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Title: Pimping: A tradition of gendered disempowerment

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Dear Editor,

I think this is an important and timely topic.

As the authors argue, sexual harassment is a serious problem that requires systemic and sustained attention. AND, language matters.

This is not a research article nor a literature review. It is an opinion piece, and as such, no method is described. As an opinion piece it could be shorter with tighter arguments, or turned into a letter. If it was to be a literature review, then it requires a different approach.

Some readers will not be familiar with the term 'pimping" and others on principle would never use it for the reasons the authors outline. I was not familiar with the history and I don't think the history is necessary in making the key point of the paper.

Is there any evidence on how widespread the use of the term is? Regardless I agree with the authors conclusion that the term (and behaviour) is inappropriate and language does influence culture and vice versa.
The article states that Socratic questioning of philosophical inquiry was developed 1400 years before modern medicine - I think they mean 2400.

There is some work on how clinical teaching can be done during usual clinical time eg the "Teaching on the Run Programme" or Tsao C. One-minute preceptor model: Brief Description and Application in Psychiatric Education. Academic Psychiatry July 2010.


The author's argument that teaching adds additional burden to the busy clinician can be tackled as the authors suggest by learning to teach in a different and efficient, effective way that does not damage the learner nor burden the teacher.

The counter argument to the burden of teaching is the evidence that teaching enriches practice and a diverse career is sustaining. It can actually be one of the antidotes to burnout over time.

The arguments around sexual harassment are strong and reference 1 in particular, timely.
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