Pediatric clerkship reflections: Operation Homefront

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During the third-year pediatrics clinical rotation, medical students visit the home of a family with a child with a disability. This program, Operation Homefront, was started about 15 years ago by a parent advisory committee in order to promote physician sensitivity to the challenges of caring and accessing services for a child with disabilities. Students are hosted for 1-2 days and participate in the daily life of the family. All students are required to submit a 1-page open-ended written reflection about this experience as part of their clerkship grade. We will analyze reflections from one year of clerkship students, identifying key themes as well as how these reflections relate to selected competencies for pediatric clerkships as designated by the Council on Medical Student Education in Pediatrics (COMSEP).

Presentation