

Empowerment failure: how shortcomings in physician communication unwittingly undermine patient autonomy.

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[Shared decision-making](#) is a key aspect of [patient-centered care](#). This study employed a bioethical framework to assess shared decision-making in conversations between urology fellows and patients about how to treat early stage prostate cancer. The authors argue that well-intentioned physicians fail to empower patients and recommend communication training for postgraduate physicians that includes tools like [teach-back](#). A related editorial asserts that poor shared decision-making should be approached like other [adverse events](#)—examined with [root cause analysis](#) and treated as an opportunity for improvement.