

Activities of Center for the Study of Medical Humanities in Azienda Ospedaliera SS. Antonio e Biagio e Cesare Arrigo, Alessandria (Italy)

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Abstract

Introduction

The discipline of Medical Humanities is a section of medicine which includes the humanities (history of medicine, art, literature, anthropology, philosophy, religion, etc.) and their application to medical practice and learning. The poster aims to illustrate the main activities related to the disciplines of the Medical Humanities implemented by the Study Center and the Hospital.

Materials and Methods

Since 2019 the Center Study of Medical Humanities project group is working to improve the wellness of citizens and hospital patients. The main activities related to the disciplines of the Medical Humanities implemented by the Study Center and the Hospital are composed by a Narrative Medicine contest, the first online festival of Medical Humanities and a collaboration with an association of civic hacker to improve citizens health literacy.

The Narrative Medicine contest is open to write contributions, photos, draws and videos and everyone can participate. There are three categories: health care professionals, caregivers and patients.

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The Medical Humanities online festival was a four days event with guests talking together about narrative medicine, architecture, photography, law, history of medicine or communication.

Results

All the contributions of Medical Humanities festival and health literacy “pills” were uploaded on YouTube (up to 150 visualizations). The Narrative Medicine papers are growing and we have received over 30 contributions at the past edition and the “Words of Covid” page had over 2500 click at November 2020.

Discussion

These projects are growing in collaboration with many professionals (e.g. Italian Librarians Association, Eastern Piedmont University) and we need to enlarge the working group and improve the external collaborations.

Conclusion

Each Medical Humanities project has helped to increase the awareness of the operators and reduce the distance between the hospital, healthcare professionals and citizens. The feedback received from the public is supportive and encouraging, but... “That’s a long way to go”.

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