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Demonstration

Presentation Title: Universities' Collaboration in eLearning (UCeL): enabling an effective community of practice

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Abstract: A presentation a successful collaboration that, led by Cambridge, is a partnership of Medical and Nursing Schools of six major Universities (East Anglia, Nottingham, Manchester, Wolverhampton and Peninsula), producing, sharing and evaluating interactive web-based multimedia elearning resources in the form of reusable learning objects (RLOs). The presentation will commence with a demonstration of a RLO, and then take an in depth look at the processes, tools, templates and methods that enable this effective community of practice. A discussion session on reusability of eLearning resources in health professional education will be facilitated.

Benefit to Participants Attending Your Demonstration

Reusable learning objects (RLOs) are attracting much attention in the Health Professional education arena, but what exactly are they and why should educators want to incorporate them into their teaching and learning practice? This presentation begins with a demonstration of an interactive RLO and then takes an in depth look at the tools, templates and methods that underpin and enable an effective web-based community of practice. A lively discussion session on the merits and pitfalls of RLOs in practice will ensue.

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Equipment needs: Data-projector, audio loudspeaker(s), flip-chart & pens OR overhead projector, transparencies and pens, Internet connection NOT required.