



Successful Clinical Teaching: CTF Conference 2026

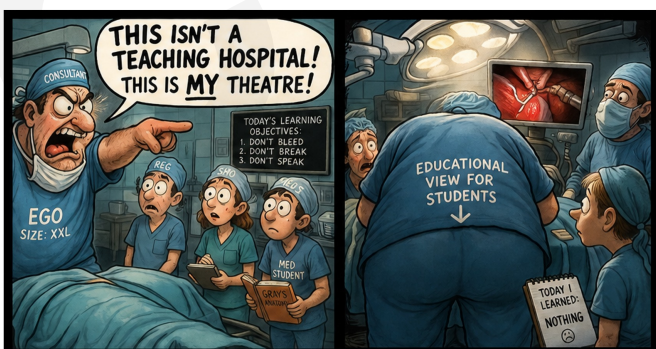
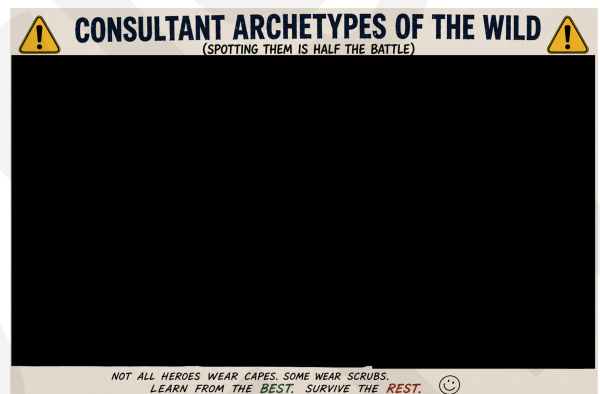
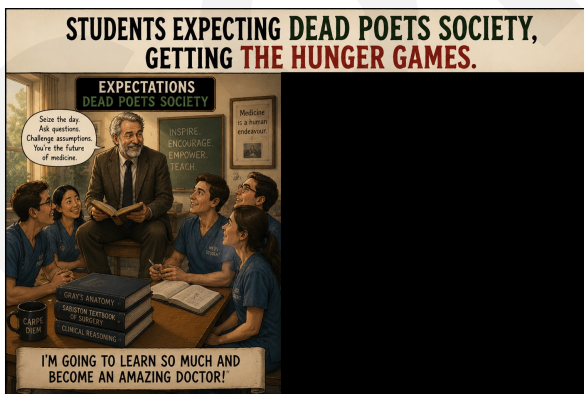
A few thoughts from
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Successful Clinical Teaching



- **Why Does It Matter?**
- Today's medical student = tomorrow's SHO = next year's registrar = future consultant
- Eventually the person operating on **you**
- **"Teach badly now, meet consequences later under general anaesthetic!"**





Educational Crimes Against Humanity...



- Ambush Questioning: name every branch of the brachial plexus...
- Public Humiliation: do they teach you any anatomy...
- Mystical Silence: 4 hours – no explanation...
- Trainee Baiting: go on, show us what you can do then...

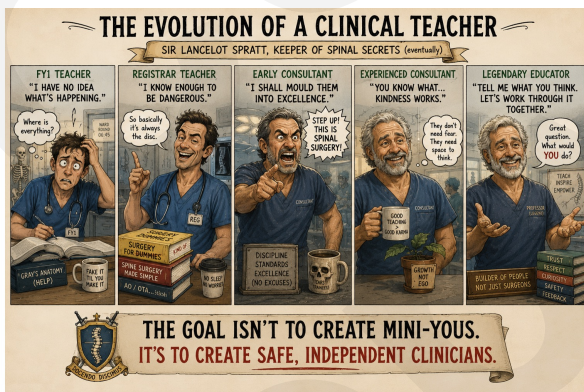
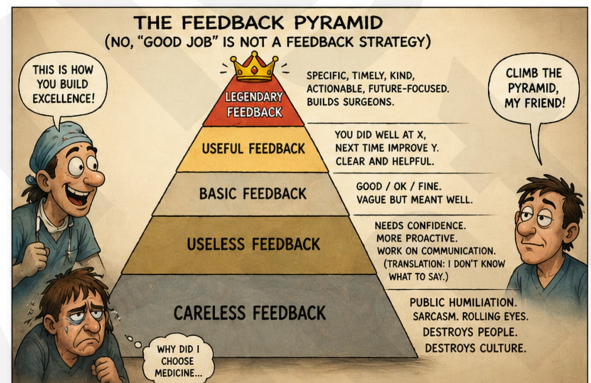
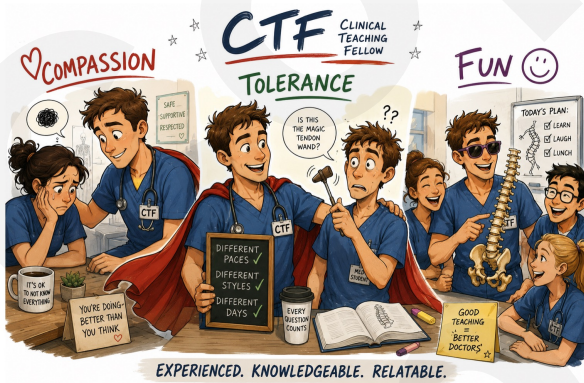
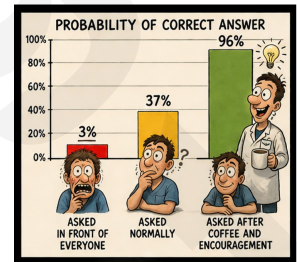


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- How?
 - **Knowledge**
 - **Experience**
 - **Compassion**
 - **Tolerance**
 - **Fun**
 - **Feedback**

- We all evolve...



Teach Clinical Skills WITH Patients! - Lessons Learned from Case 14

