

□ The Dogmatic Disciple

Doesn't practice medicine. He practices tradition.

This neurosurgeon doesn't ask if something works — he asks who taught it. He doesn't update — he preserves. Doesn't question — he recites. He believes that “how we've always done it” is the highest form of wisdom.

When faced with new evidence, he replies:

“We were doing this long before the papers.” When faced with innovation, he mutters: “Fads come and go. Technique is eternal.”

But what he calls “technique” is often just inertia dressed as wisdom.

He confuses loyalty with rigor. And repetition with mastery.

Where does it come from? From institutions that reward obedience. From mentors who equated tradition with truth. And from a deep need to feel anchored in a field that is always shifting. Rather than adapt, he doubled down. His identity is so wrapped in his method that challenging it feels like heresy.

What are the consequences? He resists improvements, delays adoption of safer practices, and dismisses younger colleagues who ask hard questions. He may still get results — but often at unnecessary cost. His students inherit not just his skills, but his rigidity.

Worse, he turns medicine from a science into a sect.

Dishonesty type: △ Systemically dishonest

Defends outdated practices as sacred truth. Blocks clinical progress by invoking legacy over logic.

Bottom line:

He doesn't read new data. He prays to old ones.

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