

2022-03-24: Advocacy in Medical Education

Topic and Questions courtesy of Council on Medical Student Education in Pediatrics

The following links were shared during the chat:

- [Prevalence and Characteristics of Advocacy Curricula in U.S. Medical Schools - PubMed \(nih.gov\)](#)
- [Advocacy in action: Medical student reflections of an experiential curriculum - PubMed \(nih.gov\)](#)
- [Addressing Pervasive Homophobia in Medical Education — HMSR \(hmsreview.org\)](#)
- [From Identification to Advocacy: A Module for Teaching Social Determinants of Health | MedEdPORTAL](#)
- [Lived Experience and Patient Advocacy Module: Curriculum and Faculty Guide | MedEdPORTAL](#)
- [Becoming Active Bystanders and Advocates: Teaching Medical Students to Respond to Bias in the Clinical Setting | MedEdPORTAL](#)
- [Peak: Secrets from the New Science of Expertise: Ericsson, Anders, Pool, Robert: 9780544947221: Amazon.com: Books](#)



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TOPIC 1: How does your institution teach advocacy in its curriculum? #MedEdChat #meded



Sateesh Arja, M.B.B.S., MHPE, MSPH @ArjaSateesh8 hours ago

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



Alliance4ClinEd @Alliance4ClinEd8 hours ago

T1 This article evaluated courses from >140 med schools for advocacy courses. <https://t.co/5eU4TCTLac> #MedEdChat



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T1 While the @AcadMedJournal article identified primarily courses lasting an hour or so, this article describes a longitudinal advocacy in action #IntMed curriculum <https://t.co/xDtHONKeoV> #MedEdChat



Paul Haidet @myheroistrane8 hours ago

I think we need to be careful about how we define advocacy. While there is big A advocacy, all schools should be teaching students to understand the context, stories, fears, and hopes of the patients they serve, and to act in service of those. #MedEdChat



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T1 This example of advocacy was just posted by [@TripleThreat_MD](#) describing his own experience as an [#LGBTQ](#) med student...not something he learned in the classroom but through the hard knocks of life! <https://t.co/Kk5yRVFk4Y> [#MedEdChat](#)



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TOPIC 2: Is there a formal advocacy course for students, or is it woven into individual clerkships? Who is responsible for teaching advocacy? [#MedEdChat #meded](#)



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[@myheroistrane](#) I see where you're coming from, but how do you balance that with the pressures the health care system places on you to run patients in and out of the clinic like a drive-in fast food joint? [#MedEdChat](#)



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Tweeting this thread into tonight's [#mededchat](#). Great example of what advocacy looks like on the ground and what we have to endure to do it.



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TOPIC 3: Which advocacy issues are addressed in the curriculum (SDH, vaccine hesitancy, access to care)? [#MedEdChat](#) [#meded](#)



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[@DrZackaryBerger](#) No, but an egalitarian and respectful negotiation toward decisions that are truly shared. [#mededchat](#)



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[@myheroistrane](#) [@GIMaPreceptor](#) Given this approach to advocacy, is this something that can formally be taught? Or is it something that should be deliberately modeled as an informal way of teaching? [#MedEdChat](#)



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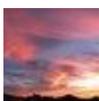
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Chris Peltier, MD, FAAP @cpeltier0077 hours ago

RT @MedEdChat: Welcome to the #MedEdChat (US) I am your moderator for the next hour @alliance4clined #MedEd Thanks again to @cpeltier007 from @COMSEPediatrics for tonight's topic & questions!



Paul Haidet @myheroistrane7 hours ago

@DrZackaryBerger Agree, and that's where the conversation should start. Too often with docs and patients, that's where it ends. #mededchat



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@GLBDallaghan @MedEdChat @myheroistrane Yes, seems logical to do so. I believe modelling the behaviours could impart confidence in students. It's better to see & do, than simply telling .. #MedEdChat



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 TOPIC 4: Why is it important to train medical students to be effective advocates? [#MedEdChat](#) [#meded](#)



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



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That's a wrap...I will post the #MedEdChat transcript tomorrow morning on <https://t.co/mJivoK9NyX>. Thanks everyone for participating! #meded



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Frank Cacace MD FACP [@GIMaPreceptor](#) [6 hours ago](#)

[@GLBDallaghan](#) [@myheroistrane](#) Thx [@myheroistrane](#) - thinking re [#mededchat](#) exchange, our UME/GME shop Think both/AND - we do formal int/ext advocacy (all/elective, respectively) exp's w curric anchors, AND make deliberate efforts 2role model during precepting/mentorship (jazz/improv (4Paul); +hidden curric)



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