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Role-play – Openness

Openness means accommodating attitude or opinion, as in receptivity to new ideas, behaviors, cultures, peoples, environments, experiences, etc., different from the familiar, conventional, traditional, or one's own.

It does not only mean accepting people for who they are, but also for their beliefs and decisions.

This soft skill is very essential for a doctor who daily meets new patients with completely different Opinions, which might create conflicts in making decisions about the medical procedures.

Student 1 (Doctor):

A 15 years old Russian boy comes to you for a regular Checkup, after he has survived Leukemia at the Age of 10. The boy came to the appointment after his parents forced him to, because he feels completely healthy and think that the appointment is completely unnecessary.

Student 2 (Patient):

You are a 15 year old Russian cancer survivor, who came to visit the Doctor after his parents forced him to. Additionally, you think you are not a child anymore and feel embarrassed to go to a pediatricist.

- Tell the Doctor that you feel completely healthy and that this Appointment is a waste of your time.
- Ask the Doctor to Explain to you why you should visit him twice a year
- Explain to the Doctor how being a cancer survivor makes people treat you differently and how it has affected your life in a negative way.

Students 3-5:

- 1) How well did the doctor (Student 1) apply the soft skill in the Role-play?
- 2) Give suggestions on how he can improve himself.



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