

Correspondence

Research oriented medical education in India

Sir,

I read with interest the editorial article “Need for research oriented medical education in India”¹ outlining the lacuna of research oriented education in India.

I feel that though STS (short term studentship) by Indian Council of Medical Research and the DST’s KYPY (*kishor vaigyanik protsahan yojana*) are doing a lot for the cause, I believe that college and university management has to come forward to impart the research oriented medical education to students. Interest also needs to be inculcated in the minds of students for the same because most students consider research as a distraction and waste of time due to heavy burden of medical curriculum and high time input needed to crack post graduation medical entrance tests (PGMETs). A short research project

should be incorporated in the curriculum in the First part of third professionals when the students have relatively less burden. By including short research project as a component of internal assessment in subject like Preventive and Social Medicine, students will be definitely encouraged to do meaningful and productive research. This will certainly help nurture the budding scientists in raw minds and contribute a lot to the science in future.

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