

The Early Clinical Exposure Experience Motivates First Year MBBS Students: A Study

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ABSTRACT In the present setup, the traditional discipline- based curriculum with clinical exposure during the second year of study is being followed. However, the students found it difficult to recall important basic concepts during their clinical postings. One of the methods to improve the quality and usefulness of the basic sciences taught to medical students is early clinical exposure (ECE). Hence, the present observational study was carried out among 150 first MBBS students to sensitize them for a clinical set-up, to appreciate the finer aspect of human behavior while dealing with patients and motivate them to develop further interest in first year subjects. They were exposed to clinical wards in small group. A prevalidated questionnaire was administered to the students after clinical ward rounds. Feedback indicated that ECE was perceived positively by students and could provide a framework for integration of basic sciences with clinical subjects for the medical students.