



Medical Education Round

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Dental Auditorium, Level 4, Dental Centre
National University Hospital

“How open are Singaporeans to medical student teaching in outpatient settings? Study findings and its implications”

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Previous studies on patient acceptance of medical student teaching were from Western populations and in one setting only, with no prospective study ever comparing patient acceptability before and after an actual experience. A study funded by an NUS Centre for Development of Teaching and Learning (CDTL) Teaching Enhancement Grant was conducted to investigate patient acceptability of medical student teaching in our local private and public family practices and public hospital specialist outpatient clinics, and before and after an actual consultation with medical student teaching exposure. A pre-consultation cross-sectional patient survey in all three settings and a post consultation prospective patient survey after medical student teaching in the private family practice setting only were conducted. 4142 of 5123 patients participated in the cross-sectional survey (response rate = 80.9%) and 1235 of 1519 patients in the prospective cohort study (response rate = 81.3%). Patient factors and outpatient clinic settings associated with greater comfort with medical student teaching, and whether an actual exposure changed levels of patient acceptance will be presented. Study results will also be compared with studies from Western populations. Opportunities for the audience to discuss study findings and its implications on future local medical undergraduate training will be provided.

All academic staff, medical, dental, allied health professionals, nurses and medical students are invited.

1 CME point will be accredited by SMC

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*“The Central Mission of medical education is to improve the quality of health care delivered by doctors and we must never fail to remember the central role played by patients as the ultimate recipients of our skills—what doctors do, and how and when they do it, depends on the quality of medical education. We need to get it right”
(Bligh & Parsell 2000)*
