LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP!

CHOOSING AND CONTINUING
MEDICAL SCHOOL BASED ON A
REALISTIC PICTURE OF THE COURSE
AND THE PROFESSION

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I want to be a doctor





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WHO



WHAT



WHERE













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MATCHING TOOL

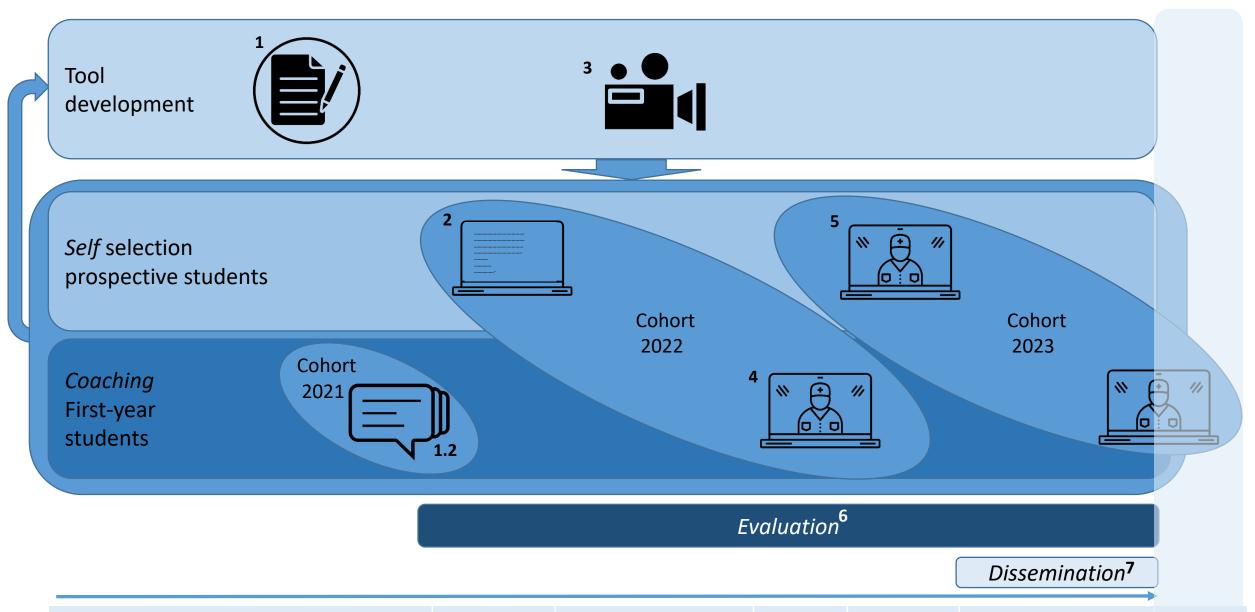
- Scenarios about course & profession
- Self-selection (prospective students)
- Coaching (first-year students)
- Aligned with curriculum

Topics

- Studying
- Clerkships
- Social commitment
- Technology
- Academic development







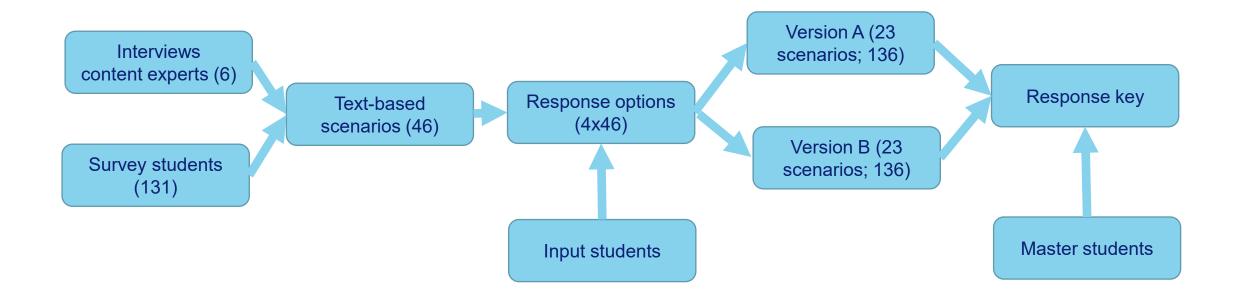
Development pilot tool (may-nov 21)

Pilot (dec-jan 21/22) Development video tool (feb-sept 22) Use coaching (oct-dec 22)

Use selfselection (dec-jan 22/23) Dissemination & knowldege utilization (feb-oct 23)

Use coaching (oct-dec 23)

PILOT - STEPS





PILOT - TOOL

Anjali is deeply affected by the clinical rotations. She faces sick and terminally ill patients and has even experienced a death. She has come to realize that being a doctor involves not only healing people but often also alleviating the suffering of chronically ill patients. She finds it difficult to let go of these intense experiences and sometimes continues to dwell on them long after work hours.

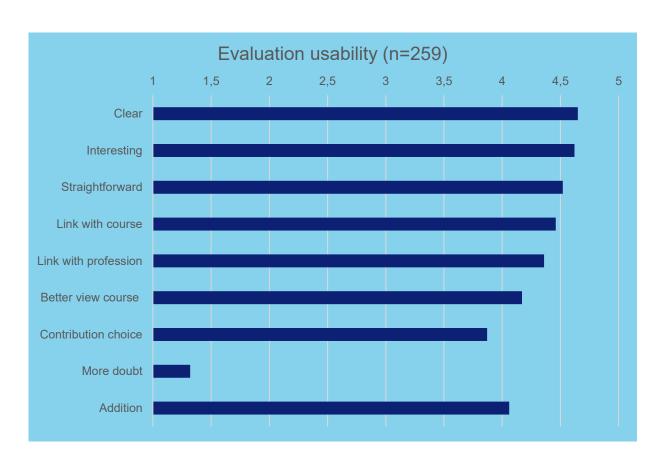
What would you do in the position of Anjali?

- a. Seeking out colleagues or fellow students with whom she can vent her heart
- b. Trying to get over her feelings, because that is part of the deal
- c. Take enough time for relaxation in the form of sports or another hobby
- d. Look for other job opportunities after medical school





PILOT - EVALUATION



"The test was interesting to take, fun questions and I think it paints a good picture of the different situations I could face."

"Also, it would be interesting to see after the test how a doctor or students answers the questions, after all, they have already experienced this type of situation."

Grade: 8,07



VIDEO - STEPS AND TOOL

Opinion candidate/student

Adverse impact

Selection of scenarios (15)

Script writing

Video recording

Version coaching ('open')

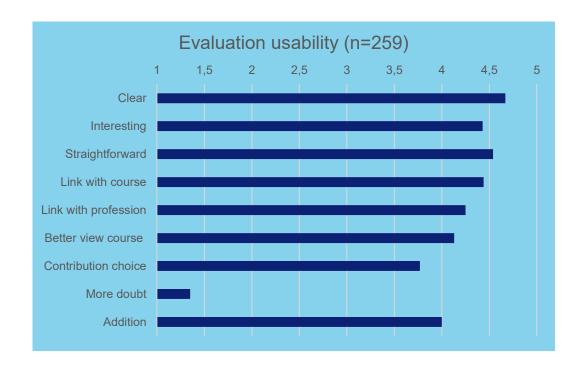
Version matching

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VIDEO - EVALUATION



Grade: 7,99

"Yes, insight in situations that are not really covered in study information activities

"Yes, got more insight in the other side of the course. The social aspects instead of the numbers etc."

"Yes, how the 'experts' think about these dilemmas. I found that really interesting."

"Yes, you are forced to think about the less ideal sides of being a doctor"



WHAT'S NEXT?

Evaluation

Quality

- Domain coverage, applicant perceptions, adverse impact

Impact

- Differences participants vs nonparticipants?
- Perceived engagement with course, confidence study choice?
- More diversity among students?

Dissemination

Toolkit Twelve tips



TWELVE TIPS (IN PREPARATION)

General

1. Take a systematic approach for designing the tool

Objectives

- 2. Identify the need and objectives for the matching tool
- 3. Determine your attitude towards diversity: current or future alignment?
- 4. Use diverse expertise throughout the process

Pilot

- 5. Find out what is going on amongst students
- 6. Pay attention to the less known aspects of the course to ensure alignment
- 7. Foster reflection
- 8. Collect data on (prospective) student perceptions

Tool

- 9. Ensure that (prospective) students can recognize themselves in the scenarios
- 10. Make a realistic trade-off between videos and written scenarios
- 11. Let (prospective) students compare their answers with experts and other students *Evaluation*
- 12. Use multiple sources to measure the quality and impact of the tool

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TAKE HOME MESSAGE

- ➤ A matching tool with realistic scenarios can help to better inform prospective and first-year students about the lesser-known aspects of the course and the profession
- ➤ Good implementation can contribute to a better alignment between the (expectations) of prospective and incoming students, the program and the needs of society

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