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## Involving Students in IPE Planning: an unexpected initiative advances innovative interprofessional collaboration

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**Objective:** Describe an unexpected initiative involving public health students that advanced IPE planning for future pharmacy students

#### The setting:

- Required public health senior practicum
  - Spring 2020
  - Limited traditional opportunities due to COVID19

#### Who was involved:

- Two pharmacist faculty members
- Three public health students

#### What happened:

- Weekly hour-long meetings
- Literature review
- Recommended IPE didactic and experiential activities between pharmacy and public health
- Written report and presentation



First PharmD Students start Fall 2021

> When students get involved in planning IPE, it *is* IPE.



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### **Results:**

#### Students:

- Identified only four publications describing public health & pharmacy IPE
- Made IPE recommendations:
  - Five didactic courses
  - Pandemic and HIV patient simulations
  - Research projects
  - Student-run clinics
  - Health fairs

#### Discussion

- Public health students learned about pharmacy curricula
- Pharmacy faculty learned about public health curricula
- Recommendations enacted:
  - Simulations scheduled for 2021-2022 academic year
  - Didactic courses offered as electives for pharmacy students