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5+3 Medical Education, on Whose Terms?

Abstract

A brand new medical curricular program, called the 5+3 program which links undergraduate with postgraduate medical education together, has been implemented in China since 2015. In the 5+3 program, the 5-year undergraduate medical education and 3-year residency training curricula are based on standards issued by different governmental authorities. Since the residents who completed the 3-year residency training program will be awarded a master of medicine degree, it has become apparent that the current residency training curriculum should be revamped into an educational program containing detailed learning objectives, assessment requirements and education activities. Shantou University Medical College has developed a pediatric resident training program to meet the educational goals of the 5+3 program.