Too Smart to Fail: Guide for the Struggling Medical Student

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Abstract
Medicine is a vocation of perpetual independent learning; long-term success is critically dependent on finding the right resources and establishing effective study methods and test-taking strategies. Students who struggle with the academic transition in medical school have common risk factors and characteristics. We highlight key resources that are available for struggling medical students with an emphasis on West Virginia’s HELP, ASPIRE, and STAT programs.

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I feel like I'm struggling way too much to be doing so poorly. Granted maybe I'm not working that hard and I simply think I am? I feel like I'm not up to par with some fellow premeds, some of my friends have 3.9+ and SEEM (key word, since I'm not around them all day) to be working a lot less than me in terms of time and effort exerted. You're smart enough because it's all about work ethic and will power. Don't turn to SDN for validation of your ability to complete medical school because you will find a great deal of neurotic people on these forums. That's what the MCAT is a good predictor for. Simply work hard and take things one step at a time.