

Crossword puzzle as a tool for self-study and optimization of Clinical Propaedeutics teaching

Clinical Propaedeutics

Fundamental for the training of veterinary students by providing the grounds to build the clinical act.
Principal objectives: knowledge of exploratory techniques and different methods of sample collection.
The assimilation of a number of medical terms essential for the development of clinical activity.

Greek and Latin etymology: medical terminology may seem like a foreign language.

Understanding medical terminology provide effective communication with other health professionals. Furthermore, the diffusion of new technologies, transfer of knowledge and products, interdisciplinary experimental sciences and media development make this knowledge essential.

The concept of serious game involves the use of methodologies for other purposes than entertainment.
The game allows us to become **protagonists of our learning process.**

SELF-LEARNING TOOL not only facilitates the educational intervention

A new conception of teaching and learning: improving the students working memory, developing abilities and skills, promoting concentration, entertainment and their creativity, which leads to the development of intelligence.

The main scope of crossword puzzle is to **stimulate the assimilation of concepts**; whilst students acquire knowledge sequentially, moving one step forward in their learning process.

<http://www.crosswordpuzzlegames.com/create.html>

<http://www.ebam.org/crucigramas.shtml>

Before presenting crossword puzzles we show different posters with photos of the exploratory techniques or the most important pathologies

Crossword puzzles with definitions to complete within the next week after the lesson

Crossword puzzles with poster images to associate with medical terminology

