

## Response to: Importance of work–life balance among German medical students who wish to become gynecologists

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Thank you for your response [1] to our manuscript [2]. Indeed we agree with the dilemma of satisfaction with work–life balance. It is very interesting, that young students choose to be a gynecologist because of the expectation of having a work–life balance but then realize that this is not the case. I think this is the biggest problem, which we need to be concerned of and need to address in future. The question is—WHY does the expectation for a good work–life balance does not come true? Is it the amount of time, which needs to be spent at work? Is it the scarce opportunity for part-time work? Or is it the total number of “on duty”-calls? Or even the kind of work, that itself is not

what young professionals expected? Is it the heavy responsibilities in obstetrics and/or the amount of emergencies? We need to address all these questions in future to find a solution on how to improve the work–life balance and raise the attractiveness of the gynecologic profession. Otherwise I expect, we will not find committed young physicians who choose the profession of gynecology and obstetrics.

With best regards,  
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