15 tips for supporting international students

- Speak clearly at all times, paying attention to speed, tone and volume
  - Provide early assessment, preferably formative, with feedback
- Explain assessment requirements, for example, what it takes to succeed in essays and assignments, and concepts such as plagiarism which might not be obvious to students from different cultures
  - Explain acronyms, or subject- or discipline- specific terms thoroughly
- Encourage international and ‘home’ students to work together in small groups
  - Get to know students’ names and learn to pronounce them correctly
- Encourage international students to actively participate in small group activities, and encourage them to participate if they don’t speak up of their own accord
  - Explain idioms
- Let international students be the experts by relating their experience from their home culture
  - Ensure that students know the learning resources at their disposal
- Clear presentation of written and verbal information to students, and avoid colloquialisms
  - Provide one-to-one support when applicable
- Contextualise information which might not be familiar to particular students or which culturally may be unfamiliar to them
  - Discuss case studies before seeing patients
- Approach culturally sensitive issues with awareness and caution