

Setting standards: a qualitative study of doctors' views on good medical practice

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- *Good Medical Practice* GMC's core guidance to doctors
- Revised to reflect changes in society and profession with input from doctors and the public
- 'Partnership' was ambiguous, mostly desirable and feasible in principle, but challenging in practice
- Tensions between responsibilities to individual patients and to patients collectively, and management of these tensions varied
- Patient safety takes priority over protecting colleagues, but difficult to distinguish between inevitable imperfection and malpractice

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