

2022-01-20: Is It Time for Another “Flexner” Revolution

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Lonika Sood, MBBS MHPE @sood_lonika 8 hours ago

@MedEdChat T1: purpose: to graduate trainees with the base minimum skills ready to specialize in a field of their choice... able to have skills to start residency #mededchat



Alliance4ClinEd @Alliance4ClinEd 8 hours ago

T1 We need medical schools that are going to produce qualified physicians that reflect society <https://t.co/ZoPCbJkVOZ> #MedEdChat



Sateesh Arja, M.B.B.S., MHPE, MSPH @ArjaSateesh 8 hours ago

#mededchat Sateesh Arja, from Avalon University School of Medicine, Curacao #meded



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T1 This is an additional article related to first gen #medstudents <https://t.co/6WJ5bMMFgt> #mededchat



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[@sood](#) [@lonika](#) [@MedEdChat](#) T1 so agree. Job of medical schools is to prepare students for residency and practice of medicine. [#mededchat](#)



Sateesh Arja, M.B.B.S., MHPE, MSPH [@ArjaSateesh8](#) 8 hours ago

[@MedEdChat](#) [#mededchat](#) T1 should be able to produce competent physicians who can serve the communities locally and around the globe. Should be professional with appropriate communication and interpersonal skills, lifelong learner, and be an advocate to patients [#meded](#)



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[@MedEdChat](#) T1 the job of medical schools if you prepare a workforce who are competent to compassionately address the health care needs for all patients and families. [#mededchat](#)



Dileep Mandali, MD [@MandaliDileep8](#) 8 hours ago

[@MedEdChat](#) To provide an environment that allows an individual to discover their niche in medicine & provide them with a blueprint to tackle their niche. End product - the one where one is confident in providing basic medical services & feel confident to further "specialize" [#Mededchat](#)



Gary Beck Dallaghan [@GLBDallaghan8](#) 8 hours ago

[@ArjaSateesh](#) [@MedEdChat](#) T1 That's a lot to cram into medical school. Do you think with current structures that is feasible? [#MedEdChat](#)



Jen Readlynn, MD, FHM (she/her) [@jenreadlynn8](#) 8 hours ago

[@MedEdChat](#) [#MedEdChat](#) T1: To give breadth of experience to guide future career choices, prepare for residency, develop skills in critical thinking, communication, growth mindset, advocacy, and patient care.



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TOPIC 2: Do we need 4 year medical schools? Can't the student get the requisite foundational science knowledge in college (or online)? [#MedEdChat](#) [#meded](#)



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[@GLBDallaghan](#) [@MedEdChat](#) [#mededchat](#) T1 it is feasible If the institutions critically look at their institutional learning objectives and adopt EPAs. If there are any constraints, educators and institutions must look at alternatives. Hopefully the pandemic can be over and less restrictions [#meded](#)



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T2 Several commentaries and articles support the notion of shortening medical school <https://t.co/Uzm6iYz7II> <https://t.co/a1Z0f8ZNMD> <https://t.co/8YZi65vrmY> [#MedEdChat](#)



Dr. Kirsten Brown [@DrKirtyBrown8](#) 8 hours ago

Happening now! Interesting and timely topic. [#MedEdChat](#)



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T2 The argument for shortening medical school also relates to the cost. Interesting blog post going into details about it.... <https://t.co/wsOMWhQN2r> [#MedEdChat](#)



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[@MedEdChat](#) [#mededchat](#) T2 Foundational courses are not discrete courses anymore. They are integrated with clinical sciences which might require access to hospital. They are integrated with clinical skills courses. Online classes can hamper social interactions, team learning activities [#meded](#)



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[@MedEdChat](#) Hi all! Sherine from Austin. Joining late... [#MedEdChat](#)



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[@MedEdChat](#) T1. The purpose of medical school is to introduce students to lifelong learning in the

science & the art of the practice of medicine. Its foundations are 3-fold: training of the

physician search for new knowledge care of the sick [#MedEdChat](#)



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[@ArjaSateesh](#) [@MedEdChat](#) T2 Excellent point. But...do you think this could be accomplished in 3 years or time variable education as opposed to 4 years? [#MedEdChat](#)



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[@MedEdChat](#) The current format strips students from appropriately discovering their interests and passion within medicine, which is a pity. [#mededchat](#)



Laura Rachal, MD [@lalouisianaise8 hours ago](#)

[@MedEdChat](#) Laura, med/peds gone med/peds infectious diseases [@UNC_ID](#) [#mededchat](#)



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[@MedEdChat](#) T2. We need to ask ourselves: 1. Should we allow competency-based promotions & flexibility around time-based graduation in [#MedEd](#) ? And/Or 2. Can we have an expedited path to medical school? Yes & Yes! [#MedEdChat](#) [#CBME](#) [#MedStudentTwitter](#) [#MedTwitter](#)



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[@Alliance4ClinEd](#) [@MedEdChat](#) [#mededchat](#) T2 I am not sure the idea behind 3-year MD. Even with 4 year program, graduates are not independent practitioners and they are required to do residency Versus the graduates can do independent practice from 6 and 7 yr programs. Just my opinion [#meded](#)



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[@DrSherineSalib](#) [@MedEdChat](#) T2 This brings up the question of the structure of med school. With competency based approaches the current structure could be altered. <https://t.co/5vAs8xS1wn> [#MedEdChat](#)



Laura Rachal, MD [@lalouisianaise](#) 8 hours ago

[@MedEdChat](#) To form diverse, independent, thoughtful physicians who are well-versed in the scientific method, psycho-social determinants of health, and clinical knowledge in order to take on the challenges of medicine as they stand today. [#mededchat](#) [#MedEd](#)



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[@MedEdChat](#) T3 we need much more focus on reasoning, communication skills, interpersonal skills, and health systems sciences...basic science important but less so than these areas IMHO [#mededchat](#)



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

[@Darcy_ID_doc](#) [@MedEdChat](#) T2 & T3....I agree with you, but at the same time should we be approaching this differently and consider information management? Why do we still make students memorize so much for an exam only to forget it a couple days later? Doesn't seem like a good way to teach. [#MedEdChat](#)



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Laura Rachal, MD [@lalouisianaise](#) 7 hours ago

[@MedEdChat](#) T2- there can and should be multiple pathways into medicine; however, if we make all medical education (6 year track) uni/medschool we would eliminate the diversity of candidates who have outside passions they wish to pursue (foreign languages, social sciences) [#mededchat](#)



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

[@MedEdChat](#) [#mededchat](#) T3 Still Medical Knowledge is important to an extent. When things can not be explained by the Evidence-based Medicine, still foundational sciences and medical knowledge play a role in clinical reasoning [#meded](#)



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[@MedEdChat](#) T4: it's an interesting idea to shorten training and narrow focus/ scope. Major downside would be it decreases ability to change course, discover passion, and keeps fields siloed [#mededchat](#)



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[@Darcy_ID_doc](#) [@MedEdChat](#) T4 Interesting point. [#MedEdChat](#)



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T4 There are pipeline programs at some schools. The EPAC initiative is one for peds. <https://t.co/g14aVdXRyi> [#MedEdChat](#)



Gary Beck Dallaghan [@GLBDallaghan](#) 7 hours ago

T4 [@bzmorgenstern](#) shared this article with me. Makes me think focusing more on assessing competence & progressing students based on that is more important than specialization so early. <https://t.co/oRjwTB1Ysz> [#MedEdChat](#)



Laura Rachal, MD [@lalouisianaise](#) 7 hours ago

[@MedEdChat](#) T3- AI=future of training- improving simulations into caring/speaking (Osces are cool, but costly).AI should not overtake clinical reasoning just like pneumonics don't teach you how to treat someone with SOB:good for the basics but you need clinical judgement to grow. [#mededchat](#)



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[@MedEdChat](#) Answer may vary. Students should have exposure to core clerkships since 'medicine' requires functioning as a team between specialties. And I don't think students would be thrilled to pay massive tuition for 6-8 years [#mededchat](#)



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[@MedEdChat](#) [#mededchat](#) T4 it might be good to have a wider vision rather than tubular vision from the beginning. Then later on we can have them specialize. we need more primary care physicians if we want to give preventive care, health for all and to reduce the healthcare disparities [#meded](#)



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Emily Mallin, MD [@DrEmilyMallin7 hours ago](#)

[@MedEdChat](#) Made it with 2 minutes to spare from Phoenix :) Thank you for this important and timely topic! Will read through the excellent prompts and ideas with enthusiasm! [#MedEdChat](#)



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[@MedEdChat](#) T4-BS/MD hybrid is common world-wide & an option we should offer more as a fast track. It should not take away spots from non-trad students who wish to pursue other interests or change career paths. Fast track UME might need more social science and prof develop classes.[#mededchat](#)



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Antonia Quinn DO [@dr_aquinn](#) 7 hours ago

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Antonia Quinn DO [@dr_aquinn](#) 6 hours ago

[@MedEdChat](#) T4. No we should not move to pre specialty schools. I knew I always wanted to be a doctor but the exposure in Med school allowed me to find the specialty I love. College students are too young! [#mededchat](#) [#meded](#)



Ian Pereira [@IanJPereira](#) 4 hours ago

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