

內容摘要:

By the time most of us meet our doctors, they' ve been in practice for a number of years. Often they seem aloof, uncaring, and hurried. Of course, they' re not all like that, and most didn't start out that way.

Here are voices of third-year students just as they begin to take on clinical responsibilities. Their words focus on the odd transition students face when they must deal with real people in real time and in real crises and when they must learn to put aside their emotions to make quick, accurate, and sensitive decisions. Their decisions aren' t always right, and the consequences can be life-altering— for all involved. Moving, disturbing, and candid, their true stories show us a side of the profession that few ever see, or could even imagine. They show, often painfully, how medical students grow up, right at the bedside.