

Collaboration for the Future

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My art piece, titled *Collaboration for the Future*, is intended to convey several key ideas surrounding the competitive, sometimes hostile field of medicine. The variety of podium heights is meant to convey a sense of competition, and the glorification of overworking oneself. The stooped posture of the figures on the lower podiums symbolizes burnout as an effect of that same competitive culture. The colours are stark and sterile; however, the red circle in the background symbolizes the fact that promoting further collaboration between medical professionals could help decrease burnout and increase quality of patient care.

Collaboration and team work are emphasized in medical school, yet the medical field is often still felt to be an adversarial work environment. It's important for us to closely examine our own behavior and consciously create a culture of teamwork that will change the future of medicine for the better.

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