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Relational Ethics & Asociality: Revisiting Authentic Engagement in Health Education



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Rising asociality among youth is reshaping how learners enter health professions education, often with fewer practiced habits of sustained, reciprocal engagement with other humans. Health ethics theory reminds us that authentic engagement supports attentiveness, trust, shared understanding, and accountable responsiveness. When engagement becomes thin, avoidant, or performative, identity formation may drift toward role performance over relational presence, increasing the risk of missed cues, weakened dialogue, and moral disengagement in care. This presentation examines the resulting ethical concerns and considers early directions for educational and practice responses across diverse health professions contexts.

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