

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

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- Growing Wings on the Way: Systems Thinking for Messy Situations <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>
- Physician Well-Being and the Regenerative Power of Healing [https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/2677479?utm\\_source=twitter&utm\\_campaign=content-shareicons&utm\\_content=article\\_engagement&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_term=032918&redirect=true#.Wr2VjohbbVs.twitter](https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/2677479?utm_source=twitter&utm_campaign=content-shareicons&utm_content=article_engagement&utm_medium=social&utm_term=032918&redirect=true#.Wr2VjohbbVs.twitter)



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**Alliance4ClinEd** @Alliance4ClinEd9 hours ago

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The topic & questions will be announced in a moment...for now, please introduce yourselves [#meded](#)



**Gary Beck Dallaghan** @GLBDallaghan9 hours ago

[#meded](#) Gary here in Omaha! Thanks [@iamdoctord](#) for providing our topic tonight! <https://t.co/z4HHn5clsU>



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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** @Alliance4ClinEd9 hours ago

T1: What is the purpose of medical school? What is done, how is it done, and importantly, why is it done? [#meded](#) [@iamse](#)



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Topic 1: What is the problem to which medical school is the solution? What is done, how is it done, and importantly, why is it done? [#meded](#)



**Gary Beck Dallaghan** @GLBDallaghan9 hours ago

T1 [#meded](#) 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/3ioFQJ1ao>



**Erin Gilmer** @GilmerHealthLaw9 hours ago

Some interesting questions here that I think patients might have thoughts on. [#mededchat](#) [#meded](#) <https://t.co/ooXleByFmc>



**MedEdBot** @MedEdBot9 hours ago

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



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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...



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**Erin Gilmer** @GilmerHealthLaw9 hours ago

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/K8XUI8BGNC](https://t.co/K8XUI8BGNC)



**Dink Jardine, MD** @dinkjardine9 hours ago

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



**Erin Gilmer** [@GilmerHealthLaw9 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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[@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](#)



**Alliance4ClinEd** [@Alliance4ClinEd9 hours ago](#)

T2: Education, research &/or clinical service - how does your medical school prioritize these? What are the consequences of this action? [#meded](#) [@iamse](#)



**Erin Gilmer** [@GilmerHealthLaw9 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.



**Erin Gilmer** [@GilmerHealthLaw8 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](#)



**Erin Gilmer** [@GilmerHealthLaw8 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](#)



**Alliance4ClinEd** [@Alliance4ClinEd8 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



**Gary Beck Dallaghan** [@GLBDallaghan8 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** [@GilmerHealthLaw8 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](#)



**MedEd Chat** [@MedEdChat8 hours ago](#)

T2 [#meded](#) Here is a resource [@iamdoctord](#) shared to consider addressing this sticky issue: <https://t.co/8aQimqxKPX>



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**Gary Beck Dallaghan** [@GLBDallaghan8 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** [@GilmerHealthLaw8 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** [@Alliance4ClinEd8 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** [@Alliance4ClinEd8 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](#)



**MedEd Chat** [@MedEdChat8 hours ago](#)

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/DppML1db1>



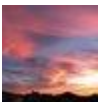
**Gary Beck Dallaghan** [@GLBDallaghan](#) 8 hours ago

[@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!



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**Alliance4ClinEd** [@Alliance4ClinEd8 hours ago](#)

[@myheroistrane](#) [@MedEdChat](#) T3 [#meded](#) 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.



**Paul Haidet** [@myheroistrane8 hours ago](#)

[@GLBDallaghan](#) Medical care is a basic public need, making doctors, and those of us that train them, public servants. [#meded](#)



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**Erin Gilmer** [@GilmerHealthLaw8 hours ago](#)

[@myheroistrane](#) doctors are part of the community too! [#meded](#)



**Deb Simpson** [@debsimpson38 hours ago](#)

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 us as "the patient" at [#Wellbeing](#) <https://t.co/c4N1Dh6cjW>



**Martha Moore** [@MarthaM184785358 hours ago](#)

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



**Ian Pereira** [@IanJPereira8 hours ago](#)

[@GLBDallaghan](#) [@GilmerHealthLaw](#) [@Alliance4ClinEd](#) [@MedEdChat](#) 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!)



**MedEd Chat** [@MedEdChat8 hours ago](#)

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



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**Paul Haidet** @myheroistrane8 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



**Ian Pereira** @IanJPereira8 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



**Gary Beck Dallaghan** @GLBDallaghan8 hours ago

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



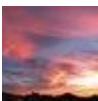
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@MedEdChat Final Thought: I wish more patients were included in #meded. Because if any part of it is about us, we should be part of it. And I think we could help shape it to really improve all aspects of care, research, and education.



**Paul Haidet** @myheroistrane8 hours ago

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



**Gary Beck Dallaghan** @GLBDallaghan8 hours ago

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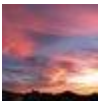
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[@GLBDallaghan](#) [@Alliance4ClinEd](#) [@MedEdChat](#) I prefer the name Galileo [#meded](#)



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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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[@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** [@IanJPereira8 hours ago](#)

[@GLBDallaghan](#) [@MedEdChat](#) Would anything help incentivize a better balance between these three goals of [#MedEd](#)?



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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** [@GLBDallaghan8 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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**Erin Gilmer** @GilmerHealthLaw8 hours ago

[@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** @StephRStarr8 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](#)



**Ian Pereira** @IanJPereira 8 hours ago

[@GilmerHealthLaw](#) [@GLBDallaghan](#) [@Alliance4ClinEd](#) [@MedEdChat](#) 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



**Ian Pereira** @IanJPereira 8 hours ago

[@GLBDallaghan](#) [@MedEdChat](#) 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> v [@AFMC\\_e](#)



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[@GilmerHealthLaw](#) [@sarakelm18](#) [@MedEdChat](#) Interestingly, reports are increasingly suggesting these "softer skills" will be increasingly valued in any industry :) [#MedEdCT](#) eg: <https://t.co/AlpwR252nw>



**Ian Pereira** @IanJPereira 8 hours ago

[@GLBDallaghan](#) [@MedEdChat](#) [@WHO](#) [@AFMC\\_e](#) It was a pleasure learning from your insights! TY to you and everyone on [#MedEd](#) tonight. Happy Easter!