

Appendix 1

Issues discussed between clerks and their coaches

Career

Difficult clinical entities

Deceased patients

Feeling that a staff member does not like him or her

Difficulties performing rectal or vaginal examinations

Difficult to discuss or foul patients' characteristics

Help finding an interesting clerkship abroad

Unacceptable behaviour of staff members

Conflicts between physicians

Unpleasant clerks

Optimal behaviour during clerkships

Quitting clerkship