A medical student perspective...

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Excerpts from classmates…

- “I don’t believe there’s much wrong with the medical education system” … “Top notch.” … “I feel so prepared to approach complex medical problems”


- “Lack of hands-on experience.”

- “Clinical teaching [uneven].”

- “Not prepared to enter a broken healthcare system.” … “Healthcare policy missing”
What’s right?

- The culture
  - Patient-centered care
  - Humanism
  - Non-competitive environment
  - Multi-disciplinary approach

- The curriculum
  - Clinical correlation throughout basic sciences
  - Evidence-based medicine
  - Research opportunities
  - Medical ethics
  - Global health
What’s wrong?

- Cost
- “Real world” preparation
  - Healthcare policy/healthcare reform
  - Economics of medicine
- Clinical education
  - Teaching can be uneven
  - Heavy emphasis on testing
  - Evaluation not standardized
Potential changes...

- Address cost of education
  - Loan repayment programs
  - Increase grants
  - Provide incentives for primary care fields
- Improve clinical education
  - Reward great clinical teaching
  - Standardize evaluations
- Health policy/Health economics curriculum