Challenges of Medical Professionalism in China

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Abstract

The gap between campus medical professionalism education and hospital based education, is still there. Classroom education is more like traditional notion, focus on pure principles and individual virtue, but the clinical reality, organizational and hierarchical structure make the ideal of professionalism hidden, patient’s interest first is easily be compromised by many factors in modern medicine and hospital based context. A case about a 10-year experience doctor who did a great job resigned from a 3 level hospital will be shared. The students influenced by such case raised a question that such puzzles not be taught by professors. What kind of approaches to medical professionalism education can improve such situation have been discussed, and a special approach is taking effort, to help medical students to set up a “Professionalism Forum for Medical Students”. This is worth expecting.