Reflections for young neurologists

It is a privilege to be standing here before you and make some simple reflections.

Being a doctor is a privilege because it is the profession in which art and science come together as one, but also one in which the service to the society is implicit and the behavior of each and every one of us is public and will always be in constant vigilance by our society.

Being a doctor, and moreover being a Neurologist, implies serving as a researcher of the most astonishing organ that exists in the body. Every time we see a new patient we inquire, we look for evidence when exploring, we correlate in syndromes the symptoms and signs and we especially locate where the problem of the patient is, for then associating this location with the found semiology, and defining the most probable ethology and for avoiding errors by making a differential approach.

The Artificial Intelligence uses the algorithm as a method that will logically find the answer for the suffering that corresponds to the problem and to which treatment one would obtain the better outcome. This algorithm deduction has been used by Neurology practically since it was born. This is why Neurology is the most beautiful medical specialty, or at least that is how we who have decided to specialize in this area feel.

Young neurologists; each new generation must be better than the previous one; just as children must be better than their parents and students better than their teachers. It is up to you to spread into others the passion for this art, for this science. You will probably not be as rich as some businessmen, but you will never lack the work, you will never fall into boredom, you will never not have anything new to study and you will always have the chance to learn something new.
Perhaps many times you will feel worn out or tired and you will probably face failure and impotence, but be sure that with an honorable job, you will provide welfare to your family and in each consult you will have the opportunity to research what your patient suffers, of educating them and their family, of preventing them from other illnesses and of even charging for a dignified and fructiferous work.

I wish to you that success does not make you arrogant, that ambition does not make you petty and that power does not blind you. I wish that you serve the poor and the rich, the simple-hearted and the powerful, the unkempt and the well endowed and above all generic preferences, that you serve with the honest desire to serve and to give back wellbeing to those who are coming to you for support.

Be the very best to your possible extent, and know that there will always be someone next to us from which to learn and someone next to us for us to teach. Build a better country and better your surroundings, because even if there is a lot to do and not a lot of time to do so, however little or much we are able to achieve will surely make a difference in our country, a country that is in need of more education, better health services and more justice.

Perhaps our reach is small, but be sure that every little thing counts and whatever you do will make a great difference.

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