Perceived Barriers to Medicine in Boston URiM* High School Students

**Study Group**

Demographics: Grade Distribution
- 9th: 10.5%
- 10th: 26.3%
- 11th: 36.8%
- 12th: 26.3%

n=20 students

**Outcomes**

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**Potential Solutions**

- Access to URiM mentors
- Access to awareness of funding resources

**Potential Barriers**

- Limited access to current
- The cost of education
- The cost of test prep (MCAT, etc.)
- Learning in an environment with URiM mentors
- No early exposure to URiM

Student perception of Potential Barriers

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Improved URiM Recruitment Efforts

*Underrepresented in Medicine

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