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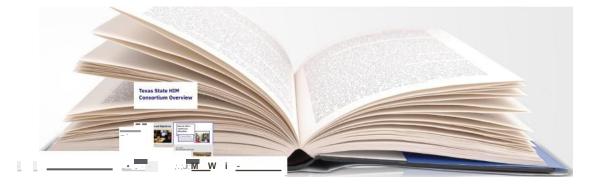
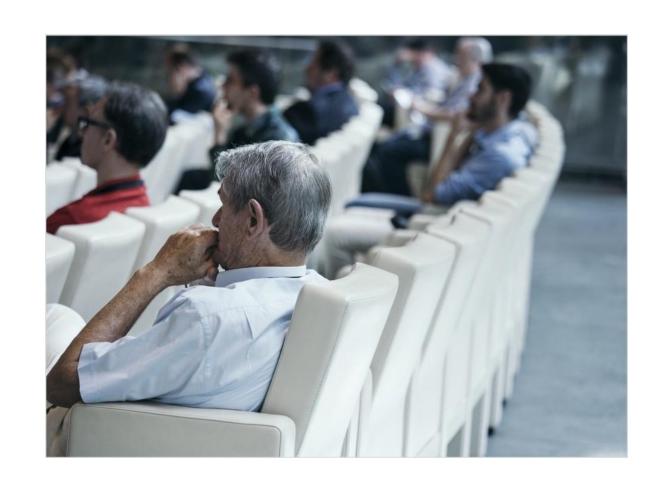## Discussion Panel About Open Educational Resources

# Introduction of Presenters & Panelists

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# Definition and Importance

Open Educational Resources (OER) are freely accessible, openly licensed materials that facilitate teaching, learning, and assessment. OER hold significance as they promote equity in education by reducing costs and expanding access to quality educational materials for diverse learners.

# Benefits for Students and Educators

Students benefit from OER via reduced textbook costs and increased access to supplementary learning materials, fostering academic success. Educators enjoy the flexibility of adapting and customizing resources to meet diverse learner needs, ultimately enhancing instructional quality.

# Financial Savings & An Example from Davenport

- For Example - The Open Education Network (OEN) calculates student savings from open textbook adoptions by multiplying enrollment by $100
- Formula: $100 x number of students = cost savings
- Example from Davenport with Dr. Brown

# Current Trends in OER

Current trends in OER highlight a shift towards collaborative content creation and adoption of technology-enhanced resources. The proliferation of digital platforms and open licenses supports greater dissemination and innovation in educational practices, leading to wider OER adoption.

# Challenges in Implementation

Despite their potential, the implementation of OER faces challenges, including institutional resistance and a lack of awareness among educators. Additionally, ensuring quality assurance and sustainability of resources poses significant hurdles for educational institutions. There can be invisible labor involved that deserves recognition.

# OER + HIM's
# Key Stakeholders and Partners

Key stakeholders include:

- Healthcare providers
- Educational institutions, and
- Professional organizations

which contribute to OER mission by providing insights, resources, and support for educational initiatives.

# Future Vision for HIM & OER



The future vision emphasizes integrating technology with HIM education, adapting to the evolving healthcare landscape, and preparing professionals for emerging challenges in data management, patient care, and most importantly objetives set in place by the HIM governing bodies.

# Driving Questions For Discussion Panel

- Why did you choose open educational resources for your students?

- How has open education made a difference in your class?

- How have your students responded to the open materials?

- If using open educational resources, how has the change impacted your student's learning?

# Driving Questions
# For Discussion Panel

- Without using the word "open," how would you describe the material you use for your courses?

- Outside of those already mentioned, what are the
  Challenges?
- What are the specific resources that you recommend (insert links)?

- What was the most engaging part of the curricula development process for you and your department?

# Links to a few
# OER Repositories
# & Resources

- [OERTX](#)
- [OER Commons](#)
- [Open Education Network](#)
- [OpenStax](#)
- [MERLOT](#)