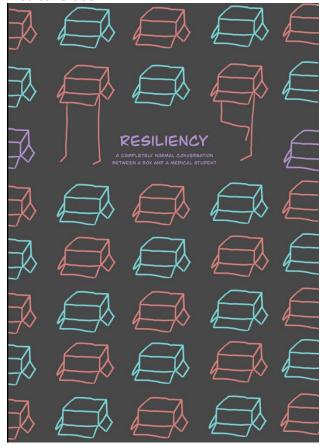


**A Completely Normal Conversation With a Box** Beck Regan

# Abstract

Health professional students often attend lectures equating resiliency with self-care. While self-care is vital, this graphic series suggests a dialectical tension between resiliency (as self-care) and resiliency (as group action or solidarity) and considers how actualizing and mobilizing "wellness" really is done in health professions education.

Figure. Detail from Resiliency: A Completely Normal Conversation Between a Box and a Medical Student



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# Caption

This comic considers how actualizing and mobilizing "wellness" really is done in health professions education. Health professional students often attend lectures equating resiliency with self-care. In many medical schools, students formally are coached in wellness but are actually still required to behave in ways that undermine their wellness. 1,2 Such norms in medical education also spill over to health professions educational norms more broadly. While self-care is vital, this graphic series suggests a dialectical tension between resiliency that comes from self-care and resiliency that can be generated from group action or solidarity forged in interprofessional learning.

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