The physician of the future
Le medecin du futur

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smartphone underscores the growing impact of technology on medical practice. The map over her shoulders portends the impact of worsening planetary health, the challenges of globalization, and the weight that is being placed upon her shoulders. The clouds represent the uncertainty of the future. Lastly, the creation of this image using generative artificial intelligence, a controversial technology, foreshadows the controversy that the CanMEDS 2025 project may create as it attempts to define the competencies needed by future physicians.

Media

"The physician of the future" was created by the generative artificial intelligence software Midjourney. The subject is fictional and does not depict a real person.

Artist statement

This piece is inspired by the emerging concepts identified as key influences for the CanMEDS 2025 update.[1] The "physician of the future" is a young female of ambiguous race, embracing the increasing diversity of the medical profession. Her mask represents the longstanding impact of COVID on current and future physicians. Her focus on her

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