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Title: Declining career preference for and image about the profession of youth health physician among Dutch medical students

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In accordance to your guidelines you receive herewith our manuscript titled ‘Declining career preference for and image about the profession of youth health physician among Dutch medical students’. The manuscript has not been published previously in print or electronic format nor is it under consideration by another publication or medium. Our study shows a declining preference for youth health care during medical school, although more youth health physicians are needed in health care for the coming years. Students do not get a better image of the profession during medical school, even with a clerkship experience in the field. We realise that Public health is practised in different ways across Europe, and a preference for a career in the Netherlands may not correlate directly with a similar preference elsewhere in Europe. Public Health care is considered of growing importance in the 21st century. Other countries, such as the UK, attempt to adapt their public health education, but struggle with the deliverance of it. It should be encouraged to carry out studies like this in other countries and extend them to a deeper level.

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