

TALENT IN MEDICINE

The medical profession is not different from other workforce sharing with them all common interests, hobbies and talents. The majority of these activities are unrelated to medicine. Many are musicians, performers, artists, writers, critics, astronomers, photographers, etc not to mention their excellence in the world of sports. On the other hand there are also instances when the practice of these activities take the form of applied interpretation of what they know in human pathobiology and the concerned function. Thus some may be historians of clinical practice, clinical pharmacologists of locally used herbs, or clinical therapists of locally practiced folk medicine.

This section of the Bahrain Medical Bulletin will be devoted to "Talents in the Medical Profession" to show and exchange with others common interests and applied experience. Contributors are therefore welcomed to submit their presentation. This issue contains two poems, titled "Life Ephemeral" and "The Mantra".

The Chief Editor

Life Ephemeral

Life is always on the move,
One moment is different from the next,
Life seems rather on the run,
As if following a pre-written pattern!

Why be ruffled by happenings good or bad?
They are fickle and transitory, they will pass.
Things happen fast, but how? you know it not,
Now you are here, tomorrow you may be not!

Change, change, change we see everywhere,
Change is the Law that lasts and endures.
Nothing, just nothing ever stays the same,
What lasts unchanged just give it a name?

What about goodness, good deeds and the like?
Even after you are gone, they seem to abide.
Have you fragrance, sunshine and cheer to spread?
Be lavish and generous; time is little do your best!

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The Mantra

"What's the secret of your success?" someone asked,
"Interest in my subjects", I replied in quick breath.
Thinking it was a great answer better than hard work,
For hard work follows naturally, if interest is robust.

But there was "the mantra", another important reason,

Which everyone in the class should have very well known.
This “Mantra” a teacher gave the first day to the whole class,
Some of us grasped it though most let it pass.

This anatomy teacher, we called him Dr. C,
Dr. C told us in his very introductory speech,
To actively participate in activities of the class.
And then he left, God bless him and his Class!

There were two or three of us who sat in the front,
Always, without fail, we got our seats without argument.
Whenever a teacher asked a question, our hands went up,
We’ll rattle out the answer with energy and aplomb.

Within a few months most teachers knew us,
We were the good students among a hundred in the class.
Now we’ll raise our hands but the teacher won’t ask,
He wanted to give a chance to those at the back of the class.

But to keep raising our hands we had to go prepared,
Sitting in front also helped us concentrate and absorb.
Thus we participated actively whenever in class,
Our results and teachers encouraged us to stay on the top.

Friends now you know the “Mantra” Dr. C gave the class,
It’s called “Active Participation”, so simple and yet marvelous.
It changed our lives and brought out our best,
We gained a lot and our friends gained no less.

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