



BRAZILIAN SOCIETY OF FAMILY MEDICINE **INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

Dear friends and colleagues,

SOBAMFA (Brazilian Society of Family Medicine) has just reformulated the IFP – International Fellowship Program, with a new strong approach on the Humanistic Perspective of Medical Education.

The IFP is designed for medical students, residents (mostly family medicine residents), physicians and health professionals involved in Primary Care.

See all the details in <http://www.sobramfa.com.br/en/training>.

We recommend those two abstracts below (the whole paper is in Spanish), for better understanding our educational aims, and what candidates could learn at the IFP.

Best regards,

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Competence and humanism: Family Medicine seeking for excellence

Abstract

Which is the right way for family medicine to reach excellence and thus contribute for the “Health for All” proposal efficiently? Beyond systems and health policy there are the family doctors themselves, as human beings, and responsible for the systems’ outcomes. This papers focus on how to build the humanistic and competent doctor, and the authors set the main question in this issue: Is it possible to educate doctors in humanism and in competence? They review and make comments on some recent publications on the area, which portray an educational guide for educating doctors within these goals. There is a clear path for teaching empathy which results in professional competence. There is, as well, a challenging itinerary for fostering the generalist’s approach, including ways of being, ways of getting knowledge, and ways of perception, making decision and how to put all this into practice. Finally, they analyze one more paper which points out how the competent generalist makes the difference in the health systems. One more question remains, and those are the final comments: If there is a clear path for educating humanistic doctors, why is so difficult to go through? The answer comes within a philosophical perspective. To integrate all this knowledge and attitudes requires the doctors to incorporate them into their own lives. Is in this way, avoiding inner ruptures, living the real vocation for doctoring, and being divided no more, how they achieve a proper practice full of competence and humanism.

New Family Physician’s Competencies: Hospital Care Coordination and Home Care for Chronic Patients. A Brazilian Experience

Abstract

The medical technical progress brings broad possibilities for practicing although complexity comes along with it. The family doctor has nowadays a new and important role in coordinating care for inpatients and leading home visits in the midst of a health team. This paper features the family physician’s profile for taking this new role. SOBRAMFA’s experiences in training those doctors in their practice settings are described. They need communication skills, provide continuity of care, adapt themselves in a practical way to each situation, and they need to be wise in taking decisions. All those are virtues required for being efficiently in the hospital. Home visits are increasing as well, and the family doctors are required for leading the health teams, and coordinating care at patients’ home. For this, the physicians need to incorporate the family medicine core values. Logistics and systematic schedules for delivering care are needed for the new model of home visits. The family doctor’s new role bring satisfaction for patients and families, and get results for hospital and insurance companies since the model brings holistic approach for doctoring along with humanity, leadership in coordinating teams, and keep low costs.