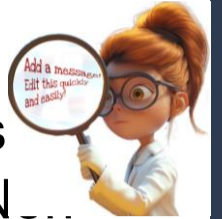


INTRODUCTION

- Professionalism is an ancient and respectable concept in medicine¹
- The key to Doctor-Patient relationship is public trust in the medical profession and as each physician has two roles- a healer & a professional, it is imperative that the medical students imbibe both in medicine^{2,3}
- Indian medical schools produce the largest number of doctors in the world & as per the CBME 2024 NMC guidelines these future IMGs need to be prepared for their Role as a Professional
- To elicit the medical entrant's perception to Professionalism in medical field and their experiences related to professionalism



- Exemplary medical professionalism** experience: reported by 73 % participants
Themes: Good Communication (Verbal/ Non-verbal), Composure, Courteous Behavior etc
- Highly medical unprofessional behavior**: reported by 90% participants: Themes: Bad behavior, Poor Communication skills, Dereliction of duty, Overtesting, Lack of empathy, Breach of Privacy, Negligence



E) Describe an encounter where you feel the Doctor showed exemplary Professionalism

The doctor would always reply & answer the calls everytime and answer in a very polite way even tho we asked him too many questions.

E) Describe an encounter where you feel the Doctor showed exemplary Professionalism

I had a similar experience wherein the doctor was ethical, calm and composed and talked patiently to my relative. The clinic was clean and made the patient feel very comfortable.

F) Describe an encounter where you feel the Doctor was highly UnProfessional

I had encountered a similar situation where the doctor talked a lot (mostly gossips) with the patient about the other stuff besides medical talk; making other serious patients wait and waste their time showing signs of unprofessionalism.

F) Describe an encounter where you feel the Doctor was highly UnProfessional

my grandfather was admitted & they were reading his ECG, and a junior resident comes in and goes "Bro, how is this man alive". In front of my grandfather. It was highly unprofessional immature.

F) Describe an encounter where you feel the Doctor was highly UnProfessional

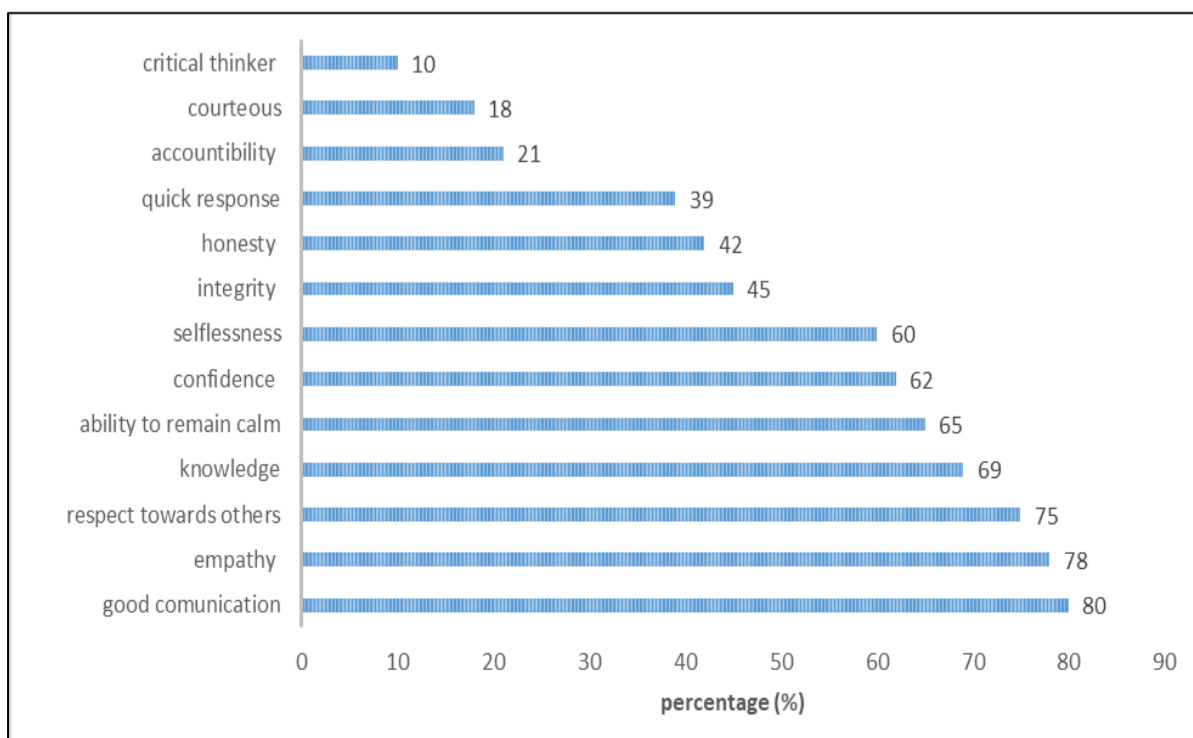
went to a dentist as a kid for tooth decay, started crying due to pain, and got slapped by him. Another doctor touched my friend (female) inappropriately during check up.

METHODOLOGY

- The new entrants to the MBBS course were administered an activity sheet during the session on Professionalism in the foundation course. (IEC approval obtained)
- It consisted of open-ended questions about self-perceived views on professionalism and experience sharing.
- A qualitative investigation (record based thematic analysis) including written responses from students was carried out.

results

Self perceived traits of Professionalism (n=180)



CONCLUSION

- The medical entrants had a reasonable concept clarity of professionalism which can be built upon.
- Past experiences significantly influence perceptions, thus understanding them equips us to develop educational practices to reinforce the positive & discourage the negative.
- The issues elicited in this study be addressed in order to raise a new generation of medical professionals who can navigate the complexities of their role as professionals.

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