The many roles of a workplace supervisor

VC Seminar with
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This seminar will focus on the workplace supervisor as a practitioner and the multiple roles they undertake.

In this presentation Dale Sheehan plans to share the outcomes from an analysis of the learning environment of medical interns using Wenger’s theory of learning and identity formation in communities of practice.

Three communities of practice were identified and from this four key roles for supervisors are derived.

In this seminar we will explore the following questions:

- Do the four roles identified in medicine transfer to other disciplines?
- Are there other roles?
- Are all these roles feasible for one person?
- Could a distributed apprenticeship model, in which a group of supervisors supports one or two students offer more continuity of training and support and could this group be inter-professional?

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