SMALL GROUP SESSION ONE  
Week of August 15  
Autobiographies

Readings: “MD to be” (Appendix)  
POM1 Handbook introduction, section VIII (Small Group Functioning)

Brief outline: Get to know one another by sharing formative experiences in a relaxed setting

By the end of this session, your group should choose a student liaison (to meet with course directors over lunch once a semester to give feedback on the course), and your mentors should give you a role play to prepare for next week.

Preparation for next week:

Next week, you will observe your mentor(s) interviewing two patients in the hospital and will practice taking a history of present illness with each other.

Prepare by: Learning your role play (mentors should give you a role play to learn this week)

Readings: Chapter 3 in Coulehan and Block’s The Medical Interview  
POM Handbook introduction, sections IV (Course Overview) through XII (Universal Precautions)

Reminder: Wear your white coat and name badge next week, and look professional
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Objectives:

1. To get to know each other as individuals
2. To understand how our life experiences and beliefs have brought us to where we are now

Brief summary:

1. Meet in an informal setting – preferably over dinner at the home of one of your mentors.
2. Come prepared to give a brief talk about some life experiences that have shaped you.
3. After you have had dinner, each person should present a brief autobiography to the group.
4. Everyone should tell something of their life story, focusing on formative experiences.
5. Ask questions after each person speaks.
6. The first person to speak should be a mentor.

Ground rules:

1. Everything discussed here is confidential. Treat others’ disclosures with respect and discretion.
2. No one needs to tell any more than they are comfortable sharing.
Logistics:

1. Set a date at convocation (August 9) with a mentor, OR meet Monday, August 15 at 11:45 (after lectures) with a mentor to set a date and place for this session and get directions.

2. Be sure you have each other's phone numbers and e-mail by the end of this session.

3. **Choose one student as liaison.** This person will disseminate information among group members when needed and will provide feedback from the entire group to mentors and/or course directors. Once a semester, liaisons will meet with the course directors over (free) lunch to let us know how the course is going. Liaisons: PLEASE E-MAIL Robin Stevens (243-9635; e-mail robinstevens@virginia.edu) to be put on the liaison list.

4. **Mentors should give you a role play** to prepare for next week.

**Open door reminder:** Please talk to us anytime, whether you are a liaison or not, with any suggestions for the course. Our e-mail and numbers are:

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