

Medical Education Round

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30 Jan 2007 (Tuesday), 7.30am - 8.30am Auditorium, Clinical Research Centre, MD 11, Dean's Office, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, NUS

"Getting Students Into the Community"

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"A physician is obligated to consider more than a diseased organ, more even than the whole man – he must view the man in his world" – Dr Harvey Cushing-

Medical students need to learn to appreciate their patient's *context*. The traditional learning environment of lecture theatres and teaching hospitals offers few opportunities to understand the environment patients live in and how this may affect their disease risk, or the outcome of care prescribed for their condition. We describe two approaches to getting students immersed in their patients' environments: third-year students are exposed to real-life issues faced by patients with chronic illnesses and learn about patient-centred care as they conduct a longitudinal study of a hospital patient who has been discharged. They also participate in a Community Health Project in which they design, collect, analyse and present data on a health problem they identify themselves. This serves as a very effective medium for the students to apply concepts learnt in the classroom to a practical health issue, and to develop life skills in the course of their collaborative work.

Buffet Style Breakfast with freshly made hot waffles will be served All academic staff, medical, dental, allied health professionals, nurses and medical students are invited.

1 CME point will be accredited by SMC