



Art and Science of Medicine Series for CRRIs

Workshop on

“Enhancing Clinical Care through Theatre Skills”

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Date: 21 April 2018

Time: 2.30PM to 4.00 PM

Venue: Conference Hall 3rd Floor

Background:

Patients often identify empathy skills, such as understanding, listening and honesty, as important traits in their primary care physicians. Improved empathy skills for doctors will mean that patients have better interactions with their doctors and are more satisfied with their care. There are some elements of theatre training that can be applied to medical training and can be useful for doctors trying to connect with patients. We have translated the skills of the stage to fit the doctor-patient dynamic, emphasizing the importance of both verbal and nonverbal cues.



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References

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