

Seminar Series

Widening Access to Medicine: Potential Benefits and Challenges

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Over the last couple of decades there has been an impressive drive to improve the perceived fairness of medical selection at all career stages. Yet, even with legal, societal, ethical and financial imperatives for doing so, evidence suggests this drive has had a mixed impact, at best. In this talk Paul briefly describes and discusses the ethical and philosophical considerations that may be more effectively used to underpin policy in relation to widening access to university education, and particularly those that serve as a gateway to high status professions such as medicine.

Paul highlights some of the research evidence around attempts to increase and widen participation in British medicine, including the introduction of the UK Clinical Aptitude Test in 2006. Some of the challenges in defining and identifying 'Widening Participation' candidates are discussed. Finally, Paul describes how, only by completely changing our thinking and discourse around selection into medicine, will substantial progress be made in this area.

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Room 1.55, Ridley building 2**

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