

Supplementary table 1 : Mean scores of PAS in CSAS

Statement Number	CSAS statements	PY1	PY2	PY3	PY4	Interns
1	In order to be a good doctor, I must have good communication skills	23.77	31.54	32.69	34.08	31.46
4	Developing my communication skills is just as important as developing my knowledge of medicine	24.31	30.23	32.38	33.31	31.46
5	Learning communication skills has helped or will help me respect patients	26.54	29.85	32.46	33.23	30.62
7	Learning communication skills is interesting	28.15	28.54	26.08	28.00	29.77
9	Learning communication skills has helped or will help facilitate my team-working skills.	26.08	30.46	32.54	33.38	30.69
10	Learning communication skills has improved my ability to communicate with patients.	28.92	28.46	32.46	32.54	30.08
12	Learning communication skills is fun.	28.77	28.23	14.08	26.69	29.00
14	Learning communication skills has helped or will help me respect my colleagues.	29.00	32.62	32.08	33.62	31.23
16	Learning communication skills has helped or will help me recognize the patients' rights regarding confidentiality and informed consent	28.46	32.85	32.46	33.23	30.92
18	After I was accepted and enrolled in medical school, I thought it was a really good idea to learn communication skills	29.08	29.46	13.38	28.15	30.46
21	I think it's really useful to learn communication skills in the medical degree	32.08	31.38	26.92	33.15	31.38
23	Learning communication skills is applicable to learning medicine	29.54	30.46	26.00	33.00	31.15
25	Learning communication skills is important because my ability to communicate is a lifelong skill	27.77	30.69	32.69	33.62	31.38

Numbers represent average scores for PAS

PAS: Positive attitude statements; CSAS: Communication skills attitude scale