2018-03-29: What is the Purpose of Medical School?

Listed below are links shared during the chat:

- Growing Wings on the Way: Systems Thinking for Messy Situations [https://www.triarchypress.net/growing-wings.html](https://www.triarchypress.net/growing-wings.html)
- The Missions of Medical Schools: The Pursuit of Health in the Service of Society [https://dx.doi.org/10.1186/1472-6920-1-4](https://dx.doi.org/10.1186/1472-6920-1-4)

MedEd Chat @MedEdChat 9 hours ago
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Alliance4ClinEd @Alliance4ClinEd 9 hours ago
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The topic & questions will be announced in a moment...for now, please introduce yourselves #meded

Gary Beck Dallaghan @GLBDallaghan 9 hours ago
#meded Gary here in Omaha! Thanks @iamdoctord for providing our topic tonight! [https://t.co/z4HHn5cIsU](https://t.co/z4HHn5cIsU)

MedEd Chat @MedEdChat 9 hours ago
If you are tuning in to the #meded chat, remember to use the #meded hashtag and try to answer with the Topic numbers (T1, T2, T3)

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We will assume that all of your tweets are your own during this hour unless otherwise stated #meded

Alliance4ClinEd @Alliance4ClinEd 9 hours ago
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This is a great question, particularly in the age of curriculum revision. With information at our fingertips, how should we be teaching in medschools? https://t.co/3ioFQJJ1ao

Some interesting questions here that I think patients might have thoughts on. mededchat meded https://t.co/ooXIeByFmc

RT @Alliance4ClinEd: T1: What is the purpose of medical school? What is done, how is it done, and importantly, why is it done? meded @iamse

Agreed. What do you think of the first question? Any thoughts? meded https://t.co/Om7d8DPg5o

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RT @MedecineLibre: Final thought: what do we want from our cheeseburgers? Meat? Bun? Cheese? Your local burger joint is a pathway toward...

RT @GilmerHealthLaw: Some interesting questions here that I think patients might have thoughts on. mededchat meded https://t.co/ooXIeByFmc

I would hope the problem is - how do we help people/patients live their lives fully? But I sometimes worry it's - how do we fix a body part? mededhttps://t.co/K8XU18BGNC

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T1 #meded But isn't that a primary role for a physician? [https://t.co/2wn3W0sOKS](https://t.co/2wn3W0sOKS)

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**Erin Gilmer @GilmerHealthLaw** 9 hours ago
@MedEdChat One would hope so. So isn't that what med school is preparing a physician to be? #meded

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**MedEd Chat @MedEdChat** 9 hours ago
@GilmerHealthLaw T1 #meded One hopes, but with special topics creeping in or old ways of teaching material are we accomplishing the goals?

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Topic 2: Which one of the “tripartite responsibilities” (education, research & clinical service) would your medical school privilege? What are the consequences of privileging this responsibility? #meded

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**Alliance4ClinEd @Alliance4ClinEd** 9 hours ago
T2: Education, research &/or clinical service - how does your medical school prioritize these? What are the consequences of this action? #meded @iamse

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**Erin Gilmer @GilmerHealthLaw** 9 hours ago
@MedEdChat I don't see it in real life as a patient but I do hope that new approaches in #meded that include patients as teachers, encourage design thinking, or increase compassion skills might someday produce doctors that are better at this. Still in the process though.

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**Erin Gilmer @GilmerHealthLaw** 8 hours ago
@MedEdChat T2: Which would I want to be a focus? That's hard because I want physicians who are skilled at all 3 but it depends what practice they ultimately want to go into whether one should be a greater focus. #meded

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**Erin Gilmer @GilmerHealthLaw** 8 hours ago
@MedEdChat Perhaps whichever speaks to their way of learning in order to teach them to be problem solvers -because ultimately that's what patients need whether in research endeavors or clinical care. We need physicians who are passionate about finding answers to complicated questions #meded

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**Alliance4ClinEd @Alliance4ClinEd** 8 hours ago
@GilmerHealthLaw @MedEdChat T2 #meded In an ideal world that would be nice. However, clinicians are pressured to see so many patients now that #meded and #research suffer

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**Gary Beck Dallaghan @GLBDallahagan** 8 hours ago
@MedEdChat T2 #meded I just had a faculty member telling me how overwhelmed he is today because the expectation is solely on patient care. No time to teach but must. No time for research but should.
Erin Gilmer @GilmerHealthLaw 8 hours ago
@Alliance4ClinEd @MedEdChat so perhaps we need to add one more portion in there - business management. sounds absurd and it shouldn't be this way but I've heard a lot of doctors say they wish they had more business background. I don't want that to be a focus, but in the current paradigm... #meded

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Nancy Stewart @nvhs04018 hours ago
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Gary Beck Dallaghan @GLBDallaghan 8 hours ago
@GilmerHealthLaw @Alliance4ClinEd @MedEdChat T2 #meded I hear that frequently as well. However, does that solve a problem? The business side focuses on the bottom line...which means seeing more patients. The other two responsibilities continue to suffer. Right?

Erin Gilmer @GilmerHealthLaw 8 hours ago
@GLBDallaghan @Alliance4ClinEd @MedEdChat I only wonder if it might help to manage the practice run more smoothly which might decrease stress and open up other opportunities? Doesn't really fix the long term problems though, and really shouldn't be the focus. #meded

Alliance4ClinEd @Alliance4ClinEd 8 hours ago
T2 #meded That's a nice idea, but there are so many new rules imposed on physicians for billing and such that even with a business background it's overwhelming. Seeing lots of burnout in clinical medical educators. https://t.co/XrEp6rpvyT

Alliance4ClinEd @Alliance4ClinEd 8 hours ago
T3: Ultimately who benefits directly from who we graduate from medical school? Is it the patient, the physician, the health institution, the wider community? #meded @iamse

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Topic 3: Who is directly at the receiving end of what medical school achieves? Is it the patient, the physician, the health institution, the wider community? #meded
Erin Gilmer @GilmerHealthLaw 8 hours ago @Alliance4ClinEd I agree. Just wish there were a way to give tools to decrease the stress of this part of medicine so they can focus on the parts that matter (actual care or research) #meded

Gary Beck Dallaghan @GLBDallaghan 8 hours ago @GilmerHealthLaw @Alliance4ClinEd T2 #meded If #medstudents were able to do more to be value added in clinical settings it would help.

Ian Pereira @IanJPereira 8 hours ago @MedEdChat Perhaps the question asked is along the lines of: can we 1) select for and 2) train future healthcare professionals that will practice medicine at a defined standard of competence in accordance with (local) societal needs and available resources? T1 #MedEd #CBME / @WHO @AFMC_e

Gary Beck Dallaghan @GLBDallaghan 8 hours ago @MedEdChat T3 #meded Not that my opinion has ever been highly regarded in this, but I've always felt it was the wider community. #medschools are responsible for training doctors to care for people in the wider community. That should always be our priority.

Deb Simpson @debsimpson3 8 hours ago T2 Why do we wonder that CE's are not #Wellbeing when their economic contribution is valued over their educ? Follow the $$$s? Real issue - what value place on #Meded? See recent Physician Well-Being and the Regenerative Power of Caring https://t.co/DppML1db1I

Gary Beck Dallaghan @GLBDallaghan 8 hours ago @IanJPereira @MedEdChat @WHO @AFMC_e T1 #meded Happy to see you on @IanJPereira Your reframing of these questions is brilliant!

Alliance4ClinEd @Alliance4ClinEd 8 hours ago @debsimpson3 T2 #meded Exactly the point. We are emphasizing how to make the most money at the expense of the human capital needed to fulfill the tripartite mission

Paul Haidet @myheroistrane 8 hours ago T3: this may sound selfish - I see these students today, and think that they will be my doctors when I most need doctors. We do this for us, both as individuals AND as members of the population that needs healthcare. #meded

Ian Pereira @IanJPereira 8 hours ago @MedEdChat @GilmerHealthLaw If those special topics and techniques are particular to an instruction or region whose goals may be to have them remain, perhaps so? T1 #MedEd #context

Gary Beck Dallaghan @GLBDallaghan 8 hours ago @myheroistrane T3 #meded I don't think that's selfish at all. It's practical and realistic!
RT @myheroistrane: T3: this may sound selfish - I see these students today, and think that they will be my doctors when I most need doctors...

So here's a question....how do we adjust the focus of the mission to make meded more of a priority? It doesn't seem that we can rely on giving back anymore.

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Indeed GLBDallaghan meded medschools GME are preparing physicians for an honorable profession - to attend to the health of us as patients, populations, and communities. Its why theNAMedicine wellbeing has we as "the patient" at Wellbeing https://t.co/c4N1Dh6cjW

RT @Alliance4ClinEd: T2: Education, research &/or clinical service - how does your medical school prioritize these? What are the consequenc...

From the little I have seen, even in a salaried environment clinical volume may trump the other parts of MedEd (although being paid to teach seems to help!)

We have about 5 more minutes left in our discussion. Please feel free to give some final thoughts meded

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@PaulHaidet 8 hours ago
@Alliance4ClinEd @MedEdChat Call me whatever you want, but I don’t think business models should apply to medicine. It should be service first, money second. I think many huge and growing academic hospital systems don’t hold this view, tho. We need to call this out often. #meded

@IanPereira 8 hours ago
@GilmerHealthLaw @GLBDallaghan @Alliance4ClinEd @MedEdChat I wonder if in many centres (around the world) residents/junior doctors are an important part of the front line helping to control healthcare costs #MedEd #hrh

@GaryBeckDallaghan 8 hours ago
@myheroistrane @Alliance4ClinEd @MedEdChat #meded Heretic! How dare you place patients over price tags! :)

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@ErinGilmer 8 hours ago
@MedEdChat Final Thought: I wish more patients were included in #meded. Because if any part of it is about us, we should be part of it. And I think we could help shape it to really improve all aspects of care, research, and education.

@PaulHaidet 8 hours ago
@GilmerHealthLaw Yup! I think we docs sometimes forget this, especially when we are young and/or healthy. #meded

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Paul Haidet @myheroistrane 8 hours ago
@GLBDallaghan @Alliance4ClinEd @MedEdChat I prefer the name Galileo #meded

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Big thanks to @iamdoctord for guest hosting! Don't forget to suggest topics by DM or email #meded

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Erin Gilmer @GilmerHealthLaw 8 hours ago
@IanJPereira @GLBDallaghan @Alliance4ClinEd @MedEdChat I don’t know. I hear even in single payer countries that doctors feel the pressure of costs. But maybe not to the same extent? #meded

Ian Pereira @IanJPereira 8 hours ago
@GLBDallaghan @MedEdChat Would anything help incentivize a better balance between these three goals of #MedEd?

MedEd Chat @MedEdChat 8 hours ago
That’s a wrap...I will be posting the archive tomorrow morning. Thanks everyone for participating! #meded Please note we will be off the next 2 weeks! We'll be back April 19th!

Gary Beck Dallaghan @GLBDallaghan 8 hours ago
@MedEdChat #meded Final thought....I’d like to see the tripartite mission of #medschools equal out again. The shift to business models of patient care has resulted in the #meded and #research missions suffering
Sara Kelm @sarakelm188 hours ago
@GilmerHealthLaw @MedEdChat So true! This would be especially helpful for learning how to approach sensitive topics i.e challenging diagnoses, end of life care, etc. Would be good to hear from patients and families about their experiences and how we can be better. #meded

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@sarakelm18 @MedEdChat We have so much to offer and I know so many of us would love to talk. We’re just waiting to be invited. #meded

Stephanie Starr @StephRStarr 8 hours ago
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one day i'll mt her @SalemSamer8 hours ago
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Deb Simpson @debsimpson38 hours ago
#MedEd - perhaps the literature on physicians as patients is a reminder that everyone will be a "patient". Evidence @acgme study on resident/fellows who die - we are all vulnerable #academicmedicine. So time to log off! https://t.co/ppeduNvsQz

Sara Kelm @sarakelm188 hours ago
@GilmerHealthLaw @MedEdChat I hear talk of changing curriculums to include more training on compassionate/patient centered care, so I see this happening in the not-too-distant future - and I certainly hope it includes more opportunities like this! #meded

Erin Gilmer @GilmerHealthLaw8 hours ago
@sarakelm18 @MedEdChat I'm hearing more talk of it too. Hoping it really does happen! #meded
Business management is traditionally part of the hidden curriculum. More training may help, but perhaps without incentives for teaching & research throughout (selection, curriculum, reimbursement) they may always take a back seat. #MedEd T2

I think the #1 cited goal of UME is to serve individual/community health (& sometimes #GlobalHealth) needs. I hope your opinion does matter in your community :) #MedEd eg #FMEC https://t.co/HRafGqDdh0 @AFMC_e

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Interestingly, reports are increasingly suggesting these "softer skills" will be increasingly valued in any industry :) #MedEdCT eg: https://t.co/AIpwR252nw

It was a pleasure learning from your insights! TY to you and everyone on #MedEd tonight. Happy Easter!