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Developing a Questionnaire for Assessing Medical Professionalism in Virtual Environment: A Multistage Exploratory Study

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Abstract: In today's world, information communication and technology has brought both opportunities and challenges for medical education. One of these issues is professionalism in the virtual environment. The aim of this research was to determine and validate medical professionalism assessment questionnaire in the virtual environment. The study method was exploratory which was conducted in three stages. In the first stage, the initial draft of this questionnaire was prepared. In the second stage, by holding focused meetings with experts, the designed questionnaire was validated. Eventually, in the third stage, the final version of the questionnaire was presented based on the consensus of the executives. The results of the research suggested that information and computer literacy (Code 10), adhering to interpersonal and group professionalism (10 codes) in the virtual environment, obeying virtual rules and regulations (6 codes), professional commitment in virtual business (4 codes), caring for personal professionalism (7 codes) and healthcare professionalism (4 codes) constituted the six main areas of the medical professionalism assessment questionnaire in the virtual environment. It is concluded this questionnaire is a valid tool for evaluation .medical professionalism in the virtual environment.

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