let alone to work alongside them professionally in any significant way. Many of the structures and institutions that used to cross the divide to some extent, like community hospitals or shared postgraduate lecture courses, have vanished, often leaving the two sides with little knowledge of each other. As a result, hospital referrals from GPs have acquired the status of messages stuffed into bottles, and tossed onto the bureaucratic waves of large, impersonal institutions. The consequences for patients, in terms of shared knowledge and understanding among

their professional carers, have been disastrous.

My visit to Brown highlighted a number of things for me, including the value of democratic relationships between teachers and trainees, and of protected time for case based education. But the most important lesson was that there doesn't have to be a yawning and dysfunctional gulf between care in the community and hospital care, even in highly technological societies. We need to train young doctors so that they can see and care for the same patients in hospital

beds that they have seen across the desk in the GP surgery—and to have a constant sense that these are the same people, with the same needs, the same identities, and the same entitlement to respect.

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