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Group Reflection: White Coat as a Symbol of Power Imbalance

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Reflections on Articles

Professional Identity Changes in M2:

- Our first exposure to seeing real patients in M2 is helping us develop our style of presenting ourselves to and talking with patients. In M2, we have to be much more independent in preparing for Step 1 and choosing which resources to use. Also, we are becoming mentors to the new first year students who are starting their medical careers and could use our advice and guidance.

Are White Coats Becoming Obsolete?

- White coats can be perceived as a symbol of power imbalance between a physician and patient. This may intimidate patients and perpetuate a sense of inequality. However, there has also been some studies released showing that patients favor white coats, as they contribute to greater comfort and confidence in their physicians' skill and knowledge base.

