

## 2021-10-07: Should Clerkships Offer Special Tracks for Those Not Interested in that Discipline?

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- [Range: Why Generalists Triumph in a Specialized world \(davidepstein.com\)](#)
- [Does Reducing Clerkship Lengths by 25% Affect Medical Student Performance and Perceptions? - PubMed \(nih.gov\)](#)
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TOPIC 1: What is the rationale for requiring clerkship experiences

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

T1 I've always been under the impression the core required clinical experiences were mandated by the [#LCME](#) [#MedEdChat](#)



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T1 Would it be safe to assume that the need for generalized education is necessary in these areas before specialization? Something akin to Epstein's Range? <https://t.co/BGCijFcCN9> [#MedEdChat](#)



**Sateesh Arja, M.B.B.S., MHPE, MSPH** [@ArjaSateesh8 hours ago](#)

[@MedEdChat](#) [@AAIMOnline](#) [@COMSEPediatrics](#) [@admsep](#) [@apgonews](#) [@Surg\\_Education](#) [@STFM\\_FM](#) [#mededchat](#) T1 exposure to these rotations including OBGYN, pediatrics, Surgery and psychiatry is so important if we are trying to make primary care physicians. It is such an important thing to produce more primary care physicians especially in the interest of public health [#meded](#)



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TOPIC 2: Some schools have developed pipelines to residency and have longitudinal clinics. What are your thoughts about time away from discipline-specific clerkships? [#MedEdChat](#) [#meded](#)



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T2 I would think that it wouldn't be too much to ask. Is there evidence that a 4-hour clinic once a week is going to impinge on the student's education that much? [#MedEdChat](#)



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

T2 This article indicates clerkship length doesn't impact performance. Allowing a continuity clinic for a pipeline program may not either. [#MedEdChat](#) <https://t.co/TWejf2WPun>



**Sateesh Arja, M.B.B.S., MHPE, MSPH** [@ArjaSateesh8 hours ago](#)

[@MedEdChat](#) [#mededchat](#) it is a good idea. But students should get good exposure to primary fields like Family Medicine and IM. If students are assessed by longitudinal and repeated observations, and comprehensive assessments, then it could be successful educational experience [#meded](#)



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[@ArjaSateesh](#) T2 So what if the pipeline program is for OB and they want a regular clinic for the student that would be scheduled during a block clerkship on pediatrics and psychiatry. Okay? Not okay? [#MedEdChat](#)



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T2 Here is another article indicating shortened experiences did not impact academic performance <https://t.co/I7v2V0Lixd> [#MedEdChat](#)



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**Amit Pahwa** [@Pahwa](#) 8 hours ago

[@Alliance4ClinEd](#) I believed in a lot of these articles until we just went through a reduction and saw a drop off in some scores. The other outcome though that's more important is preparation for residency. [#mededchat](#)



**Sateesh Arja, M.B.B.S., MHPE, MSPH** [@ArjaSateesh](#) 8 hours ago

[@MedEdChat](#) [#mededchat](#) T2 I am not a big fan of pipeline programs for OBGYN/surgery. I am more towards longitudinal clerkships geared towards primary feels like FM. Producing primary care physicians is important in the context of health disparities and shortage of physicians overall & rural



**Amit Pahwa** [@Pahwa](#) 8 hours ago

[@GLBDallaghan](#) What a wonderful book. He just spoke [@AquiferOrg](#) and the data is mind blowing. We need to promote more sampling. [@TigerWoods](#) or [@rogerfederer](#) [#mededchat](#)



**Sateesh Arja, M.B.B.S., MHPE, MSPH** [@ArjaSateesh](#) 7 hours ago

[@MedEdChat](#) [#mededchat](#) T2 longitudinal clerkships with clinics, house visits or even visits to nursing homes promoting or instilling the interest towards primary care or FM would be beneficial [#meded](#)



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T4 Any student doing poorly would need to undergo remediation....specialty track or not. It's more important to master the skills than fail [#MedEdChat](#)



**Sateesh Arja, M.B.B.S., MHPE, MSPH** [@AriaSateesh7 hours ago](#)

[@MedEdChat](#) [#mededchat](#) T4 it should be addressed and feedback should be provided. Appropriate remediation should be done. There is no reason to be slacking in any clerkship as we never know that student can end up practicing some other specialty [#meded](#)



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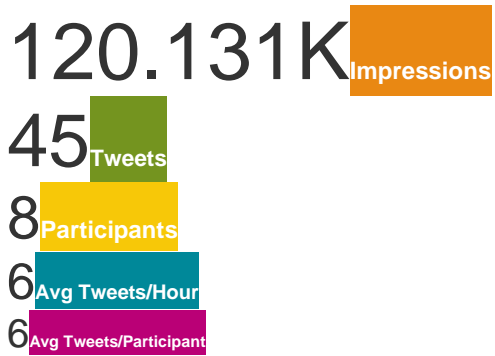
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