

Relationship of Accuracy in Decision Making, Wisdom and Publication in Medicine

Unfortunately the mistakes are unavoidable in medicine and lucky are those whose mistakes can be counted. Physicians have to learn from their mistakes. It is much better to learn from mistakes made by others. The physicians should not hesitate to request for guidance from those colleagues/experts who are more experienced. Two brains are always better than one. It is always better to exhibit the courage of admitting the failure and telling the patient the truth. It is very important to note that knowledge (theory and skills) and character exist together in any human being, they create wisdom. The patients need a physician with sympathetic heart who can feel, rather a knowledgeable physician who can give a speech.

Arriving at the accurate diagnosis through thorough clinical examination and very few investigations is an art. Sadly, many physicians are not realizing that a proper history and detailed clinical examination are essential to advise and interpret the laboratory investigations.

On many occasions the physicians face problems; when serious disorders/diseases are discovered accidentally while routine medical checkup; when lesions found need no treatment except a careful follow up; when more than one pathology are identified. In such cases, the wise physician is the one who is both knowledgeable and moral. The wise physicians always avoid inexactness, are precise and accurate and are capable of performing the right procedures.

The able physicians always record their experiences (good and bad) and make them available to other physicians by publishing them. They also illustrate their opinion by quoting references of high level of evidence. The readers of the Annals of King Edward Medical University are encouraged to write their experience in the form of scientific paper and publish then in any medical journals.



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