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Tension between collaborative and competitive mindset in terms of whether students embrace or reject pass-fail. Need to help foster understanding of benefits and advocate to [#MakeUSMLEPassFail](#), too. [#mededchat](#)



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T1- seems likely it would encourage students to fully adopt growth mindset rather than self-protection. Assessment for learning rather than assessment of learning. [#mededchat](#) <https://t.co/O5ALwXc93I>



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[@kristinadzara](#) [@ArjaSateesh](#) [@DavidACohen MD](#) [@MedEdChat](#) Agree. At this point in career, students start to realize that their knowledge is directly applicable to patients. That matters more than beating others on tests. [#mededchat](#)



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John Lowry PhD [@DrJohn58859 hours ago](#)

[@MedEdChat](#) T1: Pass/fail would create as many issues as it would solve. Best to use it strategically. Perhaps with [#step1](#) potentially moving to pass/fail, this can be modeled in [#MedEd](#) up to that point in the curriculum. [#MedEdChat](#)



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[@DrJohn5885](#) T2 You alluded to this....but what are some of the issues you perceive would emerge from a pass-fail framework on the clerkship? [#mededchat](#) [#meded](#)



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[@elewMD](#) [@ArjaSateesh](#) [@DavidACohen MD](#) [@MedEdChat](#) But many are still focused on grades, and passing. Fear of failure is very anxiety provoking. [#MedEdChat](#)



Edward Lew [@elewMD8 hours ago](#)

[@MedEdChat](#) There's a largest onus on residency selection committees to evaluate hundreds and hundreds of apps individually rather than using simple cutoffs. More time consuming to say the least [#mededchat](#)



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[@kristinadzara](#) [@elewMD](#) [@ArjaSateesh](#) [@MedEdChat](#) Not to mention that these wicked smart future doctors got to where they are by getting great grades. And many of them thrive (or even rely) on them for a sense of mental well-being. [#mededchat](#) [#MedEd](#)



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Dr. Jennifer Chen, MD FAAP [@DrJenChen4kids8 hours ago](#)

[@MedEdChat](#) [#mededchat](#) T1: Agree at least preclinical courses and USMLE steps should be P/F to cutthroat competition, but [#medstudents](#) will inevitably jostle for other distinguishing things like research/leadership positions so there will always be competition



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Only very intrinsically motivated students thrive. Does not provide enough extrinsic motivation for the rest [#mededchat](#) [#meded](#)



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[@MedEdChat](#) [#mededchat](#) T2 learners might lose the motivation to reach the standard of excellence or honors or whatever. They might get satisfied with minimum competency just to reach the pass level [#meded](#)



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T2 if going pass/fail, need to set the pass bar high, and allow variable time to get to passing, with a culture that frames failure as a learning opportunity on the way to eventually passing. [#mededchat](#)



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[@ArjaSateesh](#) [@MedEdChat](#) I hear this argument a lot. Do you really think highly driven people who got into medical school will not continue to strive to be the best they can be simply because of a pass-fail grade? [#mededchat](#) [#meded](#)



Dr. Jennifer Chen, MD FAAP [@DrJenChen4kids8 hours ago](#)

[@MedEdChat](#) [#mededchat](#) T2: Agree w [@elewMD](#) re: making it harder for residency PDs. I also worry some students would just work enough "to get by" in clerkships, which, to be fair, already

happens sometimes for students who care less about a particular specialty



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[@elewMD](#) [@kristinadzara](#) [@ArjaSateesh](#) [@DavidACohen_MD](#) [@MedEdChat](#) It's true...but wouldn't it be great if there were ways to narrow it down that actually meaningfully predicted how good of a resident and doctor an applicant might be? [#mededchat](#) [#makeusmlepassfail](#)



Michael S. Sinha MD, JD, MPH [@DrSinhaEsq8 hours ago](#)
[@GLBDallaghan](#) [@ArjaSateesh](#) [@MedEdChat](#) Having graduated from a pass/fail medical school, the answer is yes. [#MedEdChat](#)



Sateesh Arja, MD, MPH [@ArjaSateesh8 hours ago](#)
[@GLBDallaghan](#) [@MedEdChat](#) [#mededchat](#) T2 yes there is a possibility. Motivation, communication skills, and professional behaviors are not stable attitudes. They change. [#meded](#)



Kristina Dzara, PhD, MMSc [@kristinadzara8 hours ago](#)
[@DavidACohen MD](#) [@elewMD](#) [@ArjaSateesh](#) [@MedEdChat](#) Right. I taught a healthcare research course to undergrad health sciences majors. They were floored that there would be no tests. [#MedEdChat](#)



Kristina Dzara, PhD, MMSc [@kristinadzara8 hours ago](#)
[@DavidACohen MD](#) [@elewMD](#) [@ArjaSateesh](#) [@MedEdChat](#) Anxiety abound for about a month until they realized they were learning by reading, thinking, presenting. Grades became less important when they all realized they were doing well - and learning as we as understanding research. [#MedEdChat](#)



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[@GLBDallaghan](#) [@MedEdChat](#) Fair, but the article also points out there is so much variability across schools' clerkship grading that it kind of makes the current system(s) less meaningful [#mededchat](#)



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[@myheroistrane](#) Sounds like you believe in the promise of [#CBME](#) [#MedEdChat](#)



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[@GLBDallaghan](#) [@DrJenChen4kids](#) [@MedEdChat](#) So much fun stuff to chat about in this topic. Like how much of the clerkship grade differentiation is based on the NBME subject exam (usually a lot). And the difference among grading procedures across schools. [#mededchat](#)



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[@kristinadzara](#) Yes, AND... we have a long way to go! [#mededchat](#)



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RT potentially felonious physician [@croyce62](#) absolutely. We have seen an increase in shelf failures and (again anecdotally) I have heard rumors from students that the best strategy is to study just enough to pass the shelf and no more! [#mededchat](#) [#meded](#)



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[@hughseejay](#) The counterpoint to this that current extrinsic motivators (specifically USMLE, grades) compel our students to spend less time with patients and care teams learning, you know, how to be an excellent doctor. [#mededchat](#)



Deb Simpson [@debsimpson38 hours ago](#)
T2 [#mededchat](#) Pass/Fail is an "extrinsic" motivator - per discussion. Let's consider how does growth vs fixed mindset can be rewarded as goal is a not a physician who "passes" but one driven by intrinsic factors. <https://t.co/L2vhQs8QXm>



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Hey everyone- Marty from [@MedicalCollege](#) of WI in Milwaukee. Cheating on [#mededchat](#) with [#PrimaryCareChat](#)



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T3 Given rater variability noted in several publications, this is a good question. <https://t.co/rqhHfbmkTR> [#mededchat](#) [#meded](#)



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T2 [#mededchat](#) pass/fail - to see intrinsic motivation at work - consider the early match for peds students and how that positively changed the dynamic of learning (not tests) and teacher/learner relationships focused on competence and [#Growth](#) <https://t.co/DI2UeKxdb6>



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[@MedEdChat](#) T3: we have to stop grade inflation. Not sure how. We've made this a point in EM, but still seeing a lot of it [#MedEdchat](#)



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[@MedEdChat](#) If it involves a "nonprofit" company making millions of dollars, continually bringing and promoting new "products" to the assessment "market", and its CEO insinuating that students forego studying to update their Instagram accounts, count me out. [#MedEdchat#makeUSMLEPassFail](#)



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[@hughseejay](#) Maybe. But eventually don't get grades. Can't we flip the switch sooner than day 1 of residency? [#mededchat](#)



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[@andrewdluo](#) It's just a dream, but I would see a series of triple-jumps with demonstration of excellent critical thinking skills in the face of novel problems in order to pass the internal medicine clerkship. [#MedEdchat](#)



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[@rkh_md](#) [@MedEdChat](#) Would it be better to use narrative comments about performance as a means of constructing a grade? [@JaniceEducation](#) did this in Colorado and it appears to be a much more accurate reflection of student performance. [#mededchat](#) [#meded](#)



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[@MedEdChat](#) If it involves a whole bunch of for-profit companies charging debt-burdened medical students for a product that they miss class to use based on the promise of excelling on the gatekeeper test (which does not predict clinical excellence), count me out. [#MedEdchat](#)



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Alliance4ClinEd [@Alliance4ClinEd8 hours ago](#)

Interesting discussion of +/- of pass-fail frameworks on the clerkships. Seems there are still a lot of external influences to maintain tiered-grading for now [#mededchat](#) [#meded](#)



Paul Haidet [@myheroistrane8 hours ago](#)

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T3- pie in the sky? It's going to take trust & collaboration and willingness to put the best interest of students & patients above other drivers. UME and GME. Across schools. [#mededchat](#) <https://t.co/Xcvkd0CyZ5>



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Sateesh Arja, MD, MPH [@ArjaSateesh3 hours ago](#)

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Sateesh Arja, MD, MPH [@ArjaSateesh3 hours ago](#)

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Kate King [@DrKate_Kingan hour ago](#)

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Kay Hallsworth [@kay_hallsworth18 minutes ago](#)

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