Covid-19: Challenges Observed by Students in Pursuing Medical Education

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ABSTRACT

Background: Coronavirus is a pandemic started from 2019 and prevailed. As medical student it's essential to understand major problems observed in obtaining education virtually includes internet connectivity, technical issues, house chores, time management, lack of motivation and digital literacy. To some extent students and universities had fought against problems. This study aimed to observe the student's perception in getting quality education during outbreak.

Objective: Impact of Covid-19 on education of medical students.

Methods: A survey based cross sectional study is performed by students of DCOP, using e- Questionnaire has prepared on Google form and disseminated through social media including Facebook, WhatsApp medical educational groups, among students of MBBS, BDS, Pharm D & Biotechnology, data is collected & puts together in Microsoft Excel spreadsheet for its assessment.

Results: About 150 responses has been collected from medical students and the problem associated in pursuing education virtually has been evaluated. Our study on the effect of COVID to our student's education revealed some supportive, but also inhibitory factors. Students experienced 55.2% Internet Connectivity issue, 35.2% House chores issue, 39.2% Technical issue, 38.4% time management issue, 52.8% lack of motivation, & 12% digital literacy problem.

Conclusion: On this point, it's a valuable assessment recognized from medical students considering output of education and importance that medical schools should strengthen their teaching strategies in pandemic times.