Comments on Medical Students Fall Short on Blood Pressure Check Challenge

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Letter to Editor

Despite geopolitical and cultural differences between the eastern and the western, we do have the common problematic issue on the educational aspect of medical students. As a matter of fact, when medical students step into clinical teaching hospitals from previous tower of ivory, our education for them seems still stay in the student mode of education rather than the real workplace education, even if they do well in simulated patients training, but in the actual detection of patients are various, major of them will be very disappointing due to their incorrect performance. [1] Just like the situation mentioned in this article on the blood pressure check, which only unveiled the tip of the iceberg on current education of medical students.

Honestly, it’s not only a suspected movement in these light weight at the end of the status quo, and even some physicians and nurses during the measurement of blood pressure, often ignore some details of the elements. So, some medical survival in question, if it is a common phenomenon, and also always incorrectly is performed by the vast majority of students (i.e., blood pressure check). We are afraid that it was not the students’ problem, but our educators ourselves’ problem co-existing in the education mode and its target. “Living Practice” is a professional quality of education, when the patients’ basic data collection is incomplete the truth, diagnosis and treatment will offset its primary deviation. This is self-evident.

In addition, we also want to add different views on this article, on the standardization of blood pressure check, and correct operation, cardiovascular specialist and medical students as well, in fact, surgeons, nurses, are suitable for other physicians. Accordingly if teachers accidentally do something wrong, and how to ensure the students around us will not doing wrong.

Finally, we would like to point out that the medical students to implement blood pressure are faced with the challenge of work a deficit or our education also faces the potential same risks?! Solution is to be training trainees and the instructors should be taking patients-orient as a center, aiming to set up the ideas of the workplace education, in order to make medical students education into effect. It’s of crucial importance of this transformation on medical students’ education now and future.

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