Voicethread in Pharmaceutical Sciences Courses

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Abstract: Voicethread, a web hosted asynchronous computer and mobile device mediated communication (CMC/MDMC) platform, has been incorporated in different pharmaceutical sciences courses for graduate and undergraduate students at Kanazawa University, Japan. It has been implemented for virtual lecture delivery, virtual seminar discussions, weekly brainstorming sessions, and virtual laboratory practicum preparations. Learners’ Voicethread contributions have also served as part of students’ e-portfolio assessment. This presentation will detail the implementation of these different strategies and discuss the potential benefits of these strategies for learners and educators. Narratives of the challenges encountered throughout the implementation of these strategies are also detailed in order to assist educators develop engaging Voicethread tasks for online learning and distance education.