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Title: A Case-Based Approach to Shared Decision Making Skills Training for Clinicians

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Dear Editors,

We are pleased to submit the enclosed manuscript to BMC Medical Informatics & Decision Making titled “A Case-Based Approach to Shared Decision Making Skills Training for Clinicians.” The manuscript is being submitted as an original research paper.

Please note this manuscript was originally submitted to Implementation Science. They editors felt it did not fit that journal's focus and offered transfer to this journal. It is not a revised manuscript as there was no additional reviewer comments.

We report on the development and testing of a novel case-based approach to teaching clinicians skills needed to participate with their patients in shared decision making. The clinical problem is a man presenting for prostate cancer screening. Case-based learning is a familiar approach to clinical teaching that has yet to be applied to shared decision making skills development.

We believe this approach can be part of a comprehensive skills training program for clinicians to increase their competence with implementing shared decision making in their clinical practices. We greatly appreciate your consideration of our paper.

Sincerely,

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