

## Preparatory task for ScotGEM

Welcome to ScotGEM.

You already have lots of pre-existing ideas about Medicine, because Medicine is about people and you have been living with them, observing them, thinking about them in one way or another all of your life. Many of you will have had contact with medical professionals, doctors, nurses or other members of the allied health professionals. Something about these interactions has made **you** aspire to join the medical profession.

Professionalism is something we are all striving towards. It is easy to recognise professionalism when we see it in action but much more challenging to define the term.

Your **first ScotGEM task**:

**What does professionalism mean to me?**

Assignment Briefing: 300 words (+/- 10%)

Access your pre-existing knowledge and experiences and use this to form the basis of your written response to the question; "What does professionalism mean to me?" There is no requirement for references.

**In addition** Identify **THREE** keywords that for you, epitomise professionalism. List these words below your paragraph

We **don't** want you to:

- Conduct a literature search
- We don't even want you to use google
- We especially don't want you to worry about this task

We **do** want you to:

- Spend about an hour on the task
- Write from your personal viewpoint you may all have different ideas (we hope so!) but they will all be valid
- Submit the document as a pdf to [mmt2@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:mmt2@st-andrews.ac.uk) by Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 16.00
- Come along prepared to discuss your views on professionalism in a small group session facilitated by your Generalist Clinical Mentor (GCM) during Orientation week.
- Save an accessible, electronic copy of the file as this will be one of the first pieces of work we require you to upload to your professional portfolio (more about that in orientation week).