Keeping up with the Kardashians
Medical Education Literature

Do you find it challenging to balance staying current in the medical education literature with your many other responsibilities? Good news! There are resources to help! For example, DR MERL (Dependable Review of Medical Education Research Literature) is a collection of brief, digestible reviews of the latest research in medical education to help faculty to keep apprised of current trends. *Academic Medicine, Medical Education, and Teaching and Learning in Medicine* are a few of the medical education journals regularly reviewed by DR MERL. Check it out for yourself!

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Also, during our recent Education Day sessions, Dr. Bean referred to *Medical Teacher*’s Twelve Tips for Teaching Reflection at all Levels of Medical Education article. The “Twelve Tips” series is a regular Medical Teacher category intended to provide practical advice in the form of 12 short evidence-based medical education hints or tips grounded in the existing literature. Check out Ramani & Krakov’s (2012) 12 tips for giving effective feedback in the clinical environment:

1. Establish a respectful learning environment.
2. Communicate goals and objectives for feedback.
3. Base feedback on direct observation.
4. Make feedback timely and a regular occurrence.
5. Begin the session with the learner’s self-assessment.
6. Reinforce and correct observed behaviors.
7. Use specific, neutral language to focus on performance.
8. Confirm the learner’s understanding and facilitate acceptance.
10. Reflect on your feedback skills.
11. Create staff-development opportunities.
12. Make feedback part of institutional culture

Can you commit to focusing on developing one of these points over the next month?

Read the full article here or copy and paste the following link into your browser:
https://mfdp.med.harvard.edu/sites/default/files/files/2015/Mentoring/ResourcesForMentors/Twelve%20tips%20for%20giving%20feedback%20in%20clinical%20settings.pdf

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