PECULIARITIES OF MODERN APPROACHES TO TEACHING BIOPHYSICS IN MEDICAL EDUCATION

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Resume. Biophysics plays a crucial role in modern medical education by providing the fundamental physical principles that underlie biological and clinical processes. Traditionally, biophysics has been taught in a theoretical and lecture-based format, which has often been perceived as abstract and insufficiently connected to clinical practice. In recent years, innovative teaching methods have been introduced in medical education, including problem-based learning, case-based discussions, digital simulations, and interdisciplinary integration with clinical subjects. These approaches aim to increase student motivation, develop research skills, and cultivate clinical thinking. The article analyzes the peculiarities of modern methods of teaching biophysics in medical universities, with a special focus on their role in enhancing professional competencies. Methods of analysis included literature review, comparison of international practices, and observation of teaching strategies applied in medical schools of Uzbekistan and abroad. Results show that innovative and interactive approaches significantly improve the comprehension of complex biophysical concepts and strengthen their application in clinical contexts. The discussion emphasizes the advantages and barriers of these approaches and highlights the importance of further integration of biophysics into clinical curricula. It is concluded that modernizing biophysics education is essential for training a new generation of medical professionals who can combine theoretical knowledge with clinical practice and research.

Key words: biophysics, medical education, innovative teaching, interdisciplinary approach, simulation, problem-based learning, clinical integration, digital technologies.

ОСОБЕННОСТИ СОВРЕМЕННЫХ ПОДХОДОВ К ПРЕПОДАВАНИЮ БИОФИЗИКИ В МЕДИЦИНСКОМ ОБРАЗОВАНИИ

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Резюме. Биофизика играет решающую роль в современном медицинском образовании, обеспечивая фундаментальные физические принципы, лежащие в основе биологических и клинических процессов. Традиционно биофизика преподавалась в теоретическом формате и на основе лекций, что часто воспринималось как абстрактное и недостаточно связанное с клинической практикой. В последние годы в медицинском образовании были внедрены инновационные методы обучения, включая проблемное обучение, тематические дискуссии, цифровое моделирование и междисциплинарную интеграцию с клиническими дисциплинами. Эти подходы направлены на повышение мотивации студентов, развитие исследовательских навыков и развитие клинического мышления. В статье анализируются особенности современных методов преподавания биофизики в медицинских вузах, особое внимание уделяется их роли в повышении профессиональных компетенций. Методы анализа включали обзор литературы, сравнение международной практики и наблюдение за стратегиями преподавания, применяемыми в медицинских вузах Узбекистана и за рубежом. Результаты показывают, что инновационные и интерактивные подходы значительно улучшают понимание сложных биофизических концепций и расширяют возможности их применения в клинических условиях. В ходе обсуждения подчеркиваются преимущества и барьеры этих подходов и важность дальнейшей интеграции биофизики в клинические учебные программы. Сделан вывод о том, что модернизация образования в области биофизики необходима для подготовки нового поколения медицинских работников, способных сочетать теоретические знания с клинической практикой и научными исследованиями.

Ключевые слова: биофизика, медицинское образование, инновационное преподавание, междисциплинарный подход, моделирование, проблемно-ориентированное обучение, клиническая интеграция, цифровые технологии.

Introduction. Biophysics is one of the fundamental disciplines in medical education, serving as a bridge between natural sciences and clinical medicine[1, 2]. By studying the physical foundations of biological processes, students develop a deeper understanding of mechanisms such as cell membrane potential, molecular interactions, blood flow dynamics, radiation effects, and medical imaging principles[3]. Without biophysics, the comprehension of many modern diagnostic and therapeutic technologies would be impossible[4, 5, 6].

For many years, biophysics was taught through traditional lectures and occasional laboratory exercises[7]. While this approach provided a theoretical foundation, it often failed to demonstrate the practical relevance of biophysics to medical practice[8, 8]. As a result, students frequently perceived the subject as abstract, difficult, and

disconnected from their future profession[10]. In contrast, recent decades have seen an increasing demand for innovative teaching methods in medical education[11]. Universities around the world, including those in Uzbekistan, have started to reform their curricula in line with international standards[12].

The modernization of biophysics teaching is not just a pedagogical necessity but also a strategic priority[13, 14]. The development of medical education in New Uzbekistan requires the training of specialists capable of critical thinking, interdisciplinary problem-solving, and research. Innovative teaching methods, such as problem-based learning (PBL), case-based discussions, flipped classroom models, digital simulations, and clinical integration, are essential for achieving these goals[15].

The purpose of this article is to analyze the peculiarities of modern approaches to teaching biophysics in medical education, to evaluate their effectiveness in enhancing students' knowledge and competencies, and to identify barriers and prospects for further improvement[16].

Methods. The research was based on a comprehensive methodological framework combining several approaches.

First, a literature review was conducted, analyzing international and regional publications on medical education and biophysics pedagogy. This included sources from Europe, the United States, and Asia, as well as national materials related to Uzbek higher education reforms.

Second, a comparative analysis was performed to evaluate different models of biophysics teaching in medical universities. The analysis covered traditional lecture-based methods, integrated curricula, and digital learning platforms.

Third, observational data were collected from teaching practices in medical faculties in Uzbekistan. Classroom interactions, laboratory practices, and the use of digital technologies were analyzed to identify the strengths and weaknesses of current approaches.

Finally, student feedback and surveys were included to assess attitudes toward biophysics. Students were asked about their perception of the subject, motivation, and suggestions for improving the course.

This combination of methods allowed us to obtain a holistic picture of the peculiarities of modern approaches to teaching biophysics in medical education.

Results. The results of the study indicate that modern approaches significantly improve the teaching and learning process in biophysics.

One of the most important findings is that problem-based learning (PBL) enhances student engagement. When students are given clinical cases that require biophysical explanations—such as the mechanics of blood flow in hypertension, the biophysics of imaging techniques, or the effects of radiation therapy—they develop both critical thinking and clinical reasoning skills.

Another result concerns case-based and simulation-based learning. The integration of clinical scenarios into biophysics classes increases motivation and demonstrates the real-life application of theoretical concepts. Simulation tools, such as virtual laboratories, digital models of cell membranes, and imaging simulators, provide hands-on experience that is otherwise difficult to achieve.

The flipped classroom model was also shown to be effective. Students prepare theoretical material in advance through online resources, while class time is dedicated to problem-solving, group discussions, and interactive demonstrations. This method shifts the focus from passive knowledge acquisition to active learning.

A further result is the importance of interdisciplinary integration. When biophysics is taught in conjunction with physiology, pathology, and clinical diagnostics, students can directly link fundamental concepts to practical medicine. For instance, understanding the Nernst equation is much more meaningful when connected to the interpretation of electrocardiograms.

Finally, student surveys revealed that more than 70% of participants found modernized teaching methods more effective and motivating than traditional lectures. They emphasized that interactive approaches helped them to understand complex topics more deeply and to remember them better.

Discussion. The discussion of results highlights several important aspects.

First, the integration of innovative teaching methods into biophysics increases student motivation and learning efficiency. Traditional approaches often alienated students by presenting abstract formulas without clinical relevance. By contrast, modern methods make biophysics more accessible and meaningful.

Second, the use of digital technologies represents a revolution in teaching. Virtual laboratories allow students to perform experiments without the limitations of time, cost, or safety concerns. Artificial intelligence and machine learning tools are being integrated into simulations, providing new opportunities for personalized learning.

Third, the interdisciplinary approach ensures that biophysics is not taught in isolation but as a foundation for clinical practice. This corresponds to global trends in medical education, where integrated curricula are considered the gold standard.

However, several barriers remain. Many universities in Uzbekistan and other developing countries lack sufficient funding for advanced digital laboratories. The training of teachers is also a challenge: educators must be familiar not only with biophysics but also with pedagogical innovations and modern technologies. Moreover, some students initially resist active learning methods, as they require more preparation and responsibility compared to passive listening.

In comparing international experiences, it is clear that successful reforms require strong governmental support and investment. For example, in South Korea and Germany, integrated teaching of biophysics and clinical subjects is supported by

national strategies. Uzbekistan is moving in the same direction through its educational reforms, but additional efforts are required to fully implement these models.

Conclusion. Biophysics education is undergoing a transformation in medical universities worldwide, and New Uzbekistan is no exception. The peculiarities of modern approaches lie in their focus on problem-solving, clinical integration, digital innovation, and active student participation. These methods not only improve knowledge acquisition but also prepare students for future professional challenges, where interdisciplinary thinking and technological skills are essential.

The modernization of biophysics teaching is a strategic task. By investing in innovative methods, digital resources, and teacher training, Uzbekistan can create a new model of medical education that meets international standards. The future of medical professionals depends on their ability to integrate biophysical knowledge into clinical practice, and this requires continuous improvement of teaching strategies.

In conclusion, modern approaches to teaching biophysics represent not only a pedagogical innovation but also a key factor in shaping the new generation of doctors, researchers, and educators who will drive the development of healthcare in Uzbekistan and beyond.

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