B505 Informatics Project Management Lessons Learned Document

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What was successful about your project?	What can be improved about your project?
Clear and Atainable Objectives: We had clear and ataible objectives which were crucial for the success of the SmileScan White project.	Integration with Additional Technologies: Exploring integration with other dental health-related technologies or apps could enhance the SmileScan White device's functionality.
Realistic Timeframes: Our project timeline was realistic and accounted for potential disruptions.	Accessibility Features: Implementing features to aid users with different needs, such as flurodie sensitivity or other disabilities, could be considered.
Effective Communication Methods: Multiple platforms and methods were used such as Whatsapp, Teams, Zoom, inperson meetings, for communication, adapting to the needs of different situations and stakeholders.	Official Apporvals: Provided with more time we would have applied for approvals from agencies like FDA, etc for a market release of the product.
Team Engagement and Cooperation: The team members displayed enthusiasm and cooperative spirit throughout the project duration.	Long-term Support and Maintenance: Developing a strategy for long-term user support and maintenance of the device, which was out of the project's scope.

What did you learn from the project ?	Can you use this knowledge?	If yes, how will you use this knowledge?
User Interface and Design Considerations: Importance of a user- friendly interface and design for the SmileScan White device, influenced by consumer preferences and usability studies.	YES. Future Application: Ensuring that all future projects, especially those involving consumer products, prioritize user experience and interface design. This involves incorporating extensive user research and feedback mechanisms to understand user needs and preferences.	This approach is crucial for the success and acceptance of products like SmileScan White, where user interaction plays a significant role in product efficacy and satisfaction.
Project Planning and Risk Management: Learning the importance of contingency planning and risk management, especially considering the uncertainties in product development and market response.	YES. Future Application: Implementing a proactive approach in future projects to identify potential risks early, especially in areas like supply chain management and regulatory compliance. This includes developing contingency plans and flexible strategies to adapt to changing circumstances.	The recognition that anticipating and preparing for risks can significantly minimize project disruptions and ensure smoother execution.
Budget Management: Effective allocation and monitoring of the project budget, understanding the direct and indirect costs involved.	YES. Applying rigorous resource and time management strategies in upcoming projects. This involves meticulous planning, budgeting, and scheduling to optimize resource utilization and meet project deadlines efficiently.	This learning emphasizes the critical role of balancing project constraints—time, cost, and scope—to achieve project goals without overextension.
Team Dynamics and Collaboration: The value of team collaboration, respect for diverse ideas, and effective conflict resolution.	YES. Promoting a culture of collaboration and open communication in future teams. Encouraging team members to share ideas, respect diverse opinions, and support each other, especially during challenging phases of a project.	This reinforces the idea that a cohesive team, where members work harmoniously and supportively, is fundamental to overcoming obstacles and achieving project success.

What did you learn from this class?

Comprehensive Project Management Understanding:

This class has helped us to understand the diverse project management methodologies, emphasizing the importance of strategic planning, effective execution, and adaptability.

The Significance of Stakeholder Engagement:

Engaging with stakeholders effectively is crucial for project success. This class taught us the importance of regular communication, understanding stakeholder expectations, and incorporating their feedback

Value of a User-Centric Approach:

A key takeaway is the importance of focusing on user needs and experiences. The class discussions and project work have emphasized designing products and services that are intuitive, accessible, and meet user requirements.

Risk Management and Contingency Planning:

The class has underscored the importance of identifying potential risks and having contingency plans in place.

Team Dynamics and Collaboration:

Effective teamwork and collaboration are essential for the success of any project. The class has taught us about the importance of building a cohesive team, fostering open communication, and respecting diverse perspectives

Effective Resource Allocation and Time Management:

The class has emphasized the importance of efficiently managing resources and time. Learning to allocate resources judiciously and manage project timelines effectively.