What is global for medical students?

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Abstract

Medical students have a strong say on Mental Health globally. Mental Health still remains a neglected area of health worldwide. Although neuropsychiatric conditions constitute the highest cause of global disability, access to treatment is limited by the availability of services, affordability of services and treatment, and the stigma attached to mental health conditions. Medical students worldwide support their role as international advocates for mental health. This may be through undertaking overseas electives in psychiatry, championing the mental health needs of all patients in all clinical settings and involvement with mental health charities both at home and abroad. IFMSA considers the elimination of stigma towards neuropsychiatric disorders to be everybody’s business. Medical schools and student psychiatry societies must be instrumental in leading the way for their students by encouraging such activities.

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