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To Pimp or Not to Pimp: Today’s Socratic Method

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Socrates

I cannot teach anybody anything

I can only make them think
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- What is his method?
- The Socratic Method in medicine

- Socrates was not a pimp
- Method becomes madness
- Pimping in medicine

- Socrates & the Millennials
- The tender generation
- What exactly has changed?

- Our students
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I know you won’t believe me, but the highest form of human excellence is to question oneself and others

--Socrates
Saving the Socratic Method

• Teaching critical thinking

• Assessing learner development

• Empowering student decision-making

• Strengthening self-reflection
NO ONE IS WISER THAN Socrates FOR HE KNOWS THAT HE KNOWS NOTHING.

Oracle of Delphi
Summary

• In both didactic and clinical PA education the technique of asking an individual student a direct question in the presence of his or her peers is a valuable teaching tool
• Too often today’s students appear uncomfortable or defensive when questioned in front of others
• While “pimping” has at times been arguably abusive, we need not discontinue a valid teaching and learning technique because it has been misconstrued in the past
• It is simply time for a kinder and gentler Socratic engagement with students
• Preserving the benefit of the method while encouraging its evolution allows us to continue to utilize a powerful tool for teaching critical thinking to providers in training
Wisdom begins in wonder.

Socrates
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