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How Simulation is used at The University of Sheffield to Bridge the Gap

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Mr Ashley Towers
*University Teacher in
Dental Skills Simulation
& Informatics*



Mr Jonathan Dixon
*Clinical Academic Fellow in
Restorative Dentistry*



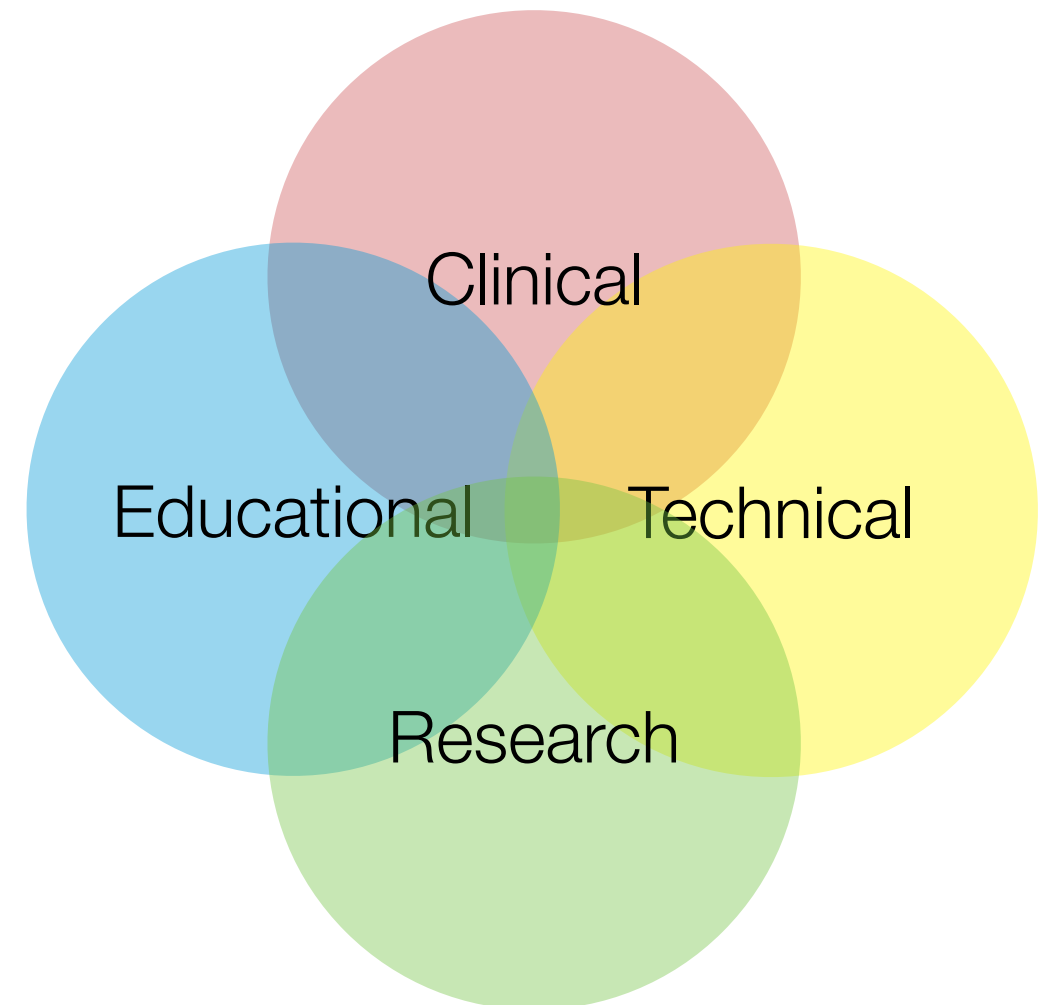
Roles

Project Lead

Curriculum Integration Lead

Technical Lead

Research Team (optional)



Project Lead



Prof Nicolas Martin
Overall Project Lead

- Senior level driving force
- Enthusiastic lead with vision for how it will support L&T
- Able to allocate resources to project

Curriculum Lead



Mrs Rachel Martin
Curriculum Integration Lead

- Integrate teaching across curriculum
- Educationally focussed - able to spot opportunities for appropriate use of VR
- Organise the teaching team and resources

Technical Lead



Mr Ashley Towers
Researcher/Technical Lead

- Collaborate with curriculum lead to integrate in to teaching
- Local support for teaching and keeping the suite running
- Technical background for effective liaison with manufacturer

VR Teaching Team



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Research Team (Optional)



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Researcher/Technical Lead



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Mr Jonathan Dixon
Clinical Researcher

Alumni

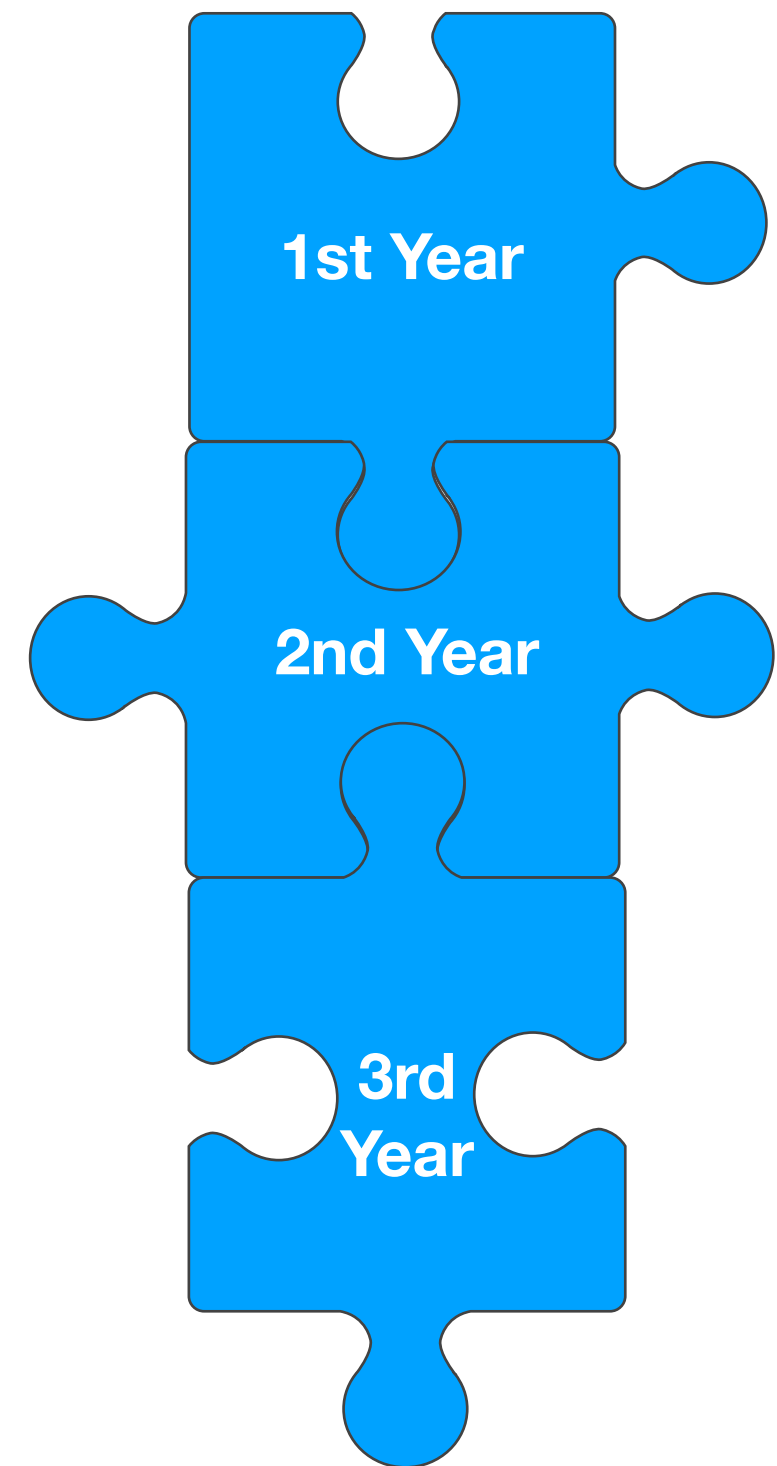


Dr James Field
Senior Clinical Researcher
(Now at Cardiff University)



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Curriculum Integration



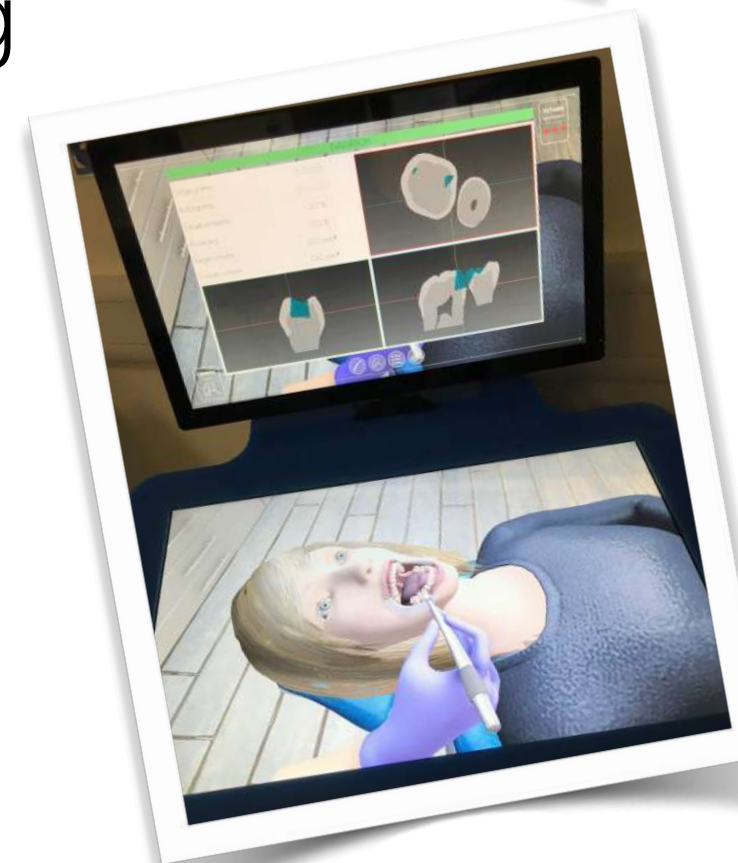
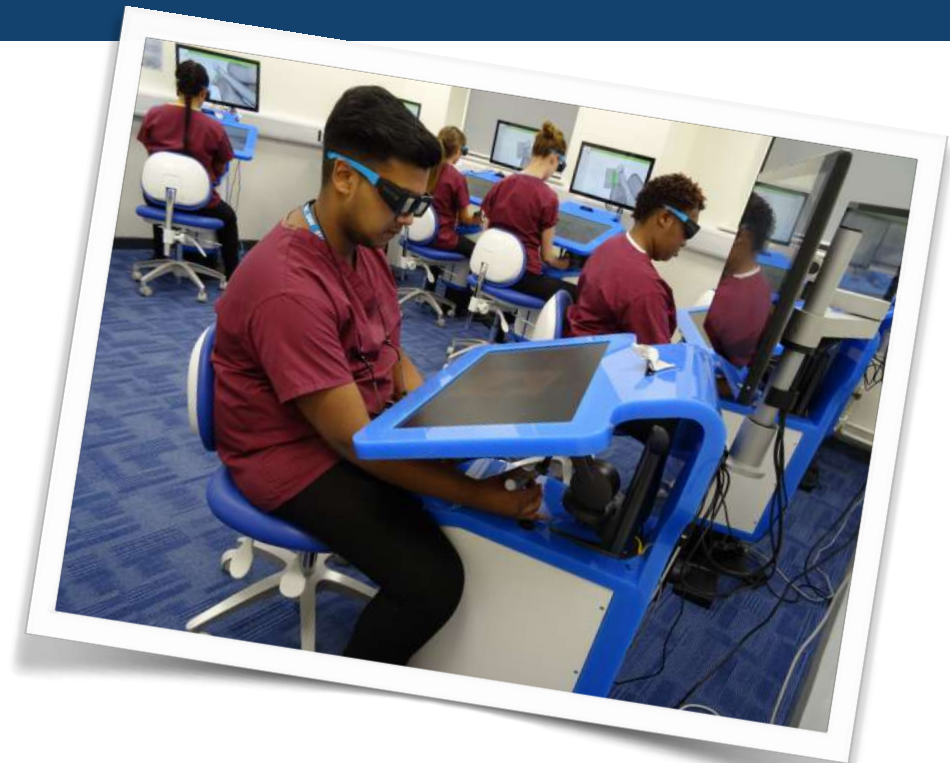
Guiding Principles

Tutor Led Sessions

Complimentary to Phantom Head teaching

But... offering something different

Reflective practice



Introduction

- Posture
- Finger Rest
- Handpiece Control
- Shape-cutting exercises

Core Clinical Skills

- Re-enforce Phantom Head Teaching
- Case studies
- Small-group discussion
- Focussed tuition

Consolidation

- Explore complex concepts
- Case studies/Simulated Patient Cases
- Small-group discussion
- Focussed tuition

A Focus on Core Skills



Develop and Reinforce Fundamental Skills:

Operating Posture

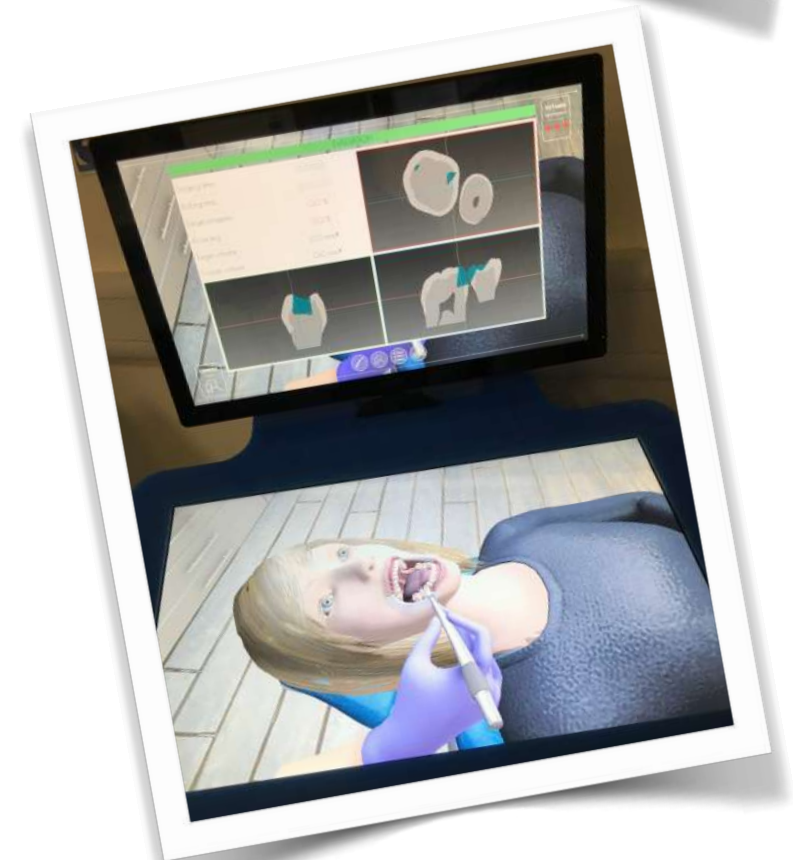
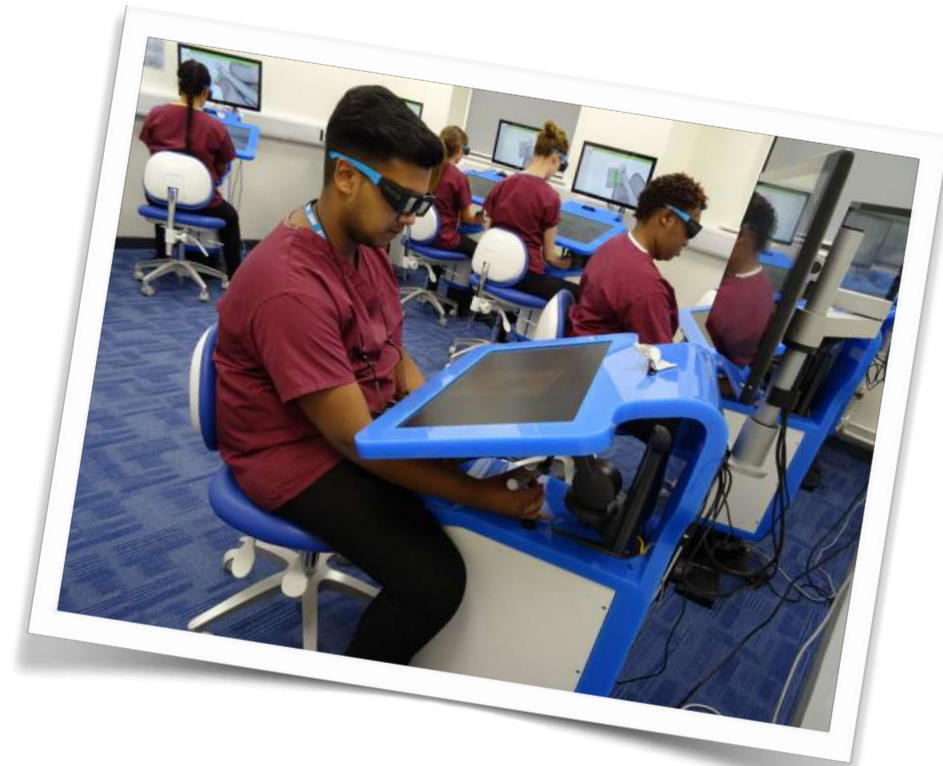
Instrument Selection

Establishing a Finger Rest

Indirect Vision/Working in a Mirror

Growth as a Self-directed Learner

Reflective Practice





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Educational Initiatives



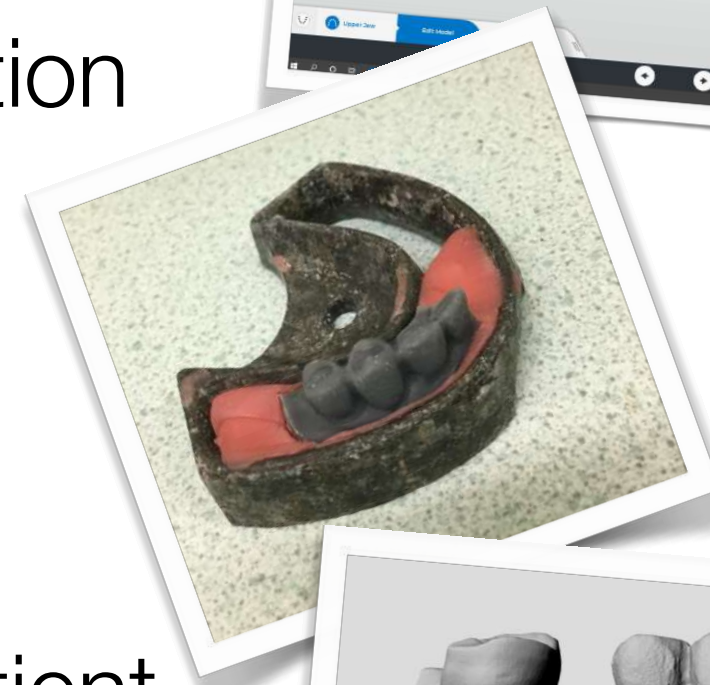
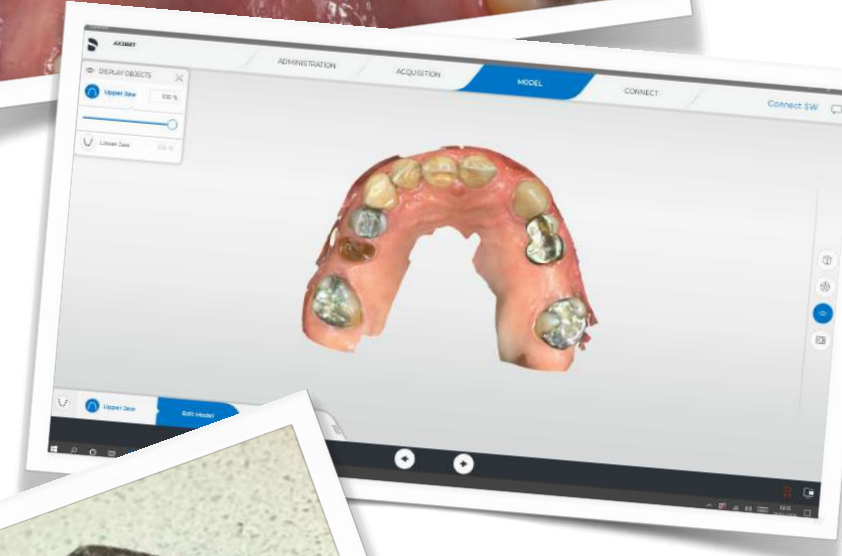
Multi-Modal Simulation of Complex Operative Procedures with Patient-Specific Models

Senior students undertaking
clinical patient care

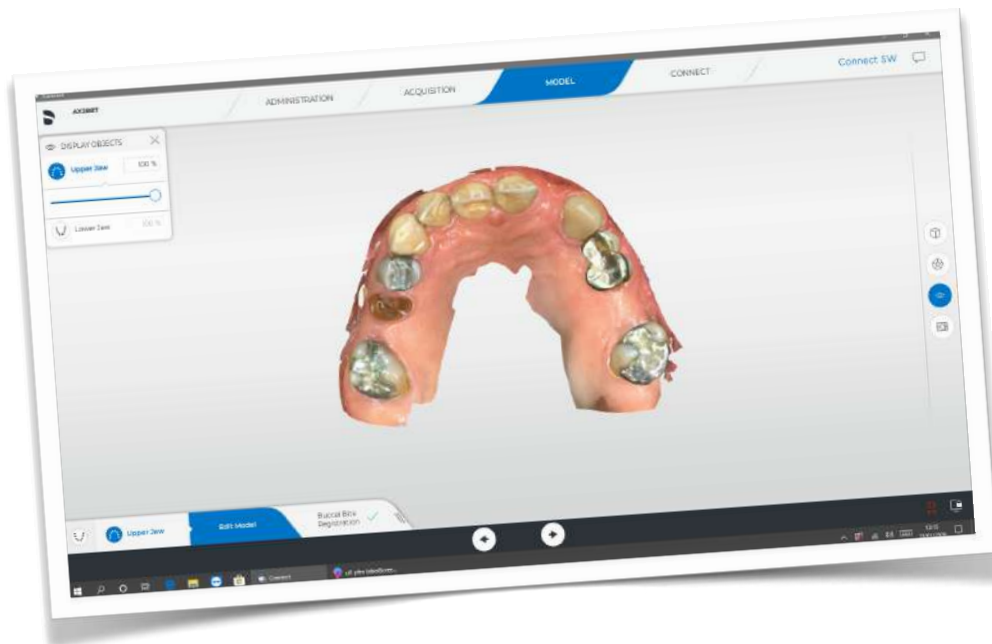
“Gap” between pre-clinical simulation
and clinical practice

Stress, low confidence

Can students practice their real patient
case before performing the treatment?



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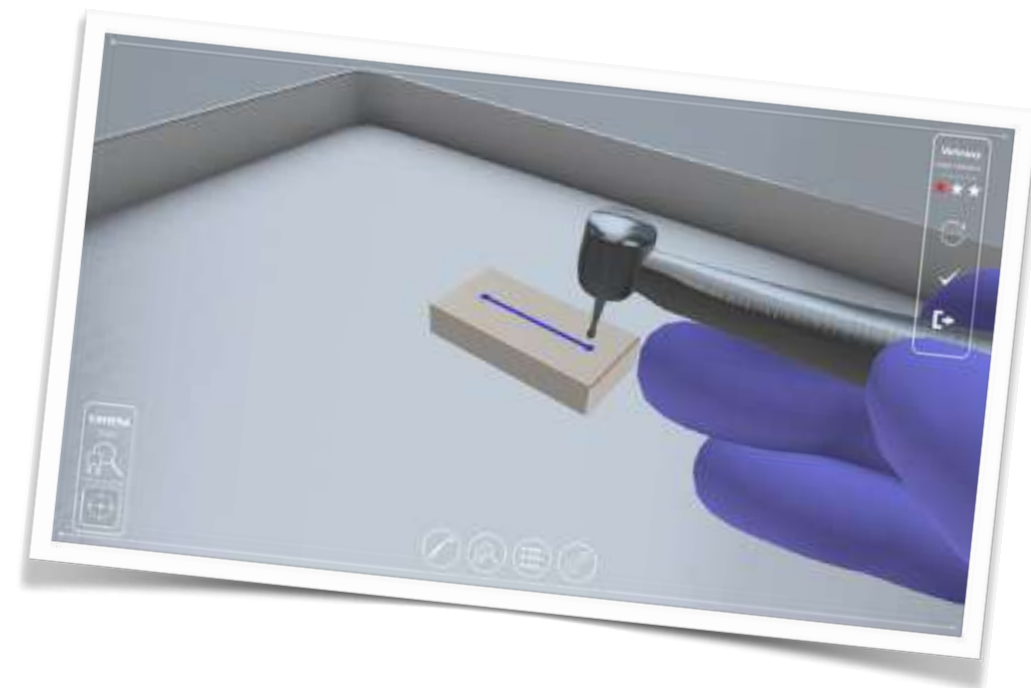
Educationally-focused Core Operative Skills Exercises with Clinically-relevant Assessment and Feedback

Current assessment methods by dental VR simulators are quantitative

“Your preparation is 63% accurate,
you still have 11% of the target
material to remove”

Is this useful?

This does not mirror the feedback
we give students on clinics...





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The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic

Simulation after COVID-19



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Dental students are seeing less patients and are carrying out fewer clinical procedures

Quality over quantity, improving the quality of each educational experience

More simulation-based operative skills training

Ability to tailor the exercise to fulfil specific educational goals

Pre-Clinical
Operative Skills



Clinical Patient
Care

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Redefining simulation, with meaningful clinical feedback

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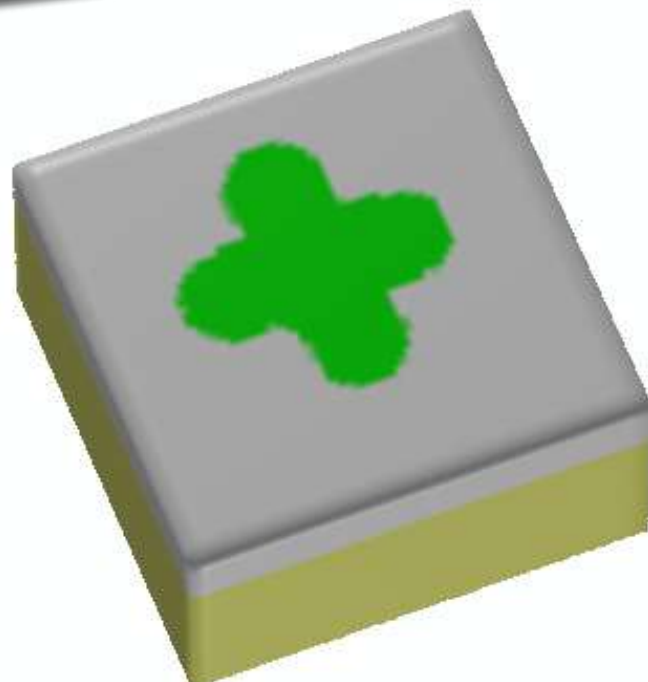
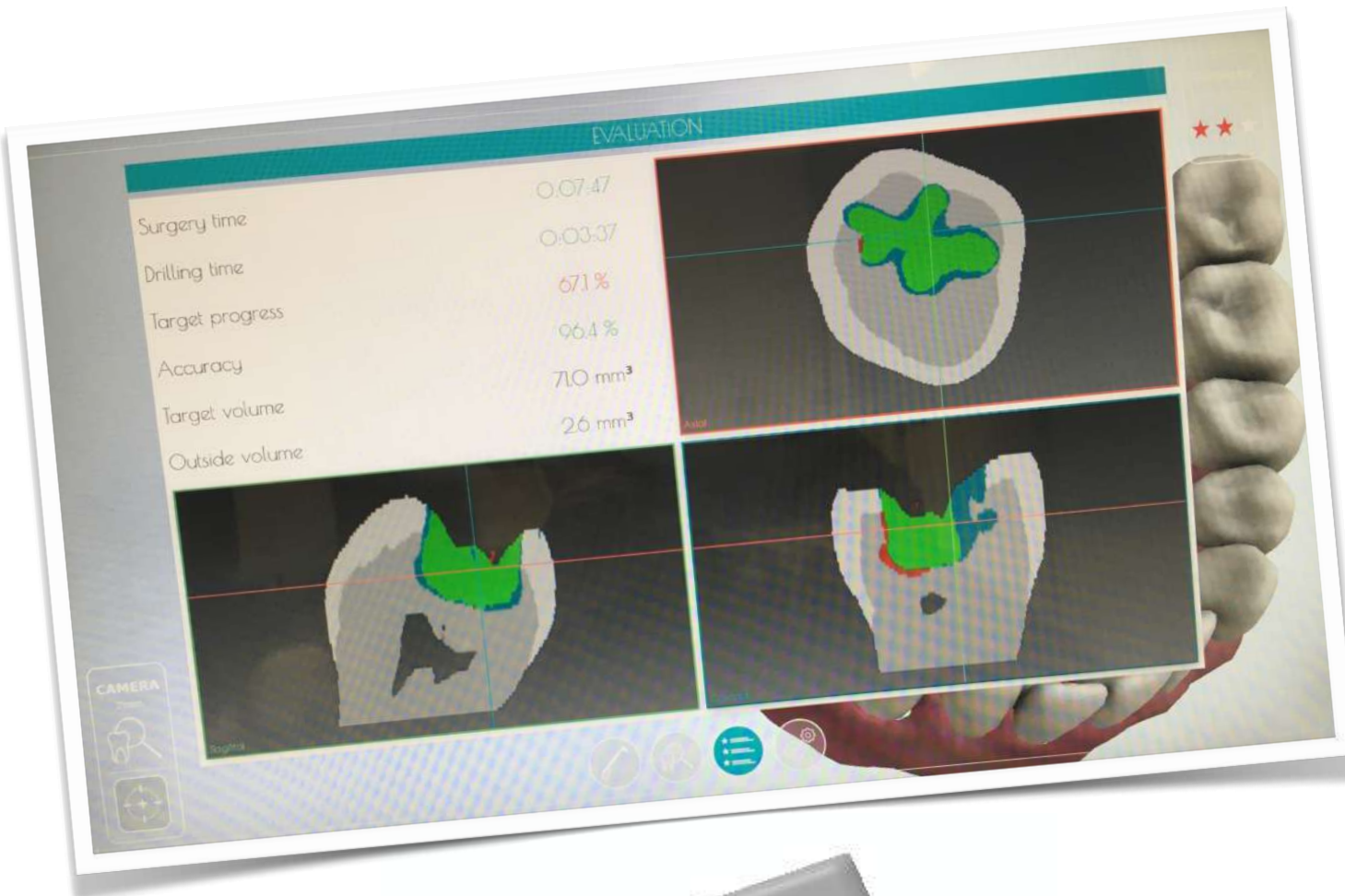


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Importance of Feedback

Target Based Feedback



- Most common approach in the literature
- Progress calculated from percentage or mm³ removed
- Iatrogenic damage measured
- Accuracy Score

Target Based Feedback

Limitations

- Doesn't provide insight in to the “why”

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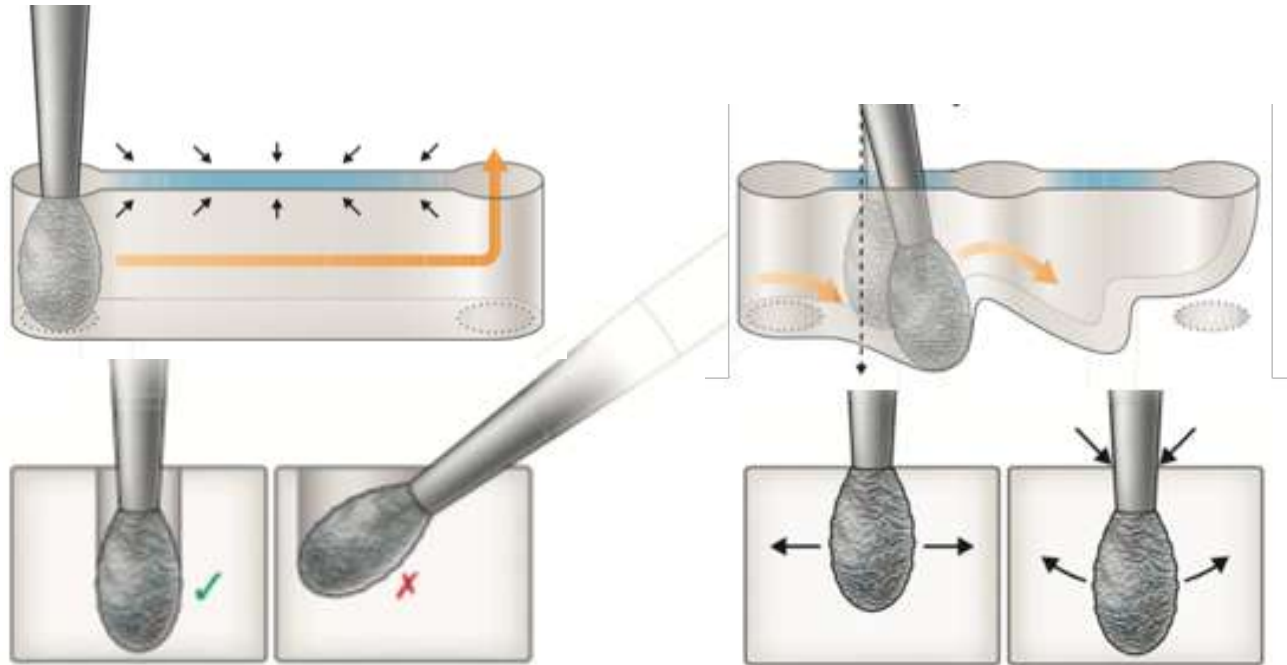
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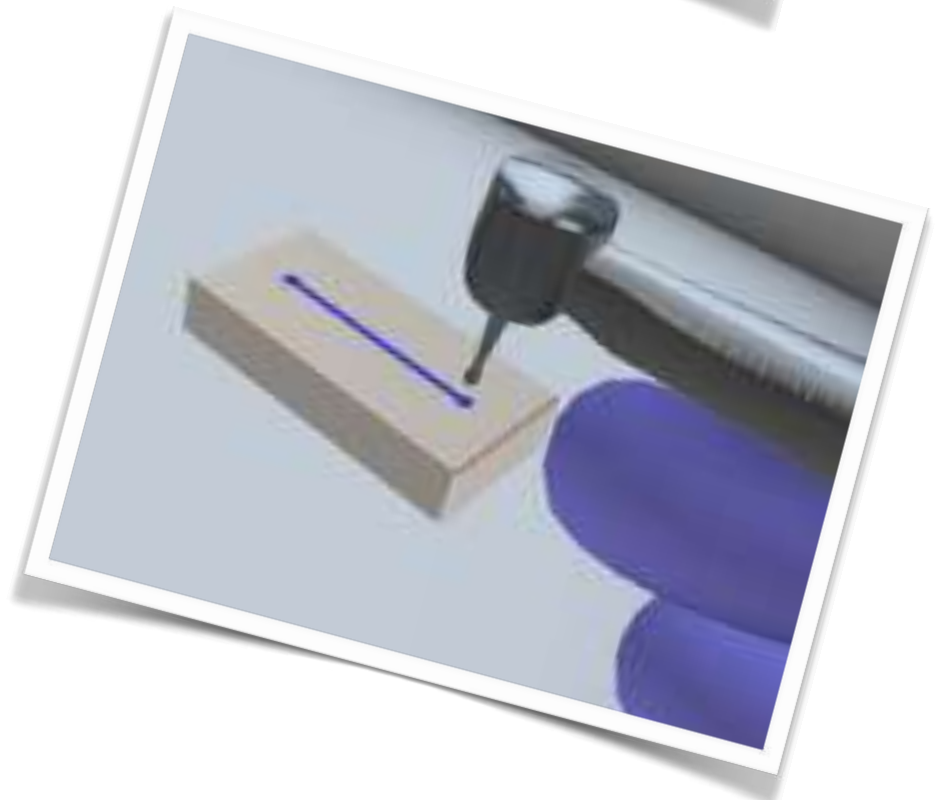
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- Can “punish” desirable behaviour
- Doesn't provide advice on how to improve
- Does it actually teach dentistry?

Design of the exercise



- Does the preparation follow the prescribed outline?
- Is the preparation an appropriate depth?
- Does the preparation have enough undercut?
- Is the floor of the preparation relatively flat?
- Is the preparation smooth enough?



Demo

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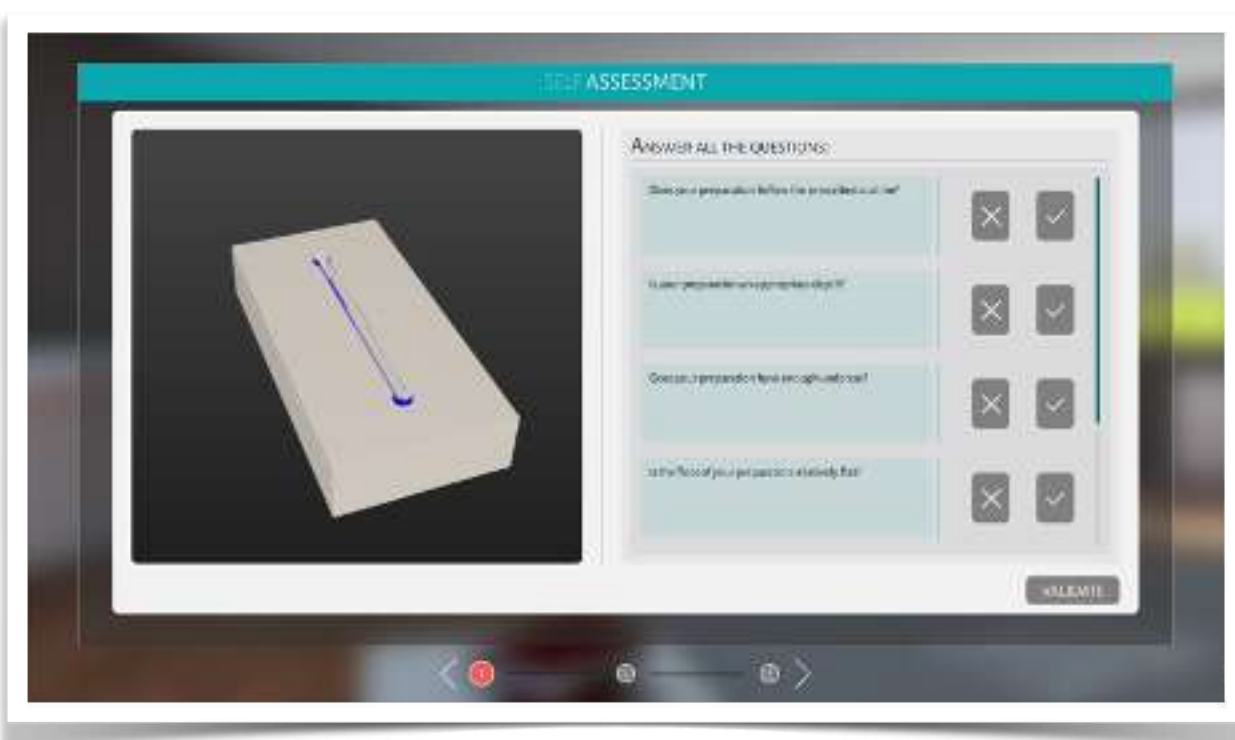
Validation Process



Measuring Concurrent Validity

Validity: *“The extent to which an assessment instrument measures what it was designed to measure”* (Van Nortwick et al. 2010).

Concurrent validity: comparing the assessment instrument to an externally validated measure of the same performance.



Measuring Concurrent Validity

A series of attempts of the exercise were carried out in order to demonstrate a range of good and bad performances based on the identified assessment criteria.

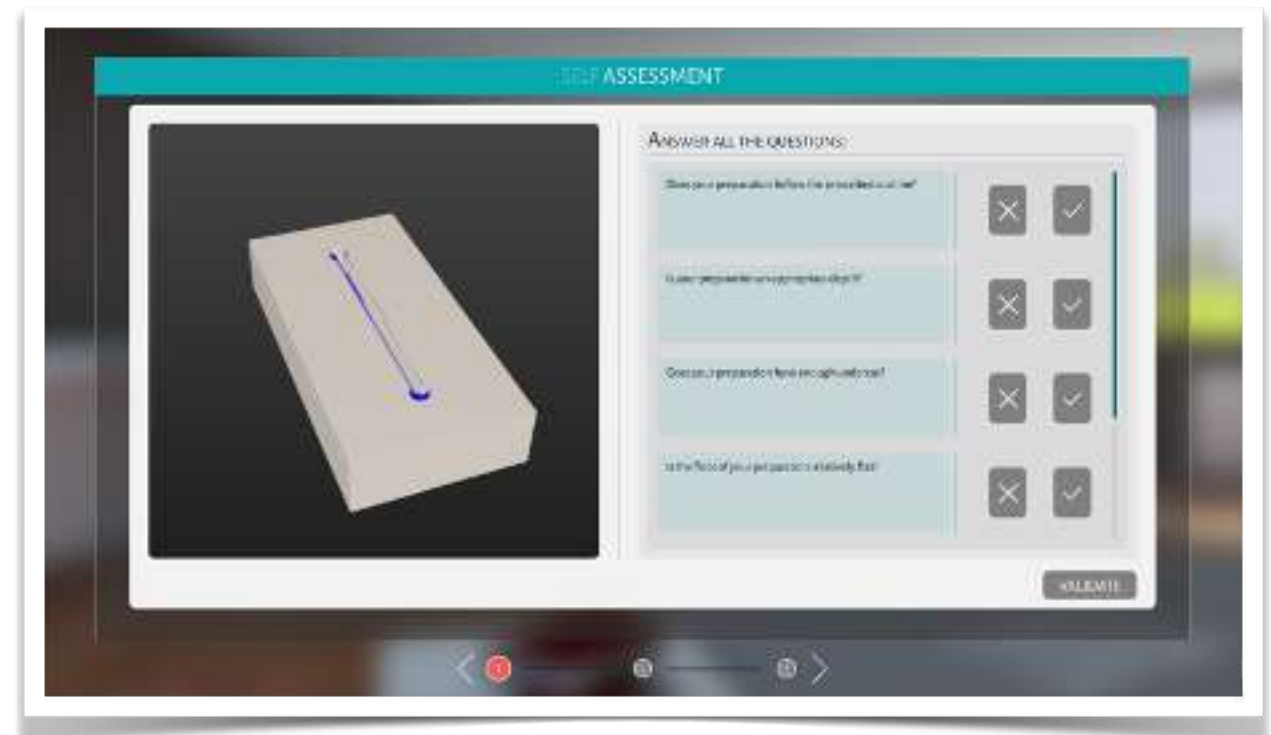
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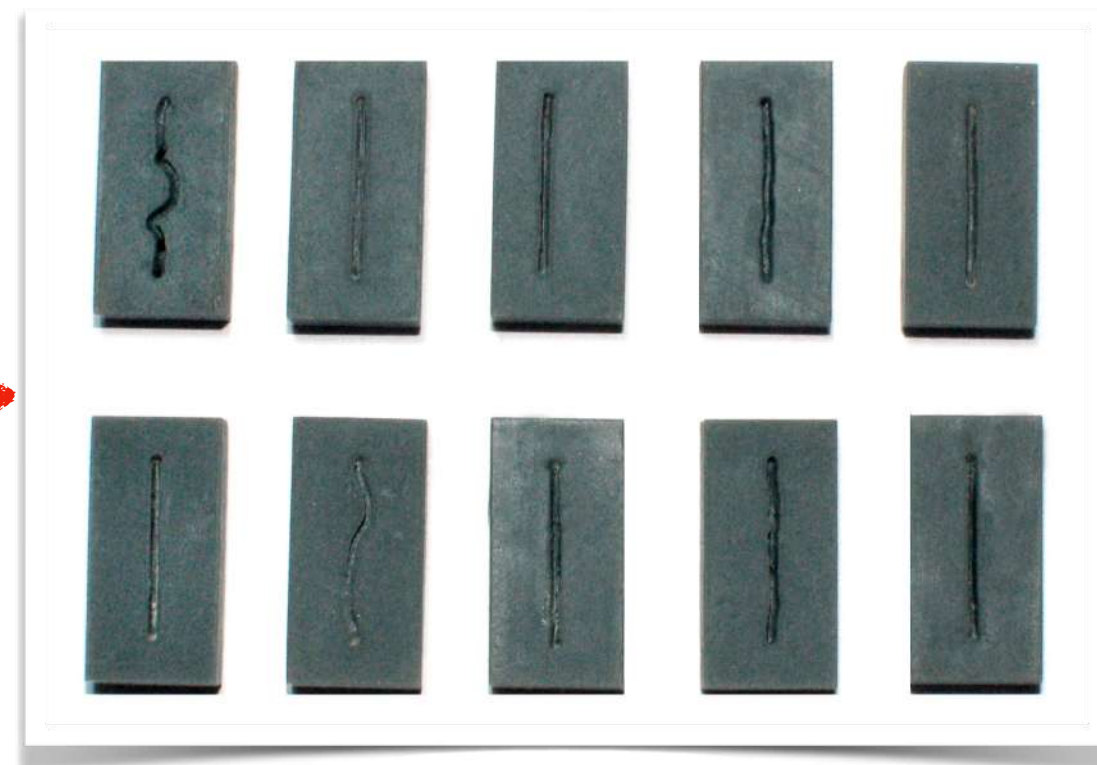
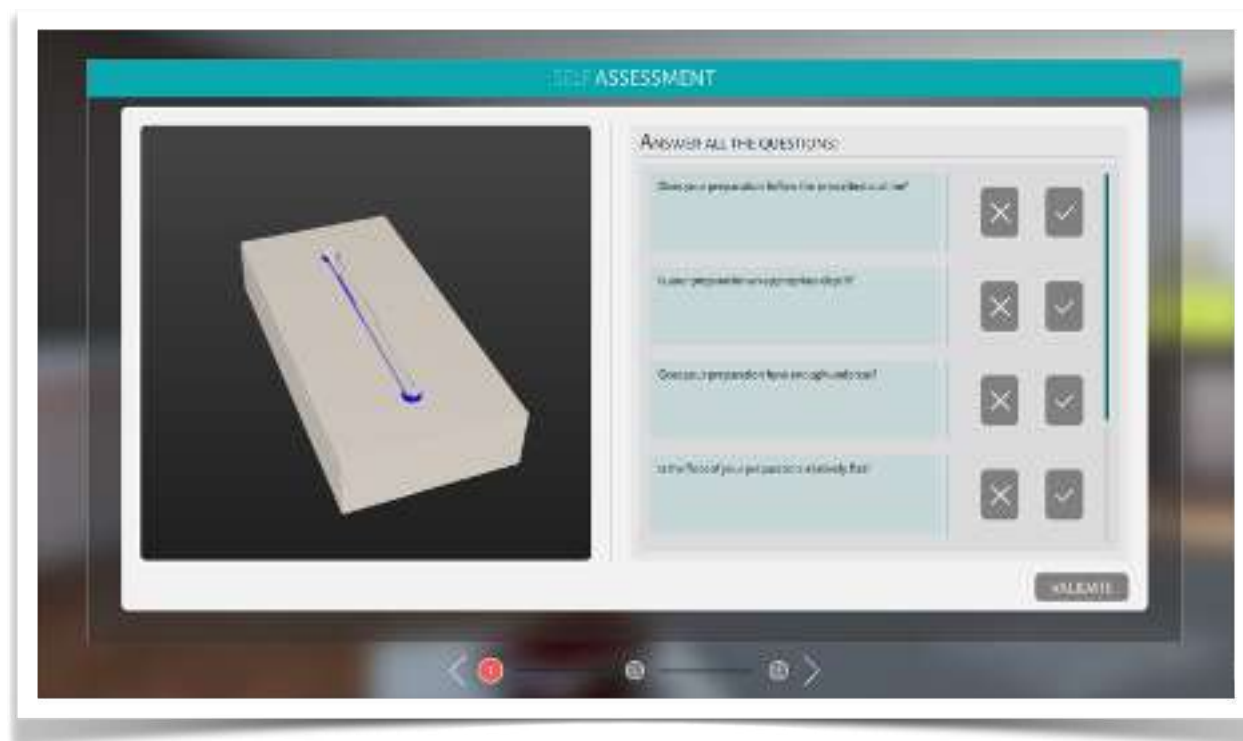
Is the preparation smooth enough?



Measuring Concurrent Validity

The exercise attempts were saved, along with the simulator assessment responses.

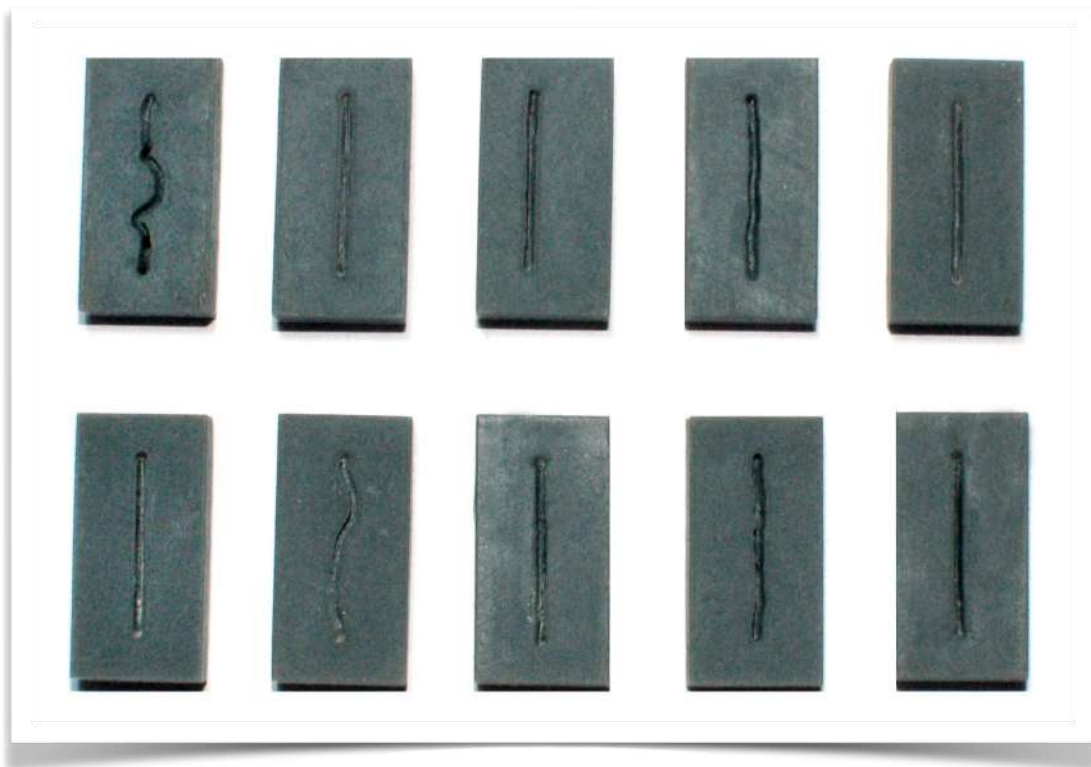
Each exercise was subsequently 3D printed in the same dimensions.



Measuring Concurrent Validity

Clinical teachers were asked to assess the preparations, using the same criteria as the VR simulator.

Clinical teachers were equipped with a straight probe and a transparent template to demonstrate the ideal preparation outline.



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Measuring Concurrent Validity

Inter-rater reliability for assessment scores between clinical teachers was measured using the free-marginal multilateral kappa.

To validate the VR simulator assessment, both pooled and modal clinical teacher response were compared to the VR simulator assessment, percentage agreements were calculated.

Measuring Concurrent Validity

Exercise	Pooled clinical teacher agreements with simulator	Pooled teacher disagreements with simulator	% agreement with simulator
A	56	4	93.33
B	49	11	81.67
E	41	18	68.33
F	29	30	48.33
G	43	17	71.67
H	51	9	85.00
I	24	36	40.00
J	47	13	78.33
Average % agreement with simulator			70.83

Re-defining the VR Dental Simulator

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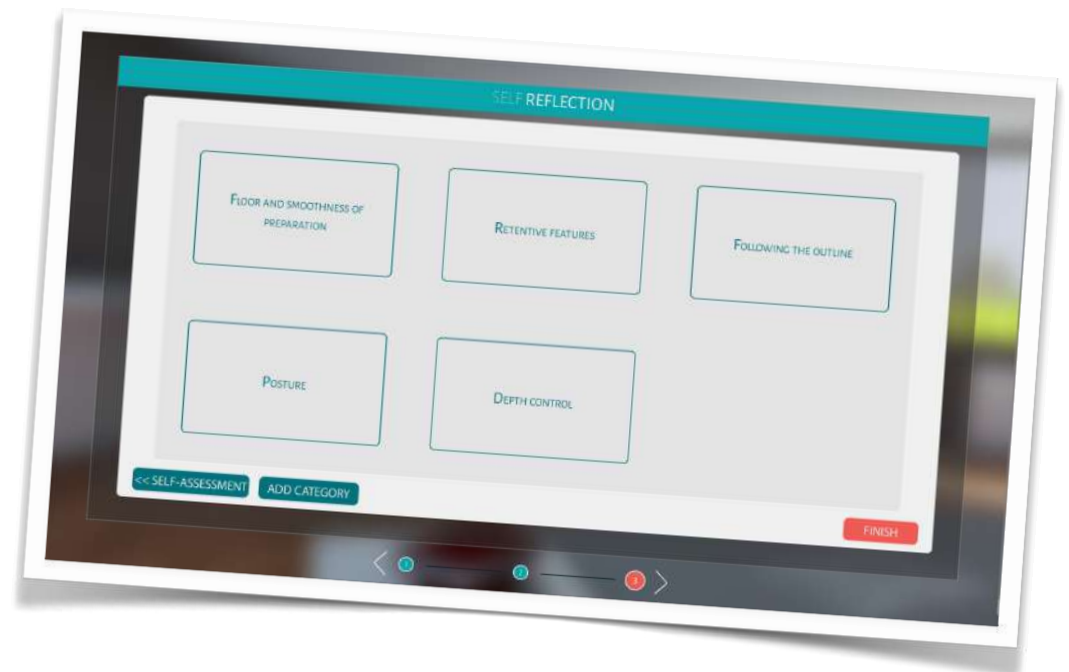
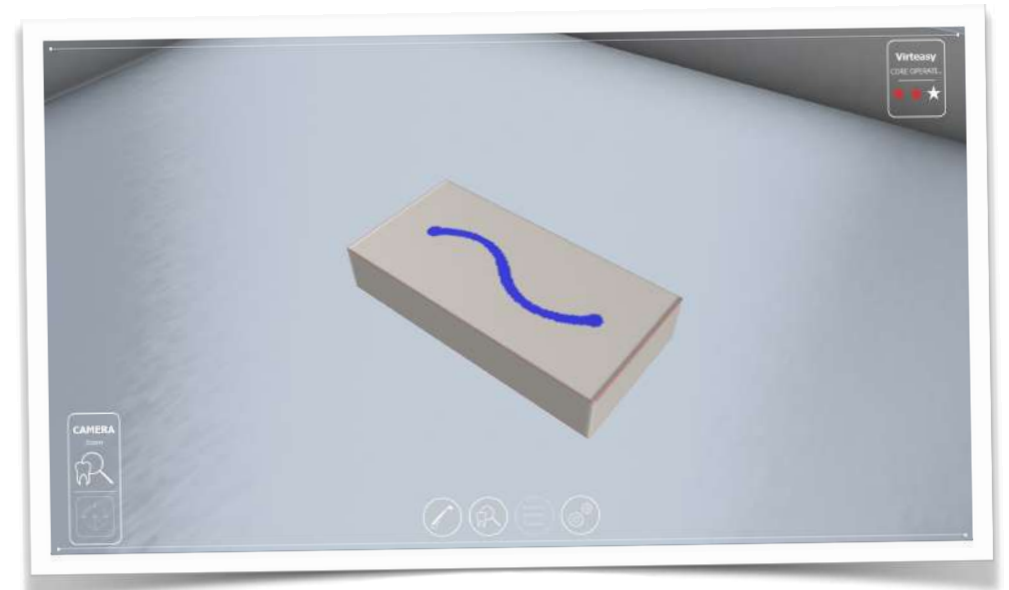
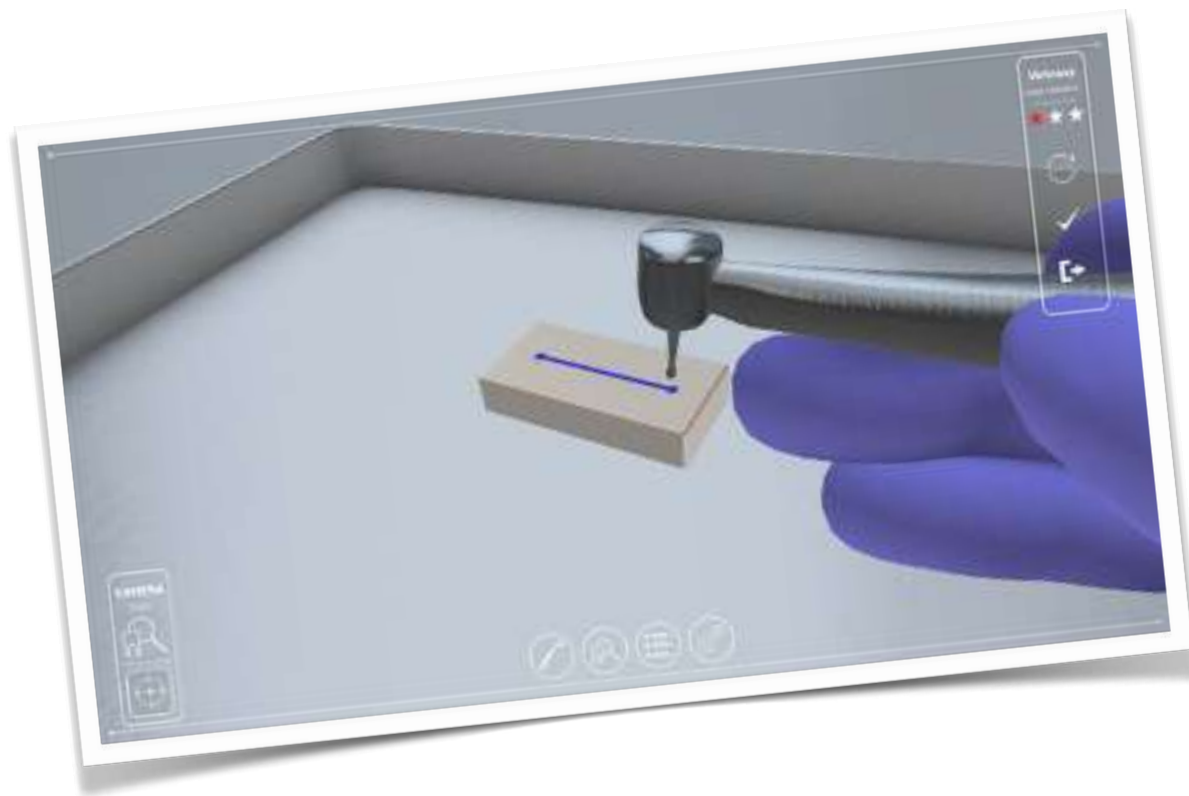
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Abstract

Introduction: Virtual reality (VR) dental simulators are gaining momentum as a useful tool to educate dental students. To date, no VR dental simulator exercise has been designed which is capable of reliably providing validated, meaningful clinical feed-

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Assessment



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