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Group Reflection: Being Cognizant of the Dichotomy the White Coat Holds

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Reflections on Articles

As we continue throughout our second year of medical school, we are gaining our professional identity as physicians. Through many experiences, we are increasing our contact with patients, peers and administrations and developing how we want to interact with all three of those groups. As we integrate into healthcare settings, it is imperative that we learn how to manage conflict when it arises.

The white coat for many decades has been a visual sign that someone is a physician. As second year medical students, it is a way to show the world that we are physicians in training. It is also a sign of fear for many people since the doctor's office can have such unpleasant memories. As future physicians, we have to be cognizant of the dichotomy that the white coat holds.

