

Technology Description: *Audience Polling*



What is audience polling?

Would you like to get immediate feedback on a concept you are teaching during class? Find out what students know about the subject before you begin your lecture? Ask multiple choice questions and view projected histograms immediately and share the results with your students? The School of Medicine has polling equipment to accomplish these goals.



EdTech has a dedicated polling system in the M112 Team Learning Classroom and also maintains a mobile set of 34 polling keypads that can be reserved for use in other classrooms that we schedule (see our website for a list of spaces).



What are examples of successful audience polling sessions?

1. Group discussions on ideas that students may disagree on, especially ethical or other debatable questions
2. Polling within lectures to check students' understanding of concepts at the beginning, middle, or end of a session
3. Asking students whether you're moving too fast or not to help pace your lecture.
4. Review sessions where faculty want to know which questions students already know and which ones to spend time discussing.

How do I use audience polling?

Email medscheduler@lists.stanford.edu or call 650 723-6952 to reserve the keypads for your session. Please specify how many keypads you would like and what time you want them set up and removed. After you make a reservation, you will be contacted by staff who can help you learn how to use polling in your sessions.

For the mobile polling system (outside of M112), EdTech normally sets up the polling system 10 minutes before your scheduled session. The keypads will be set out for your session so just remind student to pick up a keypad as they enter the room and return them when the session is finished. To poll, simply bring PowerPoint slides with a 5-response multiple choice question. Use the podium computer to give your presentation. Whenever a polling question comes up in your presentation, use the polling laptop computer and **SINGLE CLICK** "Vote Now" to clear the bar chart and begin collecting student responses. Click "Stop Now" to stop voting. That's all!