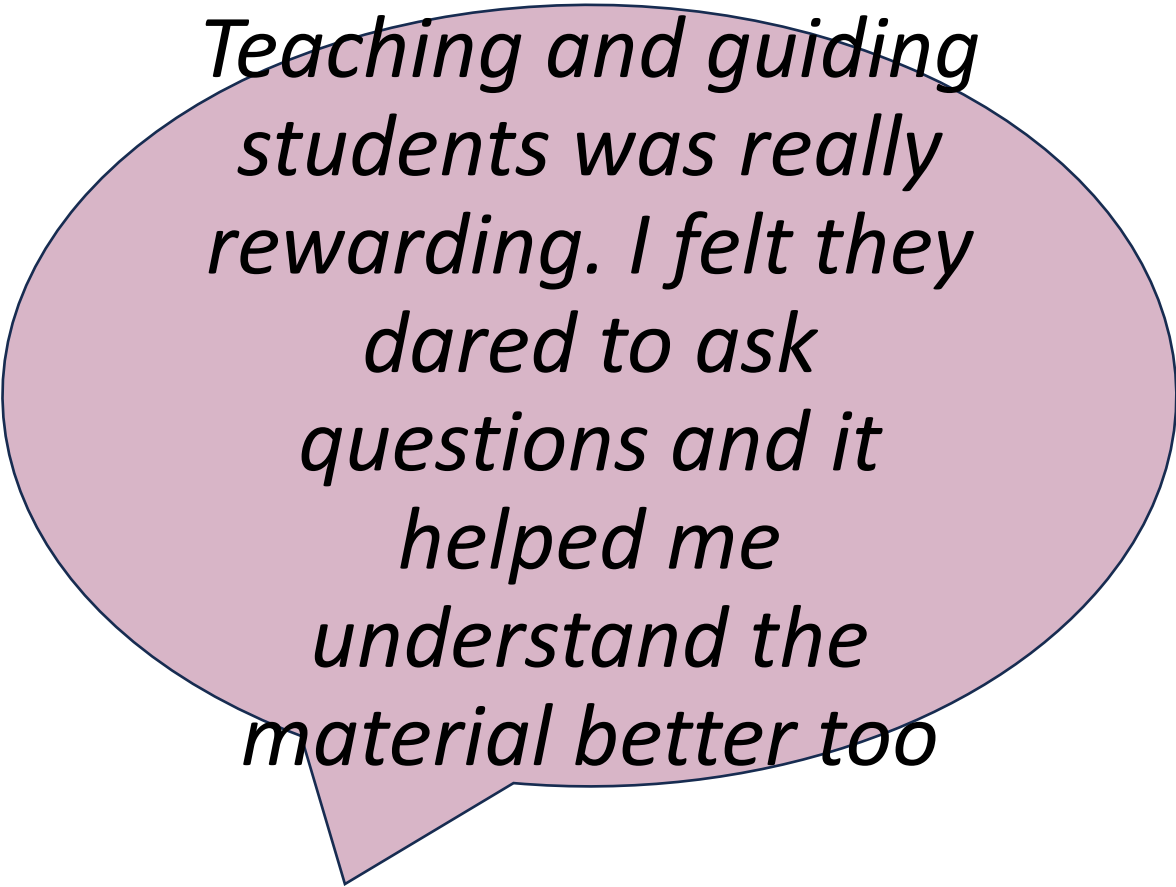




# WHAT SA FOUND VALUABLE?

## Responses from 13 SAs

- Gaining confidence in public speaking
- Reinforcing their own pharmacotherapy knowledge
- Developing teaching and communication skills
- Helping fellow students in a meaningful way
- Feeling part of an educational team



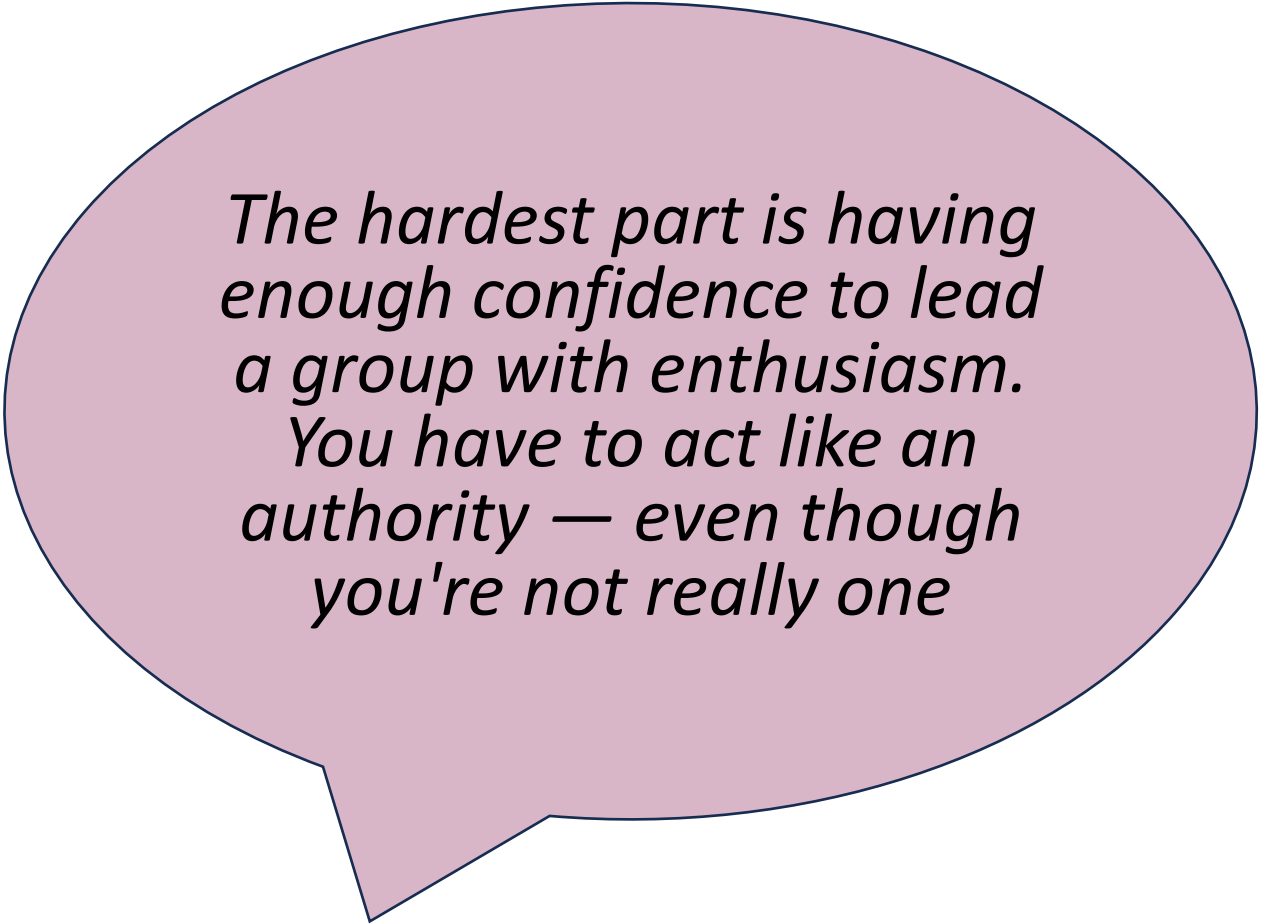
*Teaching and guiding students was really rewarding. I felt they dared to ask questions and it helped me understand the material better too*



# WHAT SA FOUND CHALLENGING?

## Responses from 13 SAs

- Finding confidence to teach peers
- Acting as an authority without clinical experience
- Managing time and covering all case content
- Answering complex or unexpected questions
- Balancing preparation with other work



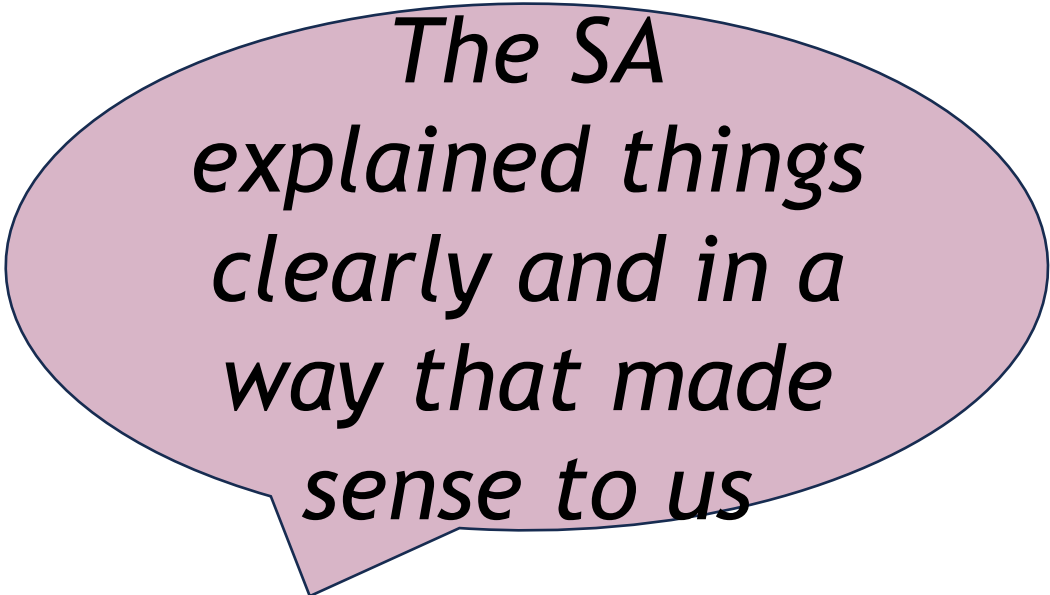
*The hardest part is having enough confidence to lead a group with enthusiasm. You have to act like an authority — even though you're not really one*



# WHAT STUDENTS APPRECIATED

Responses from 21 students with 1 or more session with SA

- Clear explanations and relevant examples
- SA shared practical tips and relevant experience
- Safe environment to ask questions
- Easy to connect with a near-peer teacher



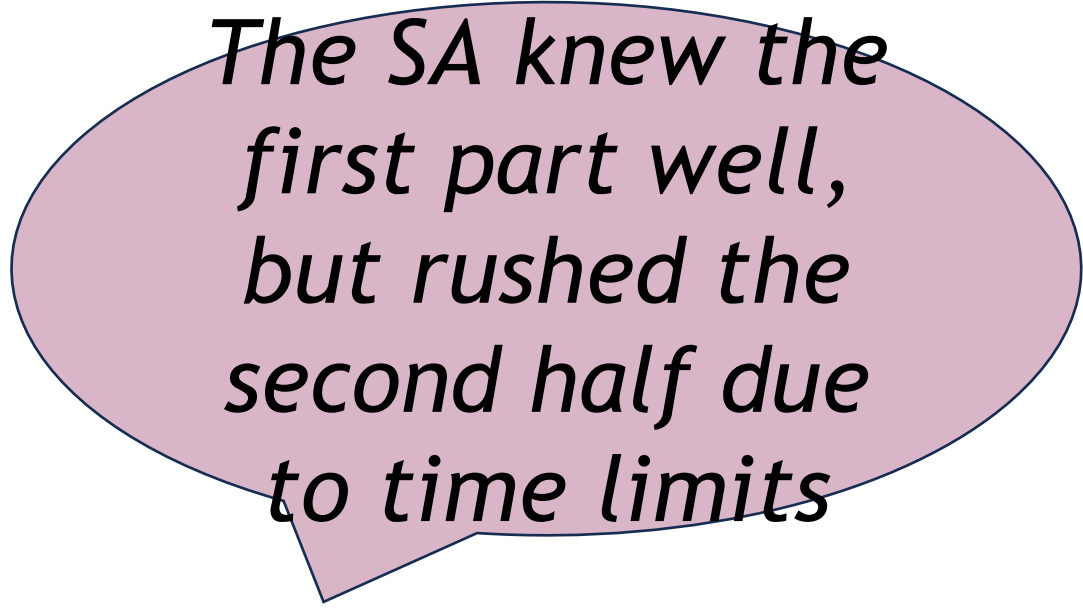
*The SA explained things clearly and in a way that made sense to us*



# WHAT COULD BE IMPROVED?

Responses from 21 students with 1 or more session with SA

- More time needed for deeper discussion and cases at the end
- Level of interactive teaching varied per SA
- Some SAs were unsure about content or format



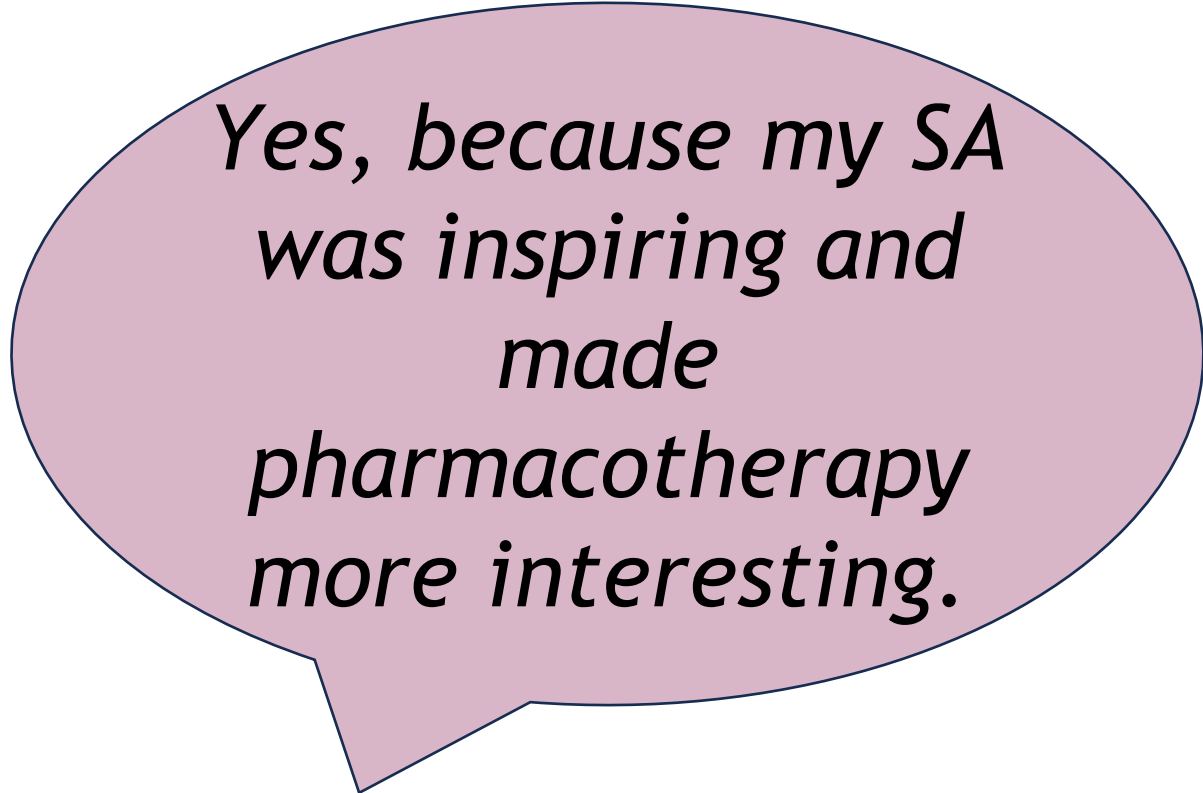
*The SA knew the first part well, but rushed the second half due to time limits*



# WOULD STUDENTS WANT TO BE SA THEMSELVES?

Responses from 21 students with 1 or more session with SA

- Mixed responses: ~50% yes, ~50% no
- YES: to reinforce own knowledge, help others, enjoyed peer model
- NO: due to lack of time, confidence, or unclear value
- Motivation increased after a positive SA experience



*Yes, because my SA was inspiring and made pharmacotherapy more interesting.*



# PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

- Great support:  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the tutorials by the SA in year 3
- Rewarding project
- Cycle with high turnover!
  - New call in year 3: 23 students (+13 earlier SA go to year 5)
- We received teaching assistant 0.2%FTE
- SA: Model for our future faculty education



## Schakel een student-assistent in en geef je onderwijs een boost

Doctor-assistent Ellen Van Leeuwen: "Door de **inzet van student-assistenten** kunnen we, ondanks het stijgend aantal studenten, **toch in kleine groepen blijven lesgeven**. Ze bereiden zich grondig voor, denken actief mee over het bereiken van leerdoelen, groeien in didactiek en tonen echte **passie voor onderwijs**." Net als Ellen interesse om student-assistenten in te schakelen in je (praktijk)onderwijs? Het project kreeg een grondige update, met een **vernieuwd leerpad** en **praktische boostsessie**. Ook als lesgever krijg je **extra tools** in handen voor de selectie, opleiding en begeleiding van student-assistenten.



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# Student-assistants in YOUR EDUCATION?

Discuss (10 minutes):

Do you want this? Why? (what are the benefits or cons)?

Where could this be implemented in you education?





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Discuss (10 minutes):

Do you want this? Why (what are the benefits or cons)?

Where could this be implemented in you education?

How to make it happen?

Barriers and potential solutions?





# Student-assistants in YOUR EDUCATION?

Requirement:

WIN-WIN-WIN-WIN-WIN





# Working with students for ‘future proof’ education





# AI in Clinical Pharmacology teaching



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• PROF. EMILIO J. SANZ. UNIVERSITY OF LA LAGUNA. TENERIFE. SPAIN







Therapeutics and Clinical Pharmacology.	Medicine 5 <sup>o</sup> Year
Flipped Class-room (pre-class and workshops)	20 %
Clinical Assignments (Intensive Care Units)	10%
European Prescribing Exam (Knowledge & Skills)	50%
Personal Formulary	
Group work (Step 1-4)	10%
Personal Work (P-Drug App) (Step 5-6)	10%





# Development of the Personal Formulary

## Work in Groups (3-6 students)

Step 1: Define the patient's problem

Step 2: Define the therapeutic objective

Step 3: Identify the most appropriate Pharmacological groups

Step 4: Propose the Preferred Pharmacological Group(es)

WIKI

**AI: Compulsory. At least two different Apps and a reflective commentar**

## Individually

Using the available group reports, choose the preferred / personal drug(s)  
(Maximun 40 drugs for 20 diseases)

Pdrugs.ull.es




[illegible]




 Paso 1: Definir el Diagnóstico

 Paso 2: Objetivos Terapéuticos

 Paso 3: Grupos de fármacos más efectivos

 Paso 4: Grupos de Fármacos de Elección

 Paso 5 (I): Tratamiento farmacológico

 Paso 5 (I): Receta

 Paso 5 (I): Receta Alternativa

 Paso 5 (I): Receta Alternativa II

 Paso 5 (II): Tratamiento No farmacológico

 Paso 6: Información al paciente

<https://pdrugs.uil.es>

 **Pdrugs, Formulario Personalizado**

Tabla de Enfermedades

Búsqueda de ATC

Búsqueda de Enfermedades

Clasificación ATC por Niveles

Lista Europea de EDK

Guía de la Buena Prescripción

Vademecum de Referencia

Impresión de Fármacos (Paso 5.1)

Imprimir Datos del EDK

## Tabla de Enfermedades Seleccionadas

Ver

Edit

Grants

Delete

Revisiones

Desarrollo

Traducir

Enfermedad Iniciadas por Emilio Sanz Alvarez (existen registro en la base de datos):

CIE	ENFERMEDAD			
A09	DIARREA Y GASTROENTERITIS DE PRESUNTO ORIGEN INFECCIOSO	CONTINUAR	IMPRIMIR	BORRAR
F32	EPISODIO DEPRESIVO	CONTINUAR	IMPRIMIR	BORRAR
G47	TRASTORNOS DEL SUEÑO	CONTINUAR	IMPRIMIR	BORRAR
G47	TRASTORNOS DEL SUEÑO	CONTINUAR	IMPRIMIR	BORRAR



# Example of the work in groups

CÓDIGO CIE	ENFERMEDAD
E11	DIABETES MELLITUS TIPO II

## 1. Definición del “paciente tipo”

### Características Demográficas y Clínicas

- Edad: Adultos mayores de 40 años, con mayor prevalencia entre los 50-70 años, aunque puede presentarse en edades más jóvenes debido al aumento de obesidad. Afecta a ambos sexos por igual.
- Índice de Masa Corporal (IMC): Frecuentemente sobrepeso (IMC 25-29.9) u obesidad (IMC  $\geq 30$ ), aunque también hay pacientes con peso normal, especialmente en ciertas poblaciones (asiáticos)
- Glucosa en ayunas  $\geq 126$  mg/dL (7.0 mmol/L) en 2 ocasiones. HbA1c  $\geq 6.5\%$ .

## 2. Especifique objetivo terapéutico a conseguir en este tipo de pacientes

→ El objetivo principal en el manejo de la DM-2 es lograr un control glucémico adecuado para prevenir o retrasar las complicaciones microvasculares (retinopatía, nefropatía, neuropatía) y macrovasculares (enfermedad cardiovascular, ictus), mientras se mejora la calidad de vida del paciente. Entre los objetivos específicos:

### a. Control glucémico:

- Mantener la hemoglobina A1c (HbA1c) en un rango personalizado, generalmente  $<7\%$  (según guías como las de la ADA - Asociación Americana de Diabetes), aunque puede ajustarse:
- $<6.5\%$  en pacientes jóvenes, sin comorbilidades y con diagnóstico reciente.
- $<8\%$  en pacientes ancianos, con comorbilidades significativas o riesgo elevado de hipoglucemia.
- Glucemia en ayunas:  $80-130$  mg/dL.
- Glucemia posprandial:  $<180$  mg/dL.

## 3. Grupos farmacológicos que pueden usarse

### 3.1 - INSULINAS

#### A. RÁPIDAS

#### INSULINAS RÁPIDAS



### 3.1 - INSULINAS

#### A. RÁPIDAS

INSULINAS RÁPIDAS						
Nombre del fármaco	Código ATC	Principales principios activos	Características farmacológicas	Eficacia	Seguridad	Aplicabilidad
<i>NovoRapid</i>	A10AB05	Insulina Aspart	Insulina rápida que actúa en 10-20 minutos.	Controla los picos de glucosa postprandial en diabetes tipo 1 y 2.	Riesgo de hipoglucemia, aumento de peso.	Para diabetes tipo 1 y tipo 2, tras las comidas.
<i>Fiasp</i>	A10AB05	Insulina Aspart + Niacina	Acción más rápida (5 min) gracias a la niacina.	Eficaz para controlar la glucosa postprandial, con inicio más rápido que NovoRapid.	Riesgo de hipoglucemia, reacciones alérgicas por niacina.	Para diabetes tipo 1 y tipo 2, con inicio rápido.
<i>Glulisina</i>	A10AB06	Insulina glulisina	Unión a receptores de insulina en células musculares y adiposas, promoviendo captación de glucosa e inhibición de gluconeogénesis. Inicio de acción: 10-15 min. Pico de acción: 1-2 horas. Duración: 3-5 horas. Administración subcutánea. Rápida absorción y eliminación renal.	Altamente eficaz en reducción de picos de glucemia postprandial.	Efectos adversos: Hipoglucemia (principal riesgo), reacciones locales del sitio de inyección y aumento de peso leve. Contraindicaciones: hipoglucemia o alergia conocida. Requiere ajuste en insuficiencia renal o hepática.	Se utiliza en DMII para el control de glucemia postprandial, requiere educación del paciente para su correcto uso.
<i>Lispro</i>	A10AB04	Insulina lispro <sup>4</sup>	Administración subcutánea o con bomba: Inicio: 15 min y pico: 1 h Duración: 3–5 h Administración subcutánea o con bomba Metabolismo hepático, renal y muscular <sup>1</sup> .	Control eficaz de glucosa postprandial <sup>2</sup> Reducción de HbA1c Funciona en esquemas basal-bolo o intensificación Útil en terapias personalizadas.	Riesgo bajo de hipoglucemia (comparado con insulina regular) Reacciones locales poco frecuentes Posible aumento de peso leve Ajuste en insuficiencia renal/hepática.	DM-I como terapia basal-bolo y bombas de insulina <sup>3</sup> DM-II en esquema de intensificación cuando la basal no es suficiente.



### AI App used by the students

Disease	Pages	Nº AI	CHATGPT	Perplexity	Gemini 2.0	DeepSeek	Open Evidence
Arthritis	37	4	X		X		
Insomnia	23	4	X	X	X		X
Hyperlipidemia	34	4	X	X		X	
Nausea & vomiting	28	3	x			X	
Renal Colic	29	3	X	X			X
UTI	9	3	X	X	X		
Asthma	7	3	X		X		
Hypertension	12	2	X	X			
Diarrhoea	5	2	X				X
Dispepsy & Ulcer	47	2	x		x		
Diabetes	30	2	X				
Anemia	28	2	X				
Miocardial Infarction	21	2	X				
Influenza	31	2		X			X
Pharyngoamigdalitis	6	2	X			X	
Pneumonia	10	2	X		X		
Otitis / Sinusitis	40	2		X			X
Anxiety	10	2		X		X	
Depression	10	2	X			X	
COPD	24	2	X	X			
20	22	2,5	17	9	6	5	5
Min	5						
Max	47						
Median	23,5						





# CONCLUSIONS

- The medical students **use AI Apps daily**
- They are **aware** of the risks of **misinformation** and check with other AI Apps and factual information
  - The results produced by the AI are extensive and **need refinement and condensation**
- They learn how to **search**, how to **check** and how to **extract**!





# Working with students for Planetary Health education in CPT

- 14 lessons bachelor - Teacher's manual + powerpoint



## Effects of analgesics on the environment

- NSAIDs are responsible for 15% of the total pharmaceutical residues in surface water worldwide. They cause ecological toxicity:
  - Tissue damage in fish
  - Reduced reproduction in fish and amphibians
  - Behavioral changes and growth restriction
- Paracetamol concentrations in surface water are below the risk limits  
→ An additional reason to be cautious with NSAIDs and to recommend PCM first!

### Painkillers

What reason, besides the risks of side effects, can you think of to prefer paracetamol over NSAIDs as the first step in pain treatment?

#### Environmental impact

NSAIDs are responsible for 15% of the total pharmaceutical residues in surface water worldwide [1]. This is likely due to the large-scale use of these drugs, their slow degradation process, and their difficult purification [2]. Although the total amount of paracetamol in surface water is even greater than that of NSAIDs, paracetamol does not exceed its risk threshold for harm to organisms, whereas NSAIDs do [3]. Examples of NSAID toxicity for freshwater animals include tissue damage caused by DNA changes, growth restriction, behavioral changes, and reduced reproduction [2,4]. From an environmental risk perspective, an optimal dose of paracetamol is therefore always preferred over an NSAID.

#### **Which NSAID has the least environmental impact?**

At this moment, it is not (yet) possible to make a clear distinction in environmental burden between the different NSAIDs, due to comparable risks in water and a lack of information on the total environmental impact of each drug [3,4].

#### **Which opioid is preferred in terms of (ecological) sustainability?**

Although morphine is the most commonly detected opioid in surface water internationally, there is still insufficient research on the ecological impact of all opioids, making it impossible to determine which opioid is least harmful to the environment [5]. However, a sustainable choice between opioids can be reasoned in another way. Oxycodone has the highest risk of addiction and misuse among opioids [6-8]. A hospital study showed that replacing oxycodone with morphine on the ward led to a 35% reduction in oral opioid use and 41% fewer patients being discharged with oral opioids, while the pain scores of these patients remained the same [9]. Since less medication use is inherently more sustainable, morphine could potentially be a more sustainable choice than oxycodone.

1. Parolini, M. (2020). Toxicity of the Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs) acetylsalicylic acid, paracetamol, diclofenac, ibuprofen and naproxen towards freshwater invertebrates: A review. *The Science of the Total Environment*, 740, 140043. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scitotenv.2020.140043>

2. Faber, M., Montforts, M., & Roex, E. (2024). Risico's van pijnstillers in het oppervlaktewater. Keuzes voor gebruik op basis van milieueffecten. *rivm.openrepositorv.com*. <https://doi.org/10.21945/RIVM-2023-0117>







# European survey on medicines and the environment

- Input really valuable in determining the desired focus for this topic in education for (future) prescribers
- Already >90 CPT teachers and >100 prescribers
- Already >200 medicine students, but we want more!
- Share this survey with your medicine students (and colleagues)?  
Contact [j.piet@amsterdamumc.nl](mailto:j.piet@amsterdamumc.nl) and/or leave your e-mail before leaving 😊





# Working with students for ‘future proof’ education

Other ideas?





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# Evaluation + Teach the Teacher certificate

Please share your e-mail adress before leaving 😊

Thank you!