**Minimum Standards for Training**

Do standards improve patient care?

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The two greatest measures which people have taken — J Robert Oppenheimer, 1957.

Of all the many devices and operations in medicine, general practice is probably the one that still remains largely untouched by any standardization or any general policy. This is probably due in part to the use of standards to improve patient care. However, it is likely that standards will make a significant difference in the future, as they will help to ensure that all patients receive the same level of care.

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