You know, I think medical doctors should be required to complete communication skills courses. That way, they wouldn’t mess up by not listening to people. Docs can make lots of mistakes when they don’t know what’s going on. I think we can all agree that it would be good if you went to the doctor and felt like he was really listening.

Requiring medical doctors to take communication skills courses could greatly benefit their clients. When doctors do not take time to listen carefully, they may not fully understand what is bothering a patient. This could result in misdiagnosis and unnecessary complications. If doctors take time to learn careful listening skills, patients will be better served.