

# NUS-Priority Research In Medical Education

## Guiding Professional Behaviour Development: Multiple Perspectives Matter



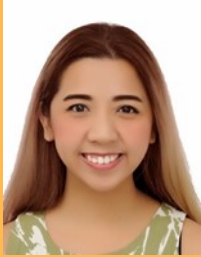
While medical students are focused on obtaining the core knowledge and skills needed to practice medicine, they must also develop as professionals. Students enter medical school with different life experiences and abilities. Providing behavioural expectations for students is key. For some, however, specific guidance on professionalism is needed. We have had a school-wide process for faculty to report unprofessional behaviour for over 20 years. More recently a similar process was introduced for simulated patients to describe concerning encounters. Our study addresses the variety of issues identified and supports the need for multiple perspectives to optimize professional development of learners.

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## Virtual Integrated Patient for Education



Virtual Integrated Patient (VIP) is a versatile educational tool that aims to allow doctors from as amateur as a year 1 medical student to professionals to practise their skills on. Studies using the VIP as an educational tool had showed that users' confidence had increased with the additional practice. The team has put together the platform of more than 20 diagnoses and an infinite amount of opportunities for users to experience. This tool's key features are the randomizable patients and how it is fully conversational with free text input. This safe, low-stakes environment will improve users' efficiency and confidence before they step into the clinics.

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**Date : 2 August 2021 (Monday)**  
**Time : 12.30pm - 1.30pm Singapore Time (30mins each)**

**Registration closes on 28 July 2021.**

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**Each Speaker:**

**20mins pre-recorded presentation +  
10mins 'Live' Q&A**

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