

## MS1 DEBRIEFING “Early Clinical Experience”: SMALL GROUP FACILITATOR GUIDE

1<sup>st</sup> year medical students attended two mornings in the hospital setting in one of the following: Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Neurology, Newborn Nursery, Obstetrics, Psychiatry, Surgery.

The following is the essay assignment that students completed and can be used as springboard for the small group discussion. Students uploaded the assignment and were instructed to bring a hard copy or to be able to refer to it.

*Essay assignment (up to one page):*

- 1. Imagine you are an anthropologist (on Mars) visiting an indigenous culture for the first time and observing the habits and mores of the natives. Observe carefully the interactions in the clinical setting. What did you see and hear? What kinds of emotions did you notice in yourself, patients, and others? What surprised you about the clinical experience? What intrigued you? What do you want to explore further and know more about?*
  - 2. What did you notice about the role of cultural or ethnic backgrounds in the provision of health care? Health care issues include patient education, communication, adherence to treatment, and barriers to care.*
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- Welcome and Introductions (you will have about 10-15 students in your group)
- General Discussion (see description of student’s essay assignment above)**
  - What are 1 or 2 things you learned from your clinical experience that you think will be important to remember?
  - What inspired or touched you about the experience?
  - What surprised you?
  - What, if anything, troubled you or bothered you?
  - What did you notice about the role (if any) of cultural or ethnic background?
- Discussion of Specific Student Experiences (depending on time):
  - Have each student briefly share something memorable from their particular encounter
  - Engage class in commenting on each other’s experiences – e.g. after student shares experience, ask the adjacent student to make the first comment then open up for general discussion
  - How did this differ from your previous clinical exposure as a pre-med or otherwise?
- Optional: if you are interested and able to, you can email a comment to individual students about his/her essay assignment

You do not need to collect any forms/papers from the students

Thank you!