

Research Assessment #6

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Through the process of talking to Dr. Jagani in my third informational interview, the importance of psychology became incredibly prevalent to my topic of study. In "Social Psychology" from Britannica School, the importance of psychology in a society as a whole has helped me define that psychology is important to build proper relationships with medical patients and their families. In the article, social psychology is defined as "the scientific study of the behaviour of individuals in their social and cultural setting" (Social Psychology 1), which greatly resembles the way Dr. Jagani described the importance of speaking multiple languages to properly communicate with patients and build a relationship where the patient is comfortable because they can speak their own language. Social sensitivity, which is not clearly defined in the article, needs to be an important part of my study due to the fact that people from different cultures have different social perceptions and follow different social cues. By being aware of the traditions and the comfort levels of other would allow me to be successful in the medical field and help as many people as possible because they will comfortable around me; by speaking multiple languages, my patients would not feel judged but instead appreciated and important.

In the article, "Social Psychology" racial prejudice is highlighted in a paragraph because people change their actions based social and racial stereotypes to make themselves feel more comfortable in an unfamiliar setting. The actions of people with racial prejudice is important knowledge for a doctor to have to better shield their patient from that sort of behavior in the office. By reading this article, I was able to see that social cues and perceptions of social psychology apply not only to the medical field but also the writing field. Many forms of research writing pieces are meant for the benefit of the reader and by acknowledging the social research that has been completed and confirmed would allow them to prevent writing possibly offensive material in a research setting. Writers also have a major foundation in communication and without understanding social psychology, they can not properly communicate their purpose to their audience, which Ms. JoAnn Livingston addressed in her interview with me on September 16, 2017.

The article, "Social Psychology" also addressed mental disorders, which veers more to the side of the medical field. In my field of study, since I am studying general pediatrics and not a specific sect of the broad pediatric profession, the mental side of children's medicine would be a very important part of their everyday health. In order to properly help children, the doctor needs to be aware of the social actions and clues of patients with mental disorders to point their parents in the right direction of a specialist in the field of pediatric psychology. Through analyzing Britannica School's article, "Social Psychology", I was able to more specifically define the role of a general pediatrician in the psychology area through analyzing how patients would be able to receive help from a specialist and connect it back to the foundation of the field of pediatrics: communication.