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# Leveraging Psychology and Brain Science to Optimize Retention and Behavior Change

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Continuous Learning with Best Practice  
Mobile Microlearning



# In today's webcast you will take away...



- The case for continuous learning
- An understanding of spaced education and its impact on knowledge retention and behavior change
- A method to evaluate best practice microlearning solutions
- Ideas for applying mobile microlearning to corporate learning programs

# The Need For Continuous Learning



Organizations are becoming more cross-functional and collaborative

The workplace and workforce are changing at an increasing rate



The ideal employee is "T" shaped

- Continuously upskilling to stay current
- Continuously reskilling to enhance breadth and cross-functional communication

# The Need For Continuous Learning

## Every sector is being affected

- Life Sciences
- Healthcare
- Sales
- Financial Services
- High Tech
- Operations
- Education
- Consumer Goods...etc

## Every skill is affected

- Hard skills (fact based)
- Soft skills (people skills)
- Situational awareness (know what knowledge and skills apply when)

# Effective Continuous Learning (Employee “Needs”)



Requires tools that “Train for Retention”

- Testing
- Spaced training



Requires tools that enhance situational awareness

- Scenario-based storytelling



Optimally engage appropriate learning systems in the brain

# Effective Continuous Learning (Employee “Wants”)

- Quick targeted learning (microlearning)
- In the daily workflow
- Mobile

## MICROLEARNING:

BREAK IT DOWN, MIX IT UP



# Employee Learning Needs and Wants

## Needs (Desirable Difficulties)

- Training for Retention: Spaced testing and training
- Scenario-based storytelling (situational awareness)
- Engage appropriate learning system in the brain



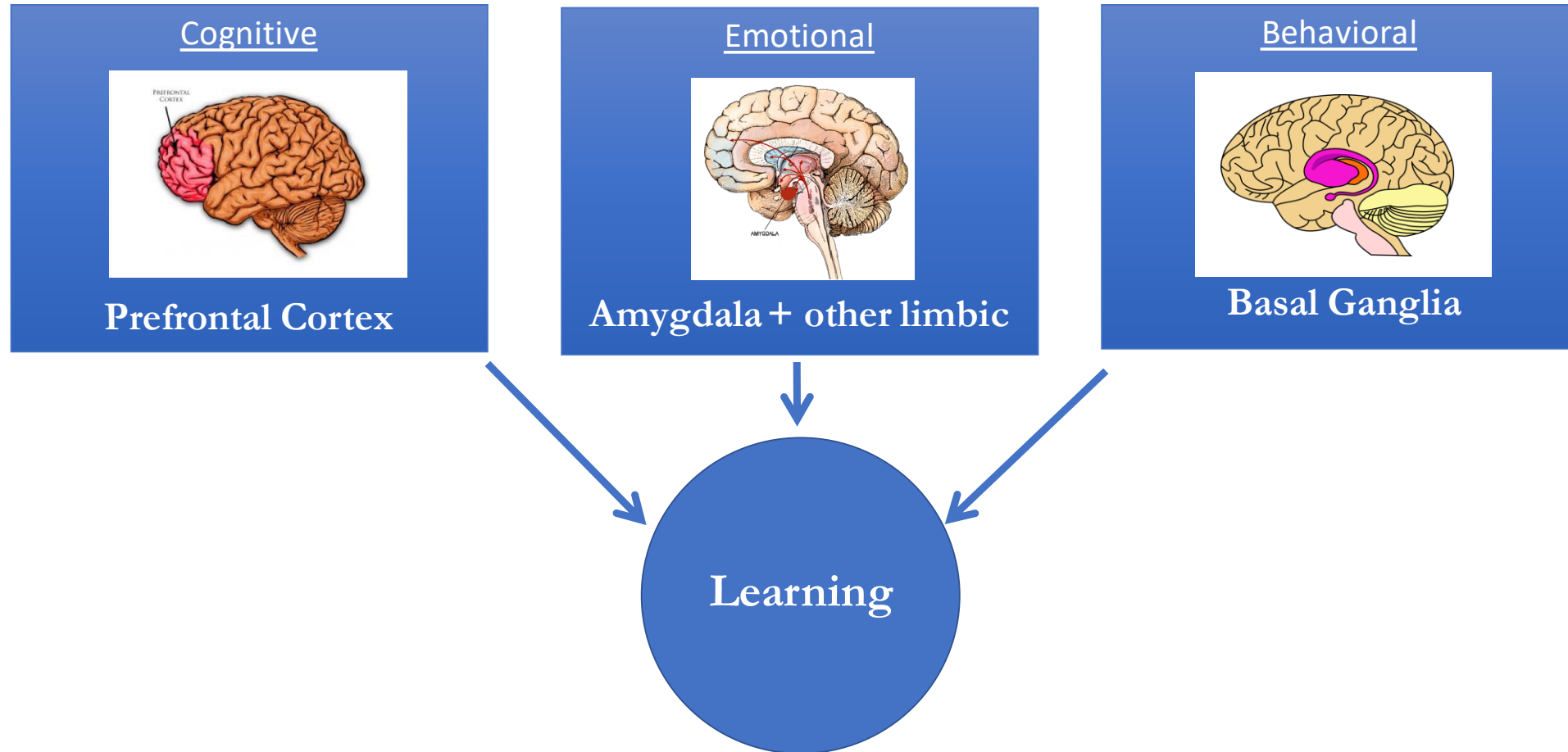
## Wants

- Mobile learning in the daily workflow
- Immediate feedback



# Learning Science

## Psychology and Brain Science



## The Cognitive Skills System

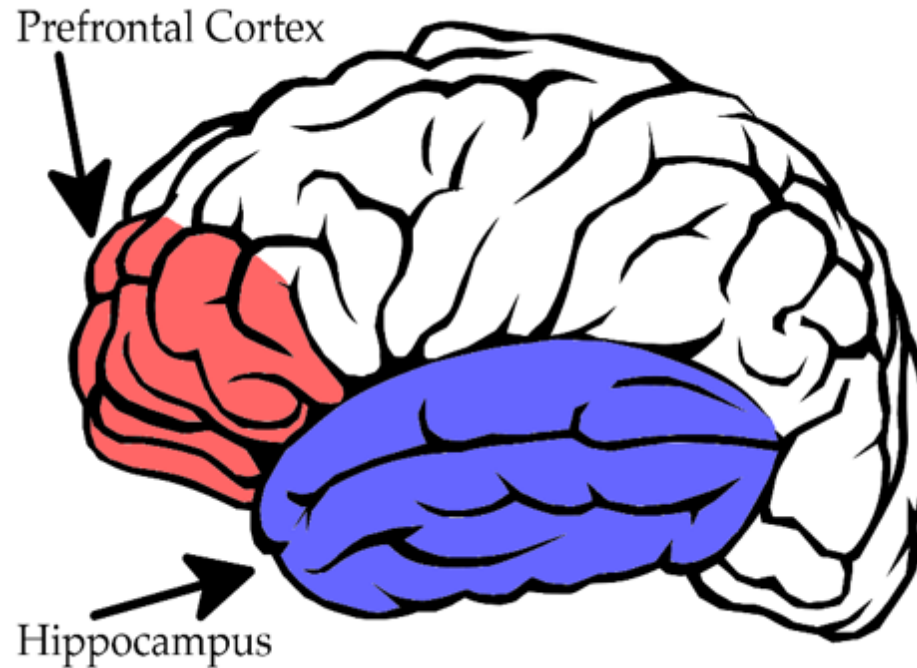
# Training For Retention

Always battling against the brain's natural tendency to forget

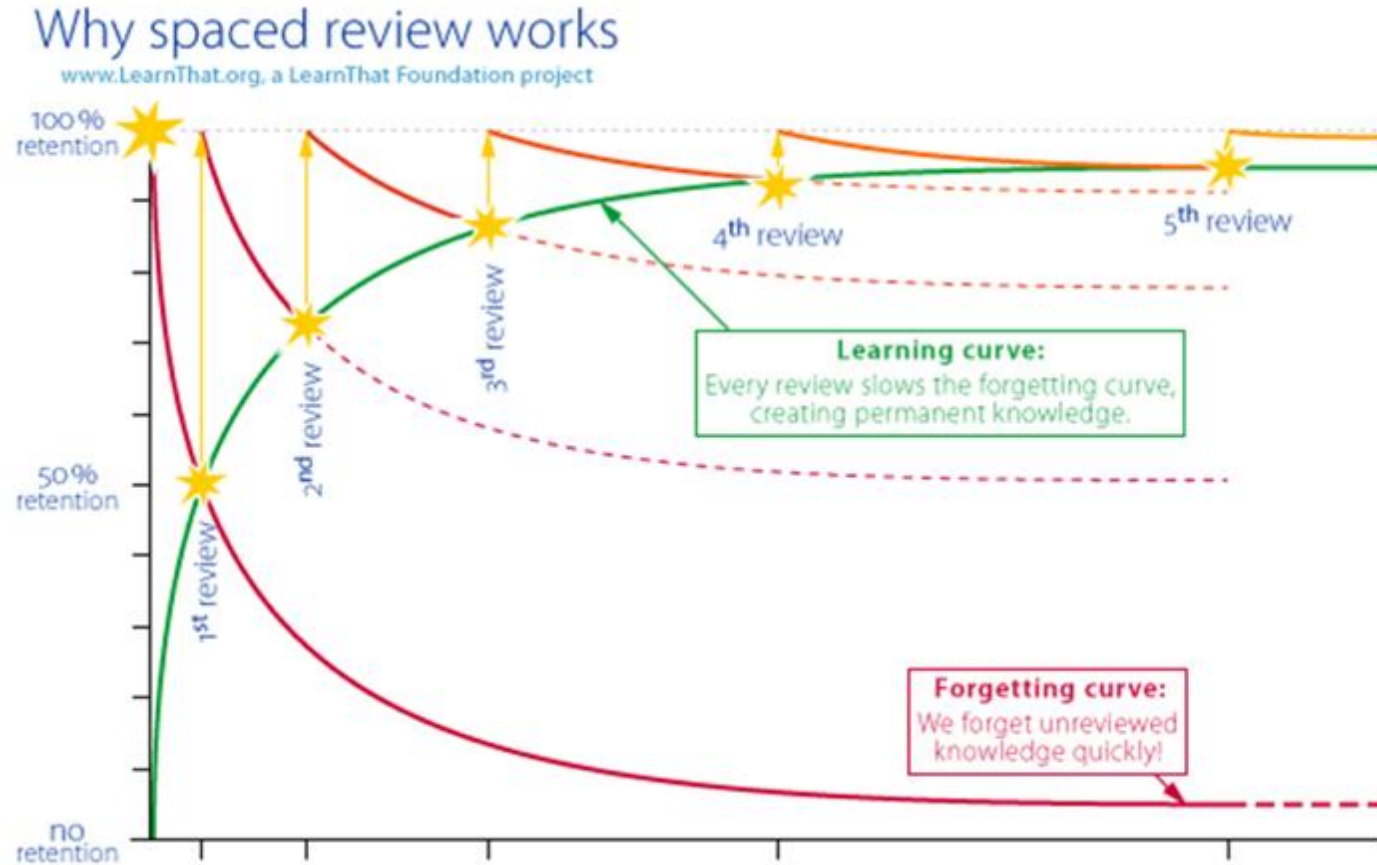


# Training for Retention

**Goal:** Transfer knowledge from short-term memory (PFC) to long-term memory (hippocampus) through consolidation



# Training for Retention



Space testing/training is the foundation of Qstream

- Speeds learning
- Slows forgetting
- Consolidation

## The Emotion System

# Situational awareness

- Overriding aim
  - “Read” ever changing situation
  - Predict the future
  - Know “what” to “do” when
- Scenario-based (situational) storytelling training
  - Non-routine, emotionally charged scenarios
  - Engage emotion centers and draw learner “in”
  - Facilitate retention/prime behavior change



Qstream Foundation: Situational Storytelling

# Principles of Situational-Based Questions





# Principles of Situational-Based Questions



Tests non-routine situations that are context rich



Action based decision-making



Tests “high” skills



Helps to reveal thinking



All options are fully explained



## The Behavioral Skills System

# Training for Behavior Change

- Interactive
- Real-time feedback
- Physical repetitions
- Scenario-based challenges
- Benefits from special tools like video training

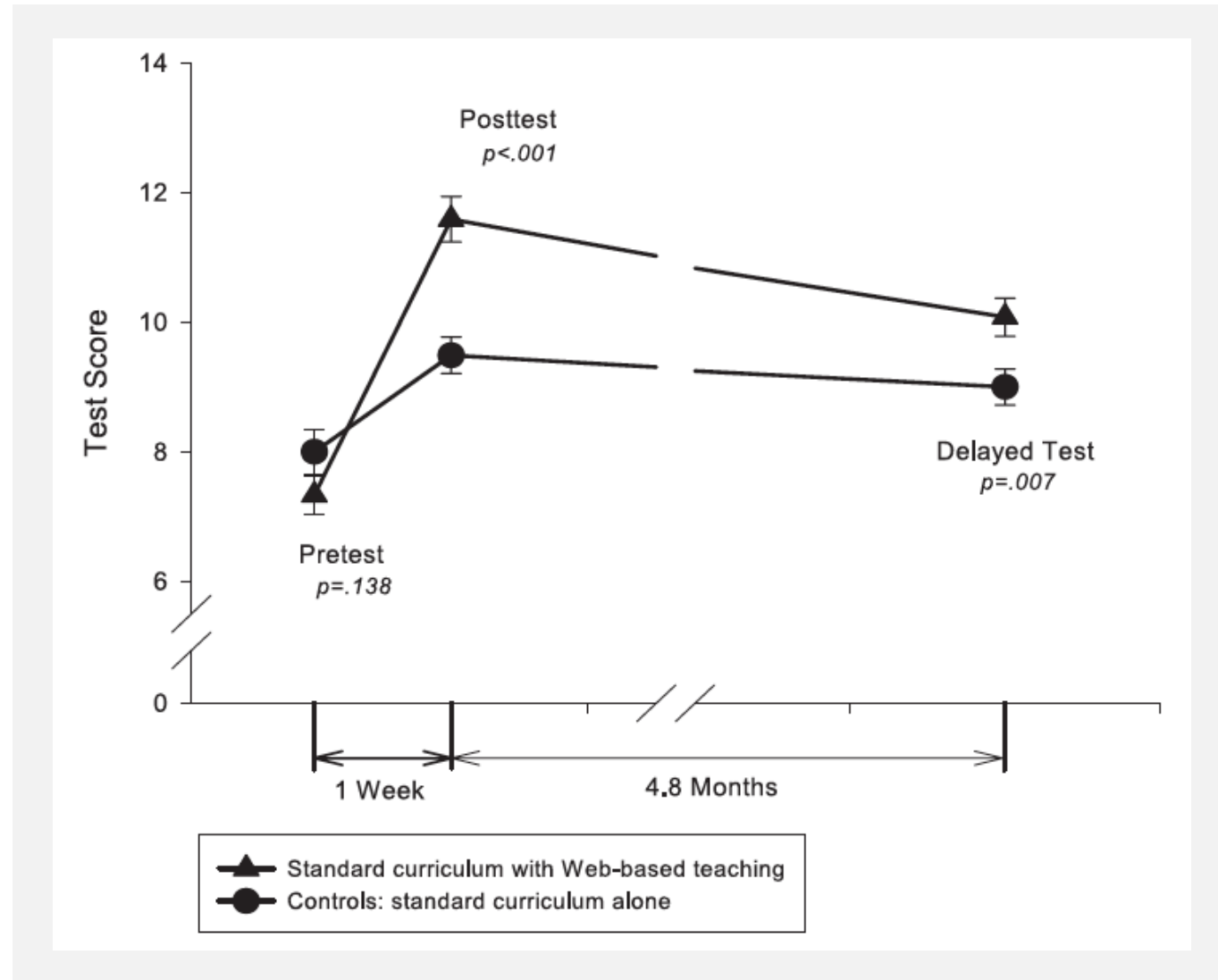


# Multi-institutional Randomized Controlled Trial

351 medical students at 4 northeastern medical schools

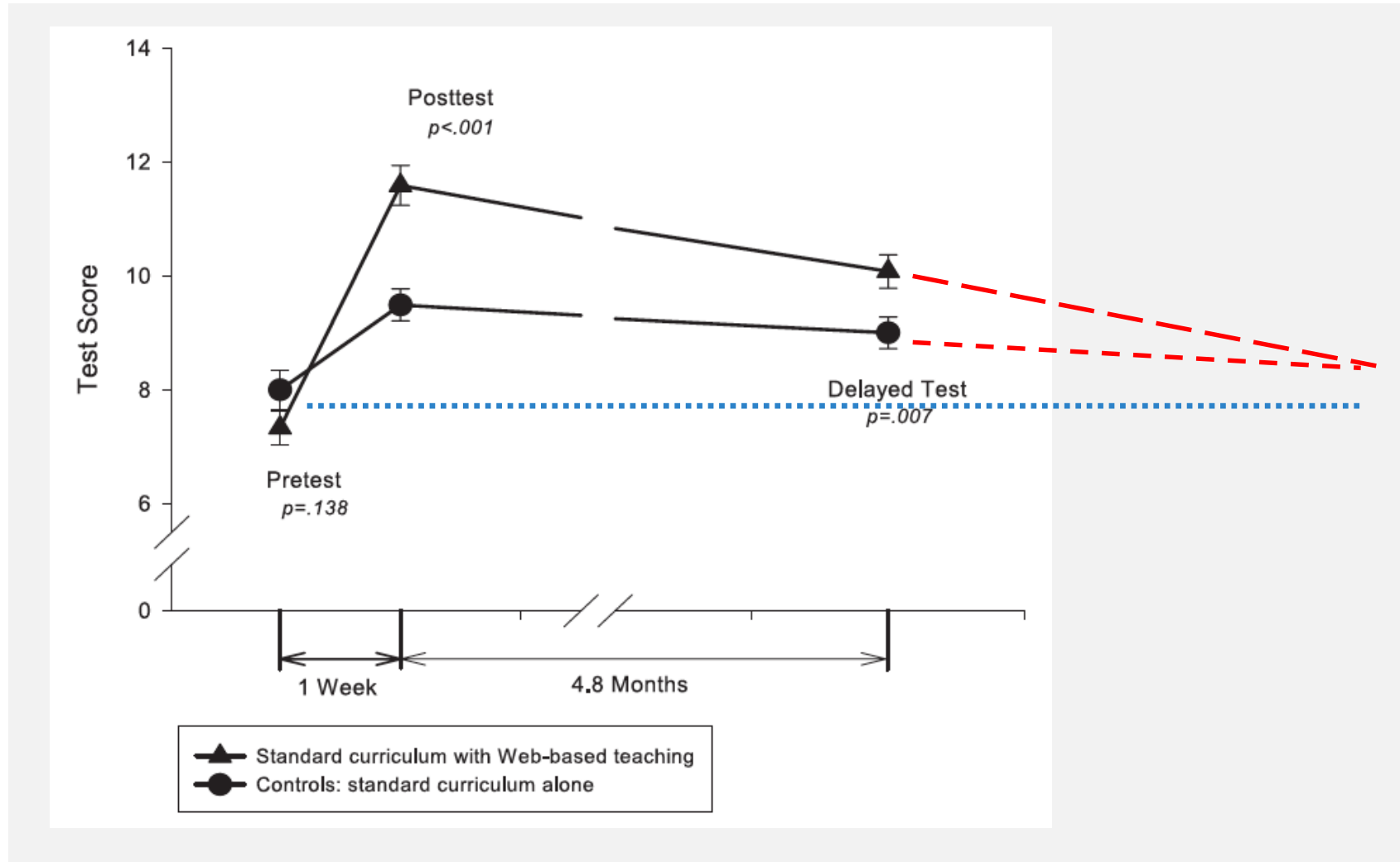


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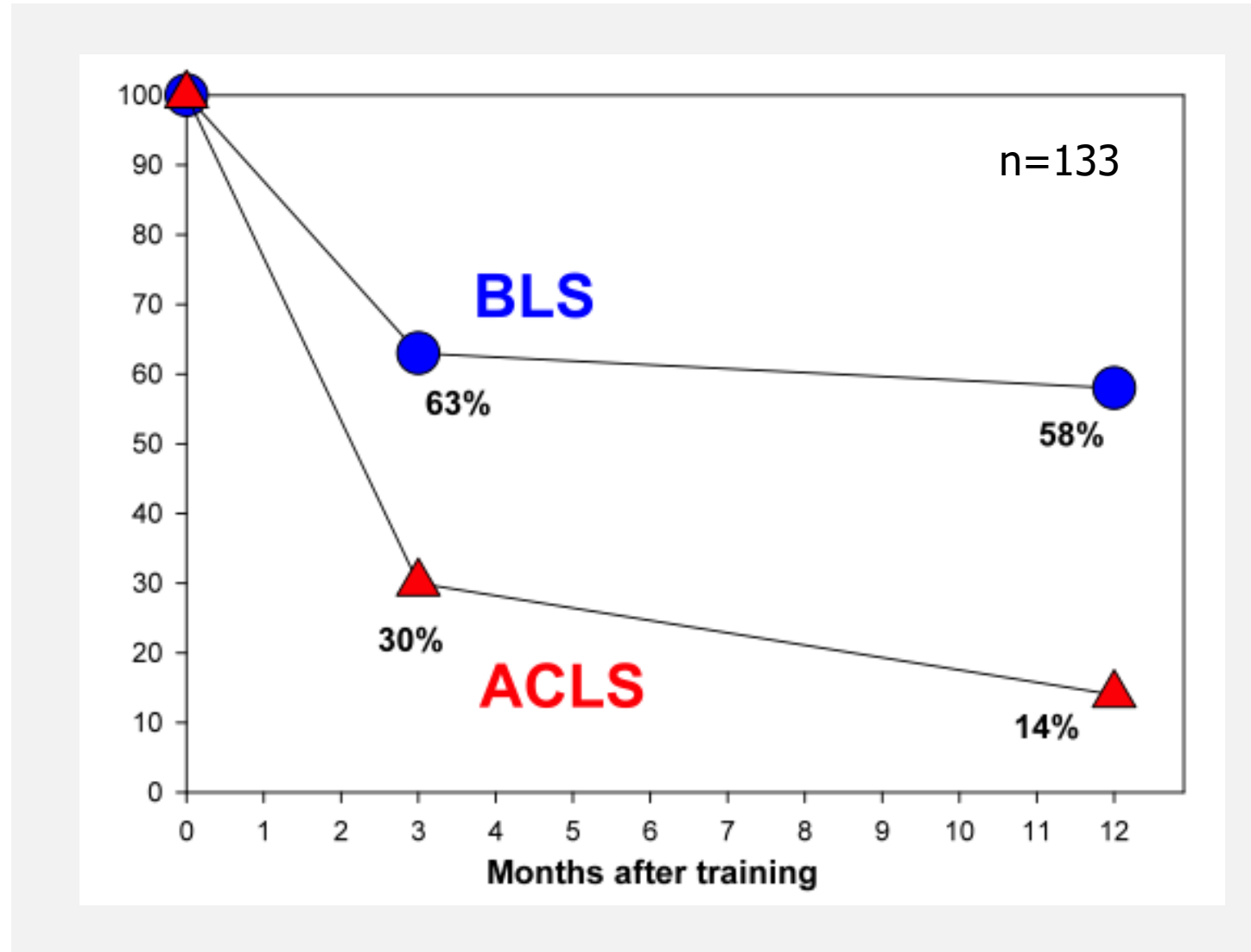


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# Retention of BLS and ACLS Training Among Nurses



# Spaced Education Basics: The Spacing Effect

- Spaced
- Repeated
- Repeated at increasing intervals



- ✓ Increased efficiency of learning
- ✓ Reduction in the slope of the forgetting curve

# Spaced Education Basics: The Testing Effect

## “retrieval practice”



Retrieval Practice Produces More Learning than Elaborative Studying with Concept Mapping

Jeffrey D. Karpicke and Janell R. Blunt  
Science 2011; 331:772-5.



Test-Enhanced Learning

Taking Memory Tests Improves Long-Term Retention

Henry L. Roediger, III, and Jeffrey D. Karpicke.  
Psych Sci 2006; 17:249





Which of these strategies below can help minimize the amount of food you eat at a mealtime?

(Please select **TWO** correct answers.)

Choose all that apply

- Keep serving dishes on the table
- Use small plates
- Remove your plate from the table as soon as you are finished
- Try to eat quickly

Submit



## Choices

Participants who answered the entire question correctly



Here is the breakdown by individual choice:

You	Key	Choices	Responses
	✘	Keep serving dishes on the table	5%
●	✔	Use small plates	96%
●	✔	Remove your plate from the table as soon as you are finished	80%
	✘	Try to eat quickly	3%
Total			510 responses

## Explanation

### Take-Home Message:

Eating from smaller plates will help you avoid overeating.

### Explanation of Correct Answers:

- The dinner plates we most often see today are about 12 inches in diameter. In the early 1980s, the average plate was about 10 inches in diameter. That relates to about 44% increase in surface area! Using smaller plates will make you feel like you are eating more while ensuring you can't "fill" the plate as much as you can a bigger sized one.
- Removing your plate from the table when you are done eating is another way to be sure that you don't continue to eat when you're no longer hungry. If you keep looking at an empty plate you may be tempted to put more on the plate in order to feel like you are "being social" or at other times you may continue to eat out of boredom. Second helpings can be a big source of unneeded extra calories.

### Explanation of Incorrect Answers:

- It's a good idea to remove serving dishes from the table once you are done to stop you from being tempted to take a second helping.
- Eating quickly often leads to overeating and should be avoided. It takes a while for the food we eat to be absorbed and quieten the hunger signals. If you eat too quickly you'll be through your third helping before the signal from the first helping gets to your brain.

Next Question

## Results

Congratulations, your answers are correct!

Your total score: 80

You just scored 80 points for answering correctly on your first attempt of this question

Rank	Team	Points (ave.)
1	Lobster Brigade (ME,NH,VT)	10755.4
2	Blue Ridge Bunch (VA,WV,OH,MO)	10620.1
3	Keystones (PA)	9851.6
4	Southern Stars (GA,AL,TX)	9732.1
5	Mid-Atlantic Coasters (NJ,NY,DE)	9482.6
6	Sweet Carolinas (NC,SC)	9472.2
7	Minutemen (MA,CT,RI)	9423.9

# Qstream Works

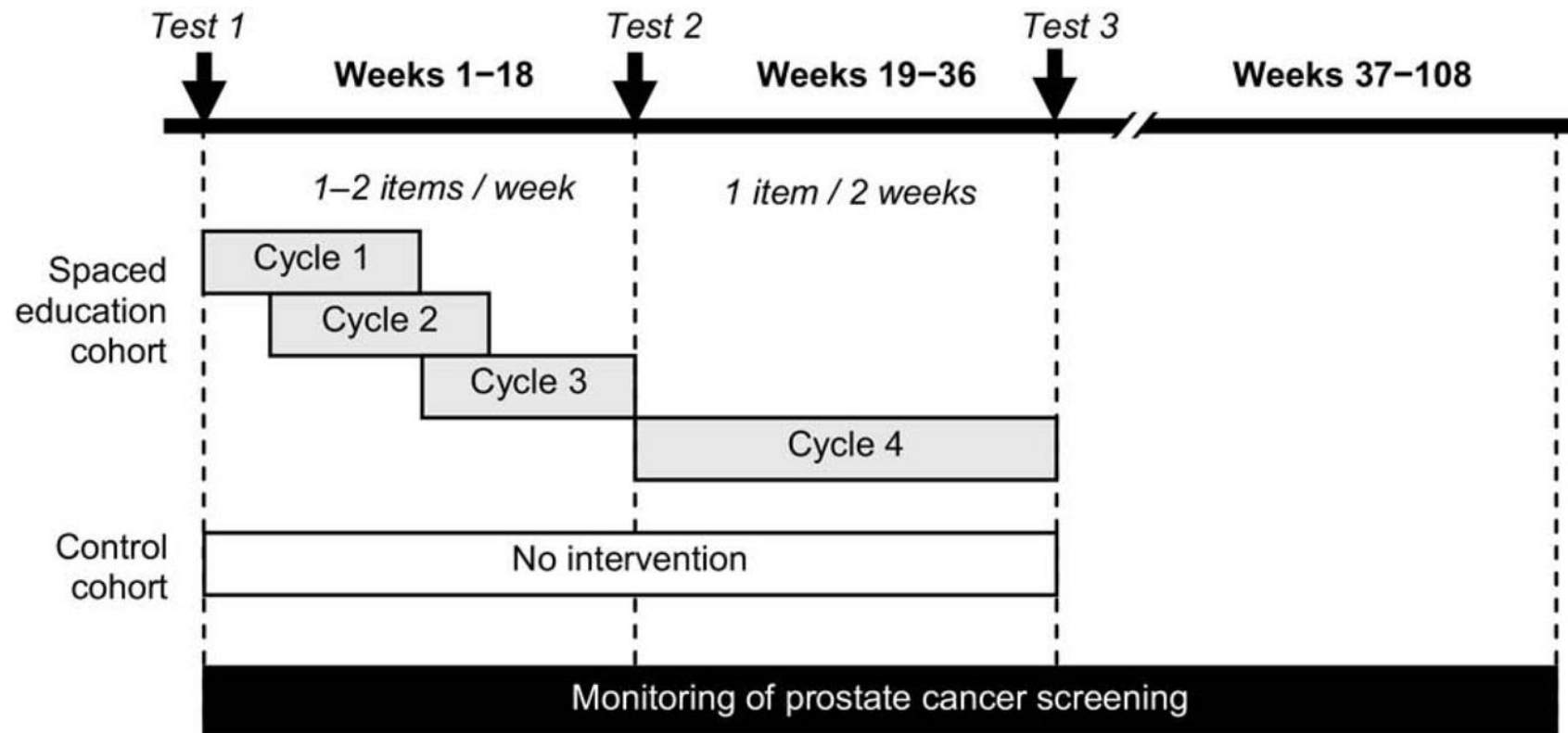
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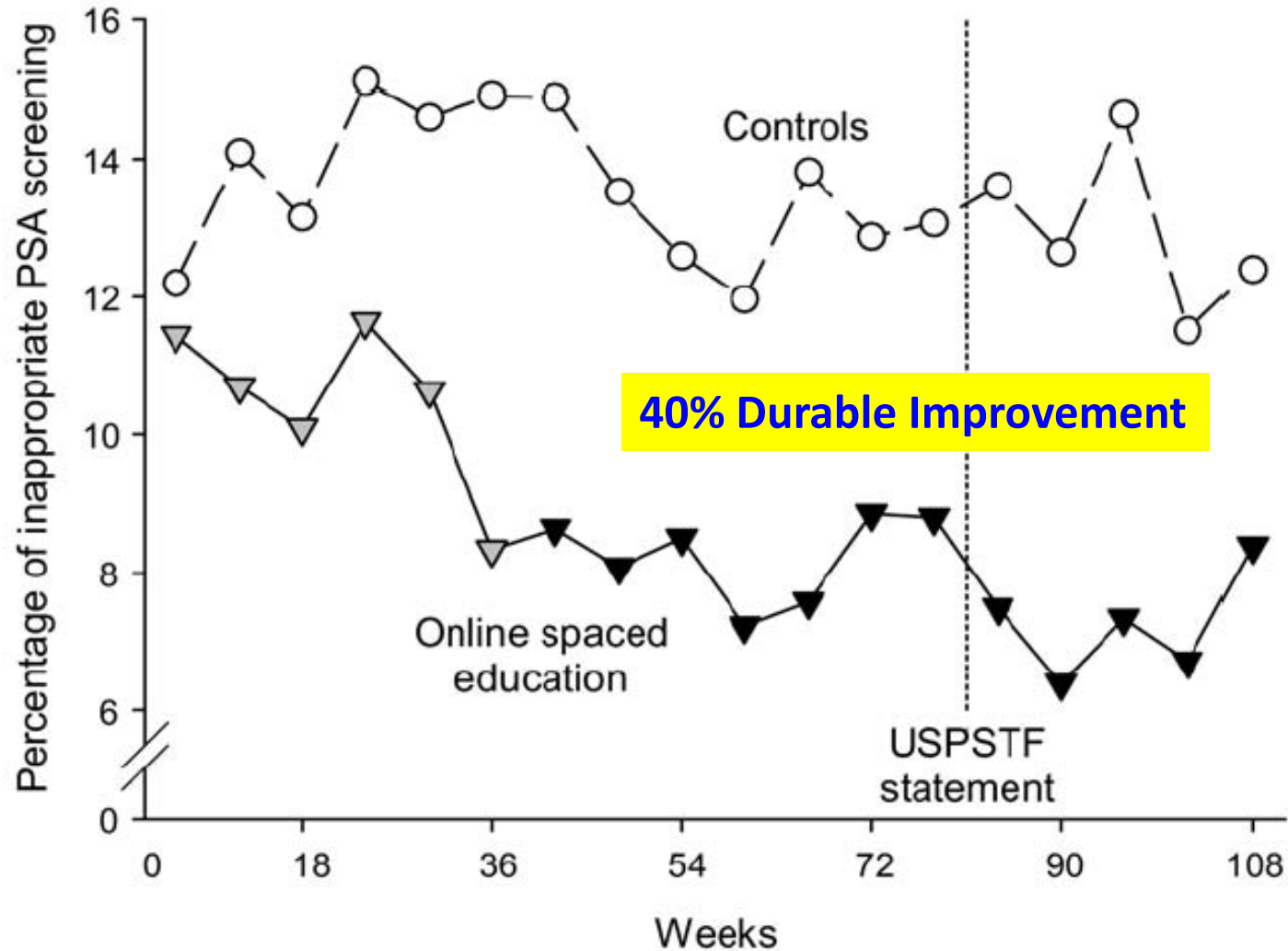
# Durable Improvements in Prostate Cancer Screening from Online Spaced Education

## A Randomized Controlled Trial

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David Gagnon, MD, MPH, PhD, Paul R. Conlin, MD



# Improves Cancer Screening Behaviors



► 93% requested to participate in future programs

## Original Article

# An Online Spaced-Education Game Among Clinicians Improves Their Patients' Time to Blood Pressure Control A Randomized Controlled Trial

B. Price Kerfoot, MD, EdM\*; Alexander Turchin, MD, MS\*; Eugene Breydo, PhD;  
David Gagnon, MD, MPH, PhD; Paul R. Conlin, MD

When Doctors Play This Game, You Get Better  
Medical Care

by NANCY SHUTE

May 21, 2014 11:44 AM ET



Hey docs! Play this online game and learn how to do a better job of getting our blood pressure under control!

111 clinicians  
14,366 patients

# Circulation

Cardiovascular Quality and Outcomes

JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

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# Applications in the Workplace





## SALES & MARKETING

- Sales onboarding
- Sales kickoff
- Sales skills
- Sales process
- Pricing
- Positioning/brand
- Product knowledge
- Channel enablement
- Competition



## LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT

- Training reinforcement
- Leadership development
- Talent management
- Onboarding
- Diversity
- Change management
- Training reinforcement
- Manager enablement
- Coaching guidance



## OPERATIONS

- Process change
- Software roll-out
- Compliance procedures
- Regulatory change
- Field operations
- Six Sigma



## LIFE SCIENCES & HEALTHCARE

- Patient safety
- Joint commission
- Diagnosis
- Treatment
- Prescription
- CME
- Residency & nursing
- Medical affairs
- Site monitor training

# Guiding principles to modern learning ....based on the latest brain science research

MAKE IT  
EASY



Break training content into bite-sized, scenario based challenges

MAKE IT  
STICK



Use a proven methodology to improve knowledge, advance skills and change on-the-job behavior

MAKE IT  
MOBILE



Reduce training costs and reduce training time

MAKE IT  
ENGAGING



Keep people engaged with game mechanics, peer socialization and personalized coaching

MAKE IT  
MEASURABLE



Use proficiency as a measure for ROI and identify gaps to inform further training initiatives



# Qstream Future

- No surprise to this learning scientist that Qstream's reach is expanding
- All learning happens in the same brain via the same systems
- If effective in healthcare and sales, then Qstream will be broadly effective



Questions?

# Thank You!

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