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SCH's in-house eLearning module – Basic Conversational Languages 2.0

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Introduction

- SingHealth Community Hospitals (SCH) is a young organisation with a tapestry of healthcare workers from various countries. Evidently, communication is a key enabler for healthcare workers to deliver person-centred care for patients. Hence it is important to provide resources to help our foreign colleagues assimilate into Singapore's multi-racial culture and **Bridging Care.** Building Communities. **DELIVER PERSON-CENTRED CARE TO**
- The language eLearning module was developed to strengthen one's language proficiency levels in the commonly used languages -Malay and Chinese, through self-paced learning.
- This will allow our healthcare workers to:

overcome communication barriers.

- > Understand patients' needs and better convey care instructions.
- > Generate a two-way conversation with patients and their next-of-kin.

Methodology



Define Project Goals & Deliverables

With prior experience and feedback gathered from the first version launched in 2019, the team reviewed the project with 3 key intents:

- Expansion of vocabulary
- > Usage of interactive activities to reinforce learning
- > Enhancement of UI design with graphics and audio files

Requirements Gathering & Exploration

- Surveys were conducted with colleagues from Nursing and Rehabilitation department to understand their communication barriers. The patients' food ordering menu and other books/apps were also leveraged upon as reference materials.
- The eLearning module was designed with 3 stages: "Let's Learn", "Let's Review" and "Let's Assess" to reinforce knowledge retention.
- Over 200 words & phrases grouped into 3 main categories:



GENERAL Day & Time Meals **Body Anatomy** Greetings & Introduction



REHABILITATION Instructions & Commands Physical Assessment



ACHIEVE HEALTH GOALS WITH OUR PATIENTS

NURSING - Aches & Pain Diseases & Symptoms - Personal Hygiene & Grooming

Development & Refinements

- Articulate 360 software was used to design the eLearning module.
- A one-week pilot trial was conducted with 50 staff to gather feedback and address any issues.
- Leverage on the SingHealth eLearning platform to host the language eLearning module.





Implementation

Prior to the launch, efforts were made to raise awareness and gather support through the following ways:

- > eLearning Live demo to the Management & Clinical teams
- Roadshows for staff
- > EDMs and posters displayed at common areas around the 3 hospital sites







Results

Learners' Engagement

Learners were well-engaged and motivated to learn new languages.



56% of SCH staff have accessed the eLearning module since the launch, with an average usage of 15 times and 8 hours of learning per user!

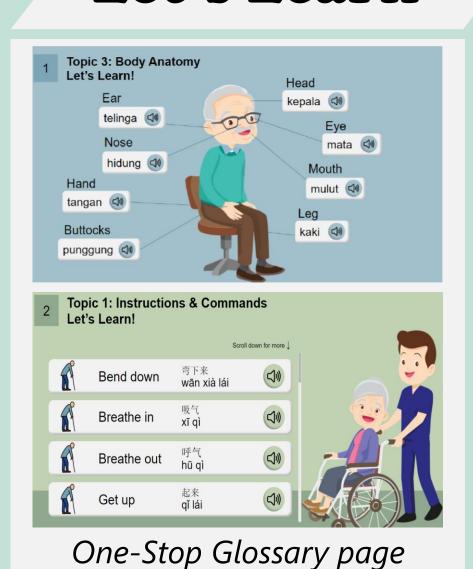
This is attributed to:

- ✓ Relevant content (i.e., commonly used) words & phrases used in healthcare setting).
- ✓ On-demand learning with customized characters increases the engagement. This includes appealing visuals, quality audio content, gamification with quizzes and mini assessments.
- Accessibility of learning where staff can learn at their own pace, anytime, anywhere.

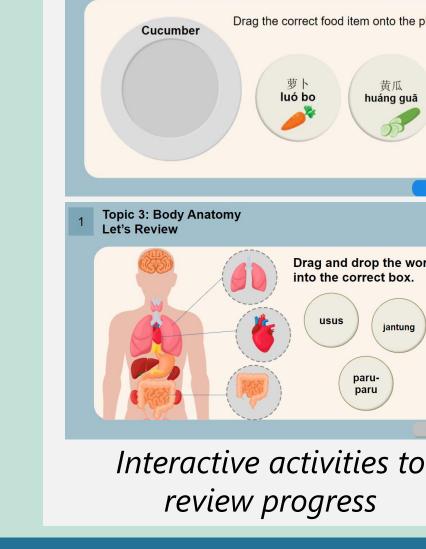


Audio translations available in Chinese & Malay

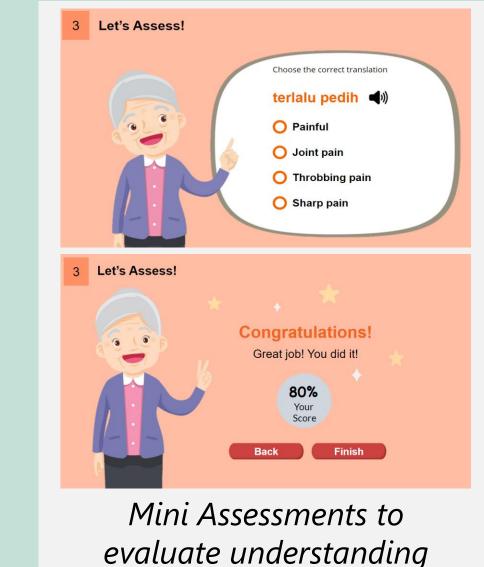
Let's Learn



of words & phrases





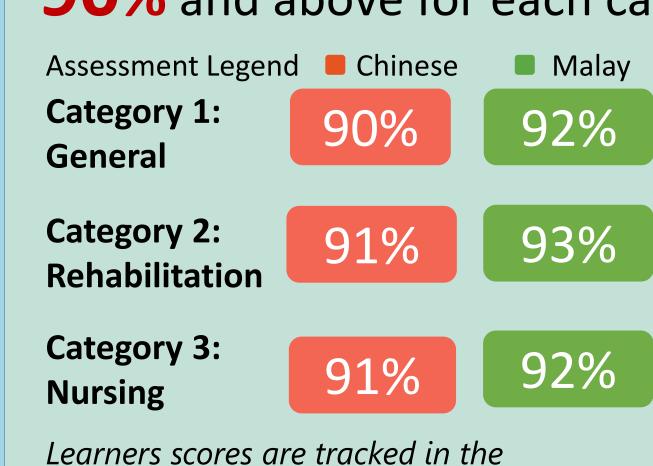


Learners' Performance

Let's Review

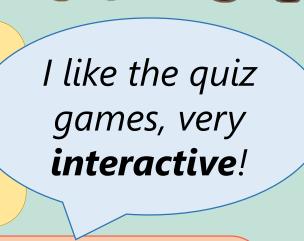
The learn & review segments were effective in allowing learners to retain the information and apply the newly acquired knowledge at their workplace.

Overall, our learners attained an average score of 90% and above for each category:



LMS system for progress & performance.

The module is **helpful** with visuals and audio. I can definitely learn a lot from this!



The eLearning module gives me **more** confidence to communicate and understand patients' needs. I am now able to provide the needs of the patient more efficiently.

Conclusion

- Based on the key learning metrics, the language eLearning module was well-received and served as a useful learning tool. With this initiative, our foreign colleagues were supported in their efforts to deliver person-centred care through better communication with the patients and their next-of-kin.
- The team will continue to review the eLearning module and future plans could include expanding into other dialect translations for a more extensive learning experience.

The eLearning module was officially launched on 15 November 2021.