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distributed across severity categories for most vignettes. There were no significant

differences in the responses of trainees versus faculty for any of the vignettes except two. Conclusion: There is little consensus for determining the severity of unprofessional behaviors among faculty and trainees at one urban university training program. However, this lack of consensus does not appear to have a generational basis. Attributing difficulties in teaching and assessing professionalism cannot be blamed on differences between the generations.

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Notes

^aBased on Fisher's Exact test.

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