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I have recently read about a round-table discussion on “so called experts” – a frequent topic in environmental circles. Have to say that I do not fear so much half-way baked knowledge – even renowned experts are occasionally slipping to a closely related field where they are no expert at all. Or do you believe that a Nobel prize winner in physics has any primacy in ethics?

In the same vein, there is comment in [nature medicine](#) about Wikipedia – complaining that a 4th year medical student (“who is barely old enough to buy beer”) has such a large influence on medical writing at Wikipedia. As there doesn’t follow any details of his major errors or misunderstandings, I conclude that this comment is more about the beer drinking habits of the author Brandom Keim.

Anyway, there are quite interesting new sites by medical doctors like [Gantyd](#) (get a note from your doctor) with 3000 topic pages, 200 editors from 6 countries) or [Ask Dr. Wiki](#) (4 editors, clinical notes, pearls, ECGs, X-ray images and coronary angiograms) all worth a look.

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