Plagiarism - common term and plagiarism among Medical students

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What is plagiarism?
a failure to provide a credit to a particular source (Merriam Webster, 2017)

an act of taking an idea, writing or conversation of someone else and presenting it as your own (https://en.wikipedia.org)

the use of another’s work, words, or ideas without providing a proper acknowledgement (Collins Dictionary, 2014)
The origin of plagiarism

The word “plagiarism” originates from the Latin word “kidnapper” (India Times, 2006)
Plagiarism in the past

- borrowing was considered a compliment

"Imitation is natural to man from childhood and the first things that he learns comes to him through imitation “ (Aristotle)

- 17th Century- the turning point
- 18th Century- plagiarism considered as an offence
Types of plagiarism

- The Word-for-Word Plagiarizing
- Original paraphrase
- Mosaic plagiarism (East, 2009 and Salleh et al, 2012)
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- Essays - required before taking the exam
- Plagiarism check- https://smallseotools.com/plagiarism-checker/
- Originality Report is Orange, 50% - 74% of the text matches something already in the Turnitin database.
- Yellow, 25% - 49% of the paper something already in the Turnitin database.
- A Green colored square- 0% - 24% of the text matches something already in the Turnitin database.
- Blue colored square means that less than 20 words of the text matches something already in the Turnitin database (transcript, x).
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Reasons for plagiarism

- the lack of own ideas
- the time pressure
- inability to make a difference between common knowledge and information leads to the stealing of someone else’s idea
- absence of instructions in academic writing
Ways of avoiding plagiarism

- Instructions in academic writing
  - Proper citing
  - Proper attribution of the “taken ideas”
  - Include the reference list of works cited at the end of the research paper (Gu and Brooks, 2008).

- Negative effects of plagiarism
  - Legal and professional consequences
  - Money penalty
  - Devastation of one’s academic career (Mackey, 2015)
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