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For a Successful Interdisciplinary Team: Interviewing Other Professionals About Their Professional Socialization

To compensate for the gaps in professional education, team members can make concerted and systematic efforts to understand the socialization of other professionals through face-to-face discussions. The following questions can serve as a guide for efforts to obtain such an understanding. They may need to be adapted somewhat, depending on the professions involved.

- What is the structure and nature of their training?
- What is the primary focus of their code of ethics?
- What are the values that are most stressed in their training?
- What makes a good doctor or nurse or occupational therapist, etc.?
- What is most important to them in taking care of patients (or students, inmates, etc.) or in doing their job?
- How do they see their role in relation to clients?
- To what model of treatment do they subscribe?
- What accountability mechanisms are common? What is their relationship to any administrative or supervisory structure?

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