

Walking in Their Shoes- My Journey as a Patient Searching for Equity

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Objectives

Describe

Describe at least 3 ways that the experience of a physician leaders as a patient is different than that of a non-patient physician leader



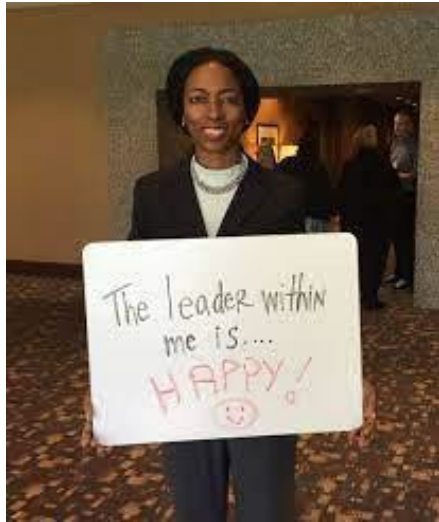
Articulate

Articulate at least 3 lessons learned from my experience on how to handle this “role reversal”



Commit

Commit to at least one positive thing to do this year based on your own experience and reflection




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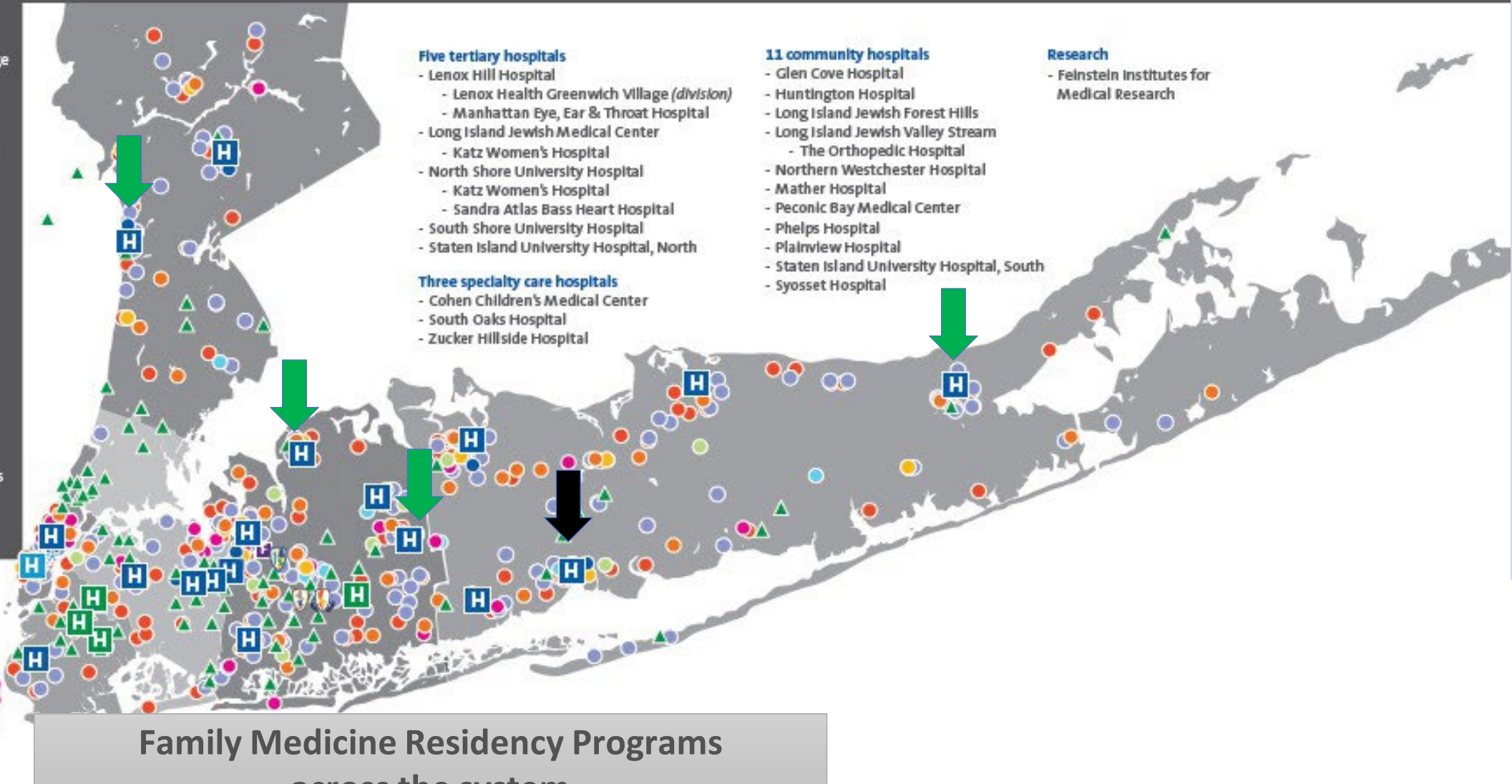


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- Lenox Health Greenwich Village (*division*)
- Manhattan Eye, Ear & Throat Hospital
- Long Island Jewish Medical Center
- Katz Women's Hospital
- North Shore University Hospital
- Katz Women's Hospital
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- South Shore University Hospital
- Staten Island University Hospital, North

Three specialty care hospitals

- Cohen Children's Medical Center
- South Oaks Hospital
- Zucker Hillside Hospital

11 community hospitals

- Glen Cove Hospital
- Huntington Hospital
- Long Island Jewish Forest Hills
- Long Island Jewish Valley Stream
- The Orthopedic Hospital
- Northern Westchester Hospital
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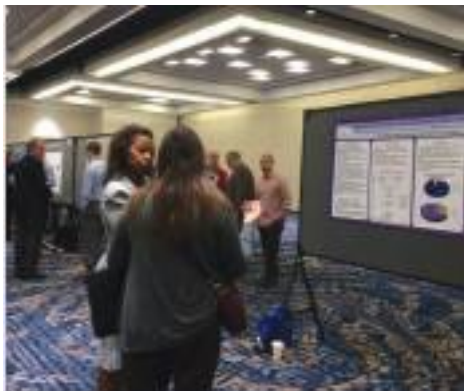
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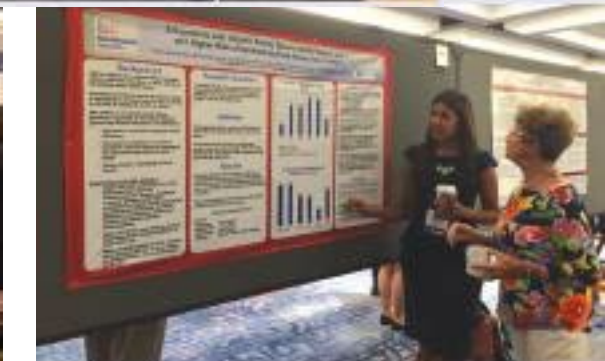
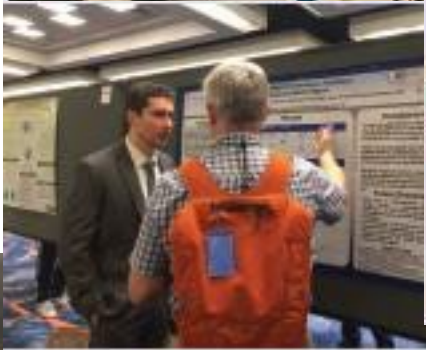
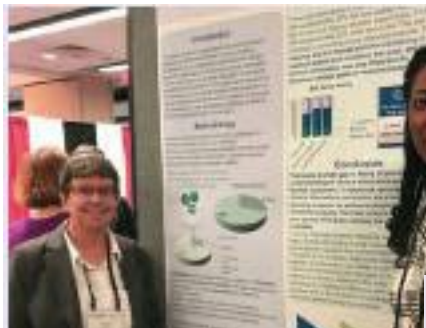
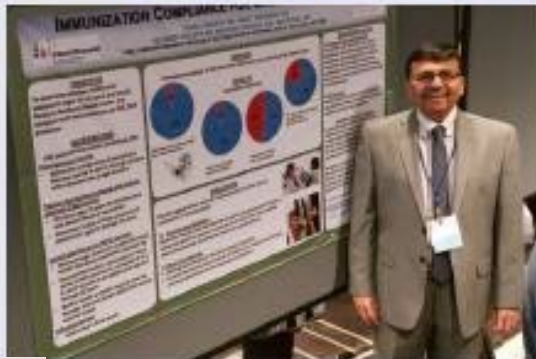


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The agitated patient: Steps to take, how to stay safe

The patient is agitated and not interested in answering my questions. He's begun pacing the room. How would you respond?

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CASE ▶ A 40-year-old man came to ... He had an acute illness that was mir ... was not interested in answering my ... physical exam. The more I tried to ... more agitated he became—pacin ... ing eye contact. I was uncomfort ... tion could quickly escalate if it v
Abstract
What steps would you take

The scene described ... but more recently, ... area was affected by

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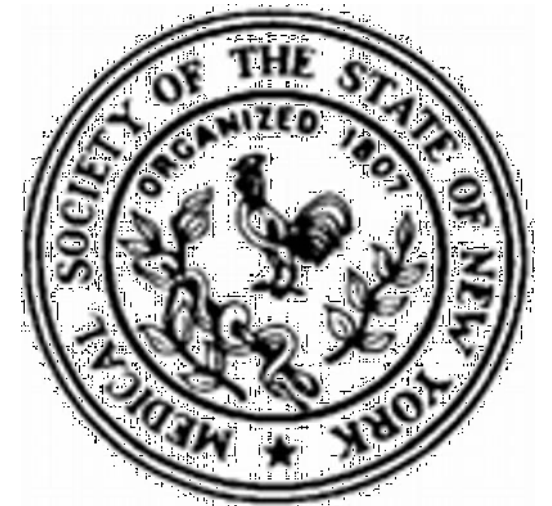
Glaucoma is the leading cause of irreversible vision loss in the United States, affecting 1.9% of individuals older than 40 years. The prevalence of the most common form, open-angle glaucoma, increases with age and is higher in non-Hispanic minorities. The progressive loss of peripheral vision in glaucoma often leads to difficulty with driving, particularly at night, and can increase the risk of falls and subsequent fractures. Although glaucoma usually is characterized by chronically elevated intraocular pressure, it is more accurately defined as an optic neuropathy. Typically, there are no warning signs or symptoms, and extensive and permanent optic nerve damage can occur before the patient is aware of visual field loss. A cup to disc ratio greater than 0.6 on ophthalmoscopy is suspicious for glaucoma, and visual field testing results show a characteristic peripheral loss. Medical and surgical treatments are aimed at decreasing intraocular pressure, and visual field testing production of aqueous humor and increasing its outflow. Drugs for glaucoma treatment include prostaglandin analogs, beta blockers, alpha-2-adrenergic agonists, and carbonic anhydrase inhibitors. Surgical or laser treatment is indicated if medical management is unsuccessful. Alternative therapies are less effective and have more adverse effects than standard treatments.

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Mapping Residency Global Health Experiences to the ACGME Family Medicine Milestones

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COVID-19 Event at Kindergartners at P.S. 41M

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A Fifth of COVID Patients With Diabetes Die Within 1 Month of Hospitalization

On February 18, 2021, Dr. Barbara Keber spoke with U.S. News & World Report about the effects the COVID-19 virus has had on individuals diagnosed with Diabetes. View full article [here](#).



Putting on the pounds during the pandemic a problem for some

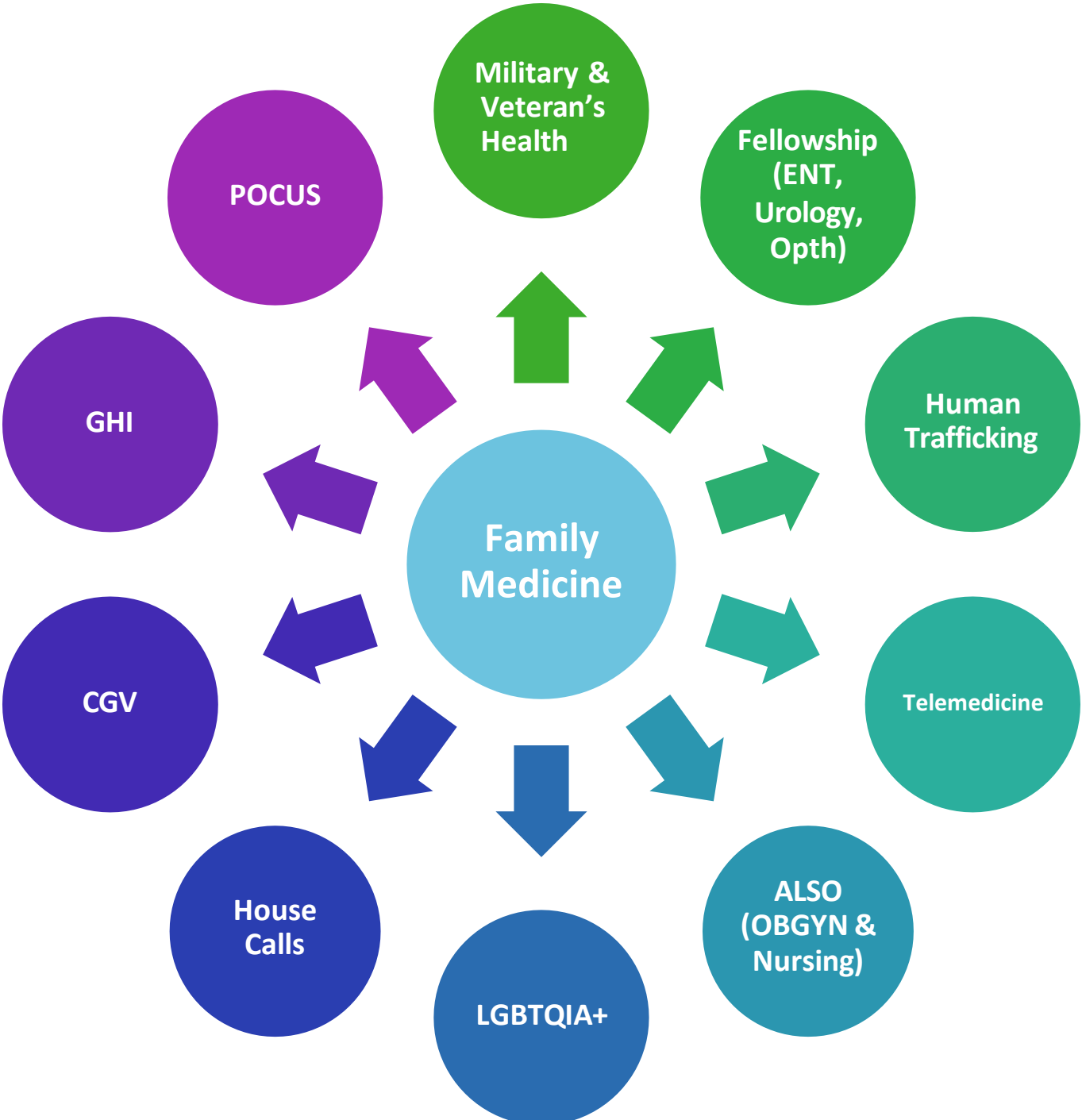
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Doctors Report Small Number of COVID-19 Patients Develop Severe Psychotic Symptoms—Here's What to Know

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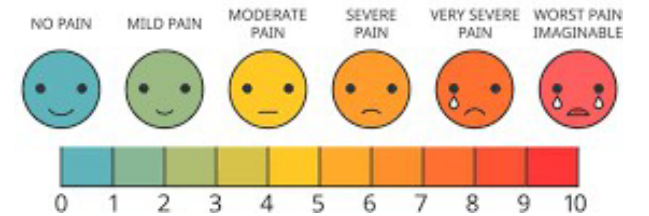
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PAIN MEASUREMENT SCALE



Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Treatment of Chronic Pain

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Abstract

Objective. To summarize the current literature on disparities in the treatment of chronic pain. **Methods.** We focused on studies conducted in the United States and published from 2000 and onward. Studies of cross-sectional, longitudinal, and interventional designs were included. **Results.** A review of the current literature revealed that an adverse association between non-White race and treatment of chronic pain is well supported. Studies have also shown that racial differences exist in the long-term monitoring for opioid misuse among patients suffering from chronic pain. In addition, a patient's sociodemographic profile appears to influence the relationship between chronic pain and quality of life. Results from interventional studies were mixed. **Conclusions.** Disparities exist within the treatment of chronic pain. Currently, it is unclear how to best combat these disparities. Further work is needed to understand why disparities exist and to identify points in patients' treatment when they are most vulnerable to unequal care. Such work will help guide the development and implementation of effective interventions.

Key words: Chronic Pain; Disparities; Opioids; Pain Management

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MEDICAL EDUCATION

Education to Identify and Combat Racial Bias in Pain Treatment

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Reducing racial bias in pain treatment is a laudable and feasible goal that requires attention to and management of health care professionals' self-concept; an interdisciplinary approach to research that bridges knowledge and expertise across multiple fields; and a medical education system primed to take advantage of its unique position at the heart of health care professional formation and development. This paper provides support for a more complex understanding of the social and psychological factors driving racial bias in medicine and pain treatment, presents evidence that reducing racial biases is possible, and considers medical education's role in doing so.

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Looking Beneath the Surface: Racial Bias in the Treatment and Management of Pain

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Research has consistently documented inequities in the quality of care experienced by Black patients, with negative downstream effects on patient outcomes. Chronic pain is an area where substantial racial and ethnic differences in the management and treatment of Black individuals' pain have been well-documented. While previous research posits that the patient-physician relationship is a primary mechanism for these disparities, little empirical research has examined this association. The study by Licciardone et al¹ aims to fill this gap in the evidence-base by evaluating whether the quality of the patient-physician relationship serves as a mediator between patient race and pain and physical function outcomes among adults with chronic low back pain. This cross-sectional study included 1177 Black and White adults recruited from the University of North Texas Health Center's Pain Registry for Epidemiological, Clinical, and Interventional Studies and Innovation from 2016 to 2021. The quality of the patient-physician relationship was assessed using 3 self-report measures, which were completed by the study participants at registry enrollment: participant's perception of physician communication was assessed with the Communication Behavior Questionnaire; perceived physician empathy was measured with the Consultation and Relational Empathy scale; and perceived satisfaction with medical care was assessed with the Patient Satisfaction Questionnaire. All were linearly transformed to create a score ranging from 0 to 100 to facilitate direct comparison of the measures. Intensity of chronic low back pain was measured as the average pain level over the 7 days prior to registry enrollment using a 0 (no pain) to 10 (worst pain) scale. The Roland-Morris Disability Questionnaire was also administered at registry enrollment to assess the perceived adverse impact of low back pain on physical function.

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Eliminating disparities in pain management

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Abstract

Not all patients are treated equally for their pain with some therefore being undertreated. It is the way physicians treat special populations of patients such as racial and ethnic substance abusers. All healthcare providers need to be aware of the not so obvious disparities resulting from stereotyping, bias, ageism, and socioeconomic status. Physicians can best provide appropriate and equal care by following pain management guidelines; however, they may receive contradictory information and be apprehensive to discuss pain with patients of color and offer some goals for removing inequality and disparities in settings.

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Half of white medical trainees believe such myths as black people have thicker skin or less sensitive nerve endings than white people. An expert looks at how false notions and hidden biases fuel inadequate treatment of minorities' pain.



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“Just shup up and take the lollipop.”



Are There Errors in Your Medical Records?

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Medical errors are the third-leading cause of death in the US, and the number of errors found more than 250,000 annually. The number of errors could be higher than 400,000 if we include medical billing errors.

Inaccurate medical records, for example, can lead to billing mistakes. Though electronic health records (EHRs) contain more information, mistakes still happen.

In the event of a medical error, it's important to know why the healthcare provider made a mistake and why the healthcare professional didn't catch it. A healthcare professional or their family files a claim to get compensation.

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Frequency and Types of Patient-Reported Errors in Electronic Health Record Ambulatory Care Notes

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Abstract

IMPORTANCE As health information transparency increases, patients more often seek their health information. More than 44 million patients in the US can now readily access their ambulatory visit notes online, and the practice is increasing abroad. Few studies have assessed documentation errors that patients identify in their notes and how these may inform patient engagement and safety.

OBJECTIVE To assess the frequency and types of errors identified by patients who read or heard about their ambulatory visit notes.

DESIGN, SETTING, AND PARTICIPANTS In this survey study, a total of 136 815 patients at 100 health care organizations with open notes, including 79 academic and community ambulatory care practices, received invitations to an online survey from June 5 to October 20, 2017. Patients who had at least 1 ambulatory note and had logged onto the portal at least once in the past 12 months were included. Data analysis was performed from July 3, 2018, to April 27, 2020.

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Negative Patient Descriptors: Documenting Racial Bias In The Electronic Health Record

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SECTIONS VIEW ARTICLE PERMISSIONS SHARE TOOLS

Abstract

Little is known about how racism and bias may be communicated in the medical record. This study used machine learning to analyze electronic health records (EHRs) from an urban academic medical center and to investigate whether providers' use of negative patient descriptors varied by patient race or ethnicity. We analyzed a sample of 40,113 history and

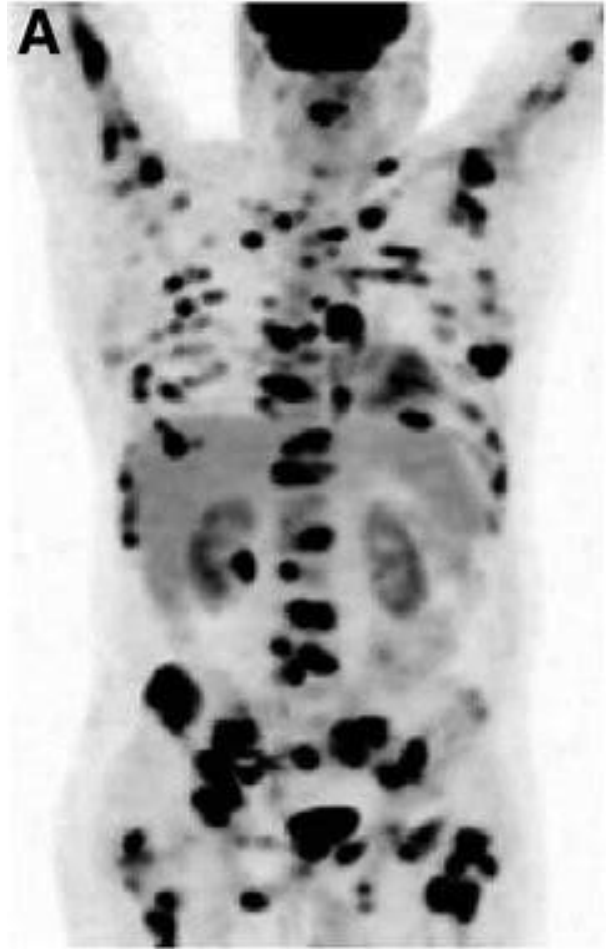
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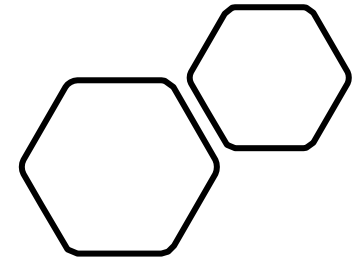


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Rethinking Resident Supervision to Improve Interprofessional Models

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[Inadequate supervision is a significant contributor to medical errors.](#)

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Effect of Increased Inpatient Attending Physician Supervision on Medical Errors, Patient Safety, and Resident Education: A Randomized Clinical Trial

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Balancing Supervision and Independence in Residency Training

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Case

Chad is in his first year of residency in emergency medicine. He is working a night shift when a woman brings in her four-year-old daughter suffering from a high fever and ear pain. Chad decides to give the girl ibuprofen, start her on a course of antibiotics, and keep her under observation. Over the next couple of



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Approach to Making a Differential for Altered Mental Status

Altered mental status

Neurologic

Stroke
Cerebral hypoxia
Cerebral hemorrhage
Seizure
Trauma
TBI
Tumor
Vasculitis/Encephalitis

Metabolic

Electrolyte disturbance
Uremia
Hepatic encephalopathy
Hypoglycemia
Hypercarbia
Vitamin deficiency
Thyroid disease

Infectious

UTI
Pneumonia
Sepsis
Meningitis
Encephalitis
Abscess

Toxic

Medications
Alcohol
Recreational drugs
Toxic ingestions

Other

Insomnia
HTN, PRES
Pain
Constipation
Delirium

The only exercise
some people get is
knee-jerk reactions,
jumping to
conclusions, and
rushing to
judgment!



Perspective: OOPS! Why do doctors make diagnostic errors?

By Charles A. Pilcher MD FACEP

[American Medical News](#) published an informative essay by Kevin B. O'Reilly on December 13, 2010, about errors in diagnosis and why doctors make them. According to Gordon Schiff, MD,

associate director of the Center for Patient Safety at the University of Chicago Medical Center, "The problem of diagnostic errors is a national movement." The article focused on "thinking errors" which are both refreshingly honest and depressingly true.

None of us is without error. We all make mistakes. We are not the "system," but most often we have only one chance to get it right. "What happened that I made that error for you?" is something about ourselves as physicians – a

But I'll get to that in a moment.

People Who Jump to Conclusions Show Other Kinds of Thinking Errors

Belief in conspiracy theories and overconfidence are two tendencies linked to hasty thinking

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Perspective Tackling Implicit Bias in Health Care

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IMPLICIT AND EXPLICIT BIASES ARE AMONG MANY FACTORS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO disparities in health and health care.¹ Explicit biases, the attitudes and assumptions that we acknowledge as part of our personal belief systems, can be assessed directly by means of self-report. Explicit, overtly racist, sexist, and homophobic attitudes often underpin discriminatory actions. Implicit biases, by contrast, are attitudes and beliefs about race, ethnicity, age, ability, gender, or other characteristics that operate outside our conscious awareness and can be measured only indirectly. Implicit biases surreptitiously influence judgment and can, without intent, contribute to discriminatory behavior.² A person can hold explicit egalitarian beliefs while harboring implicit attitudes and stereotypes that contradict their conscious beliefs.

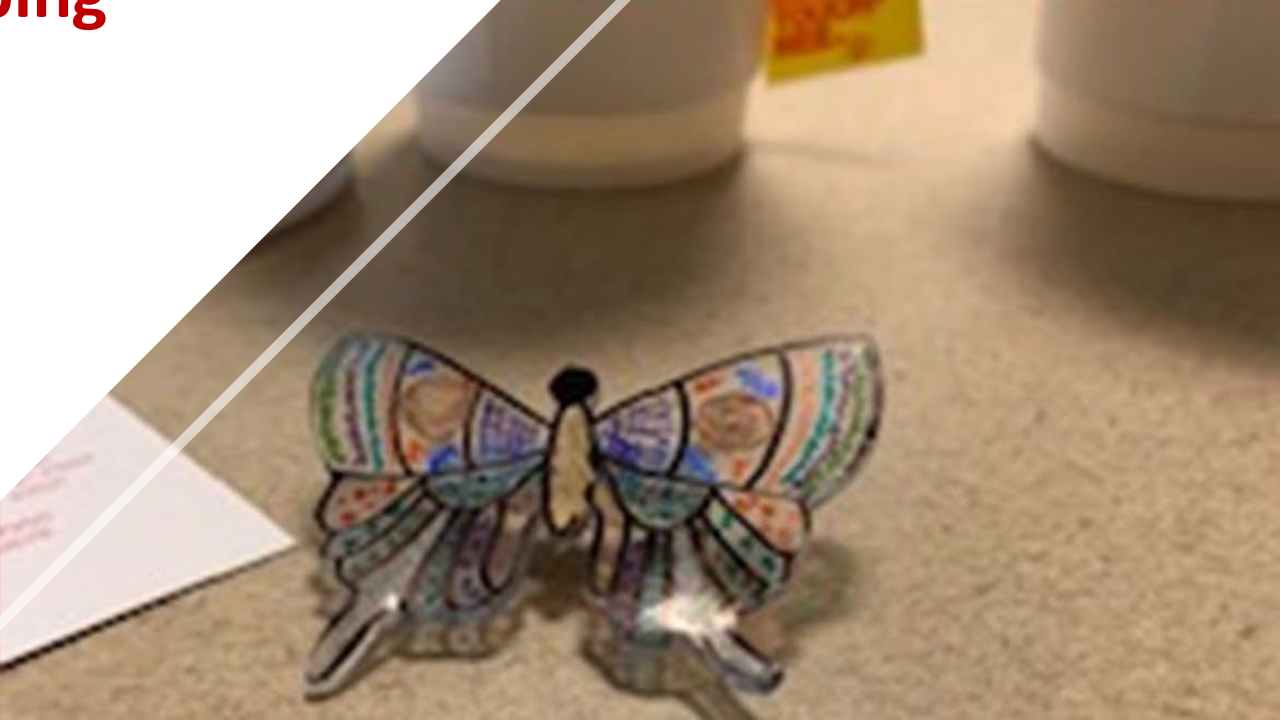


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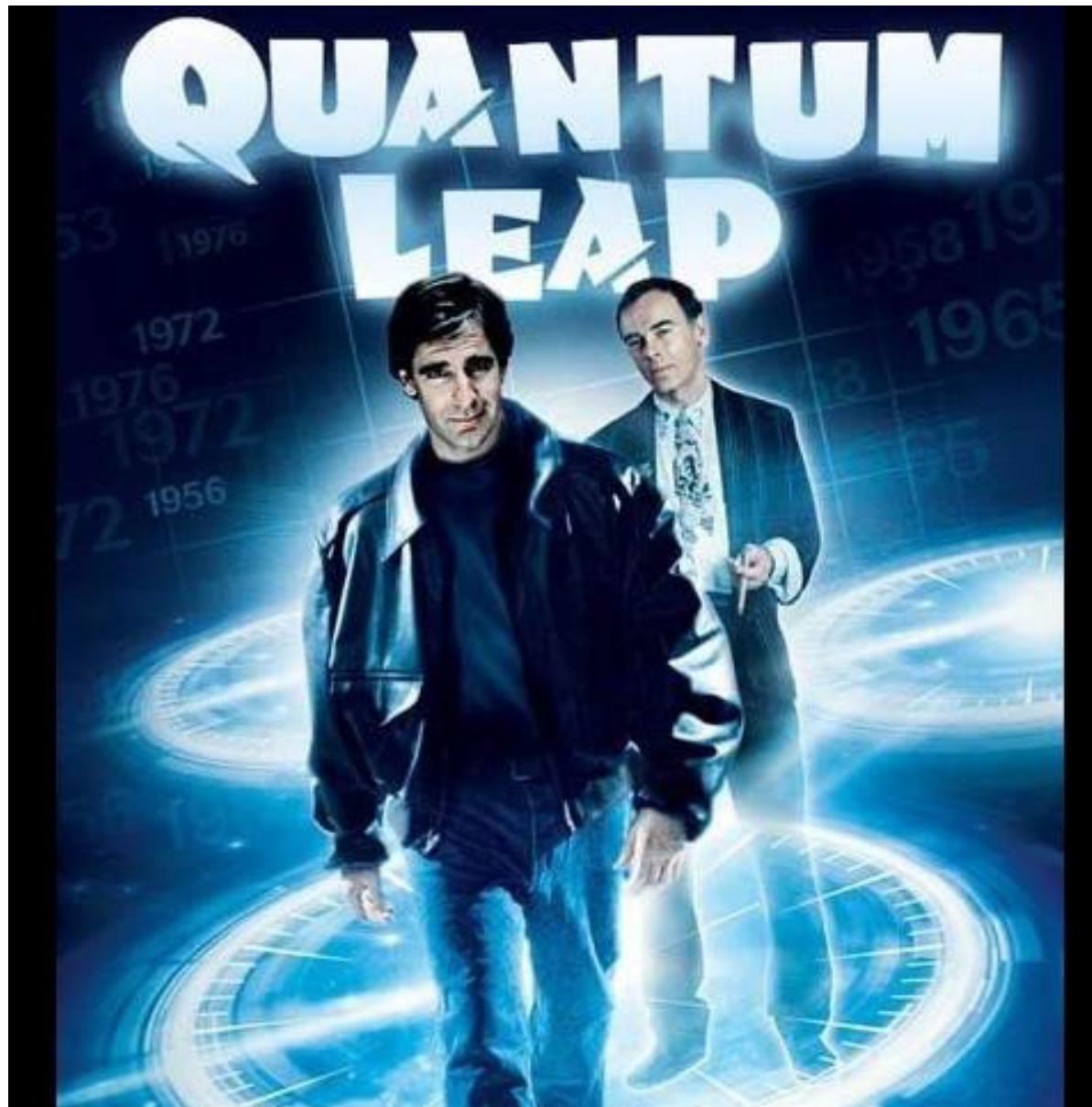
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Barriers to practicing patient advocacy in healthcare setting

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Abstract

Aim

To explore barriers to practicing patient advocacy in healthcare setting

Design

This study used a qualitative research design

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The importance of physician listening from the patients' perspective: enhancing diagnosis, healing, and the doctor-patient relationship

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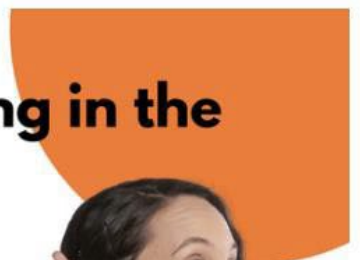
Methods: Fifty-eight patients of a primary care clinic were interviewed using a qualitative, interpretive design.

Results: Patients explained why they do not listen into three themes: (a) listening barriers, (b) listening facilitators, and (c) listening outcomes.

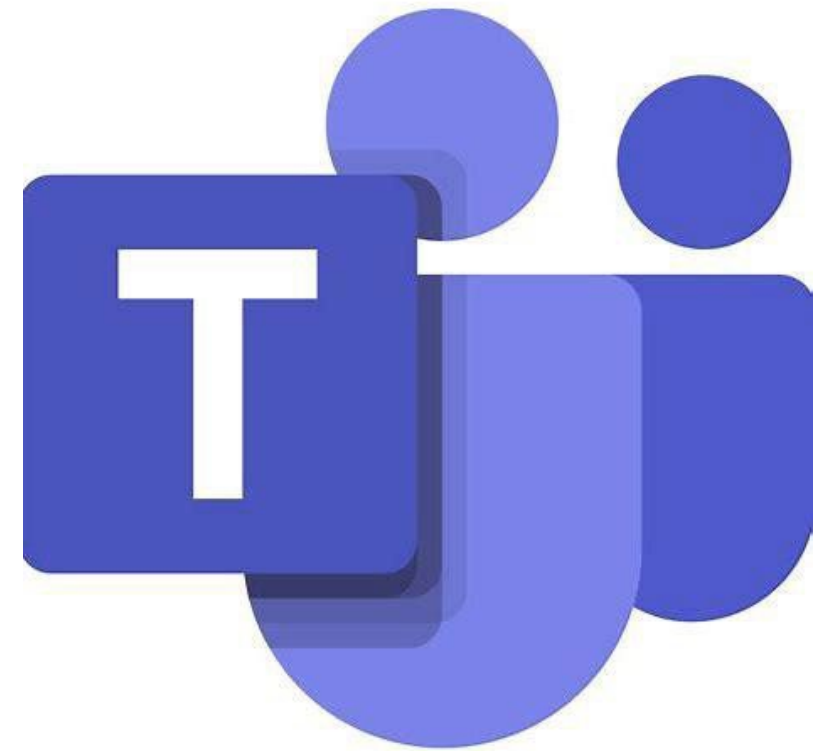
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Physician Heal Thyself

Well Physician Leader

- Position of authority
- EBM statistics rule
- Priority is the many
- Long term mindset
- Mind over matter
- Deadlines

Unwell Physician Leader

- Relinquishes some authority
- Statistics suck
- Priority is the few
- Short term mindset
- Matter fights mind
- Milestones

Lessons Learned



Use adversity to fulfill your mission

Have a succession plan

Delegate

Tell your story so others know they are not alone

Use your experiences to advance patient care!!!!!!

Be kind to yourself

You are unique – how you handle your situation depends on you

Continue to inspire others

Laugh often

What is YOUR
MISSION?

Commitment

What one positive thing will you do **this year** based on your own experience and reflection?





Thank You



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