

Cynicism in Medicine Questionnaire

Faculty cynicism

Most of the faculty at my medical school really don't care about their students.

Most of the faculty at my medical school are trying to do the best teaching job they can.⁺

The average faculty member looks down on medical students.

Most of the physicians at my medical school care more about making money than they do about their patients.

The average faculty member is mostly concerned with his/her own problems.

The average physician would willingly perform services "above and beyond the call of duty."⁺

Peer cynicism

Most of my peers are cynical.

Most of my peers have lost their idealism.

Classmate cynicism

Most of my classmates would cheat if they could get a better grade.

Most of my medical school classmates chose the medical profession so they could be of service to other people.⁺

Most of my medical school classmates chose the medical profession so they could make a lot of money.

Medical students become complainers as a result of competition for grades.

Institutional cynicism

When you get to know my medical school from the inside, you realize that it is a wonder it operates as well as it does.

The academic and ethical standards in my medical school are fair and sensible.⁺

* Medical students, residents and faculty each rated their present training and/or work environment on a Likert scale.

⁺Reverse score items.

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