Poster 18: Education
Perception of health of those with chronic conditions as perceived by first year students in medicine, nursing, pharmacy, occupational therapy, and physical therapy compared to actual patient perception of health

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All first year students in medicine, pharmacy, nursing, occupational therapy and physical therapy at a Northeastern urban health science university participate in a two-year interprofessional education curriculum where teams of students meet with community dwelling individuals with chronic health conditions. During the orientation for this program, students (525) were asked to complete the “Perceptions of Patients Health Scale” developed by Diamond et al. There are four subscales: control, self-awareness of health, certainty about health information obtained, and importance of health. Comparison of the scores on subscales by discipline and sex, and normative patient subscale scores are presented.