

## Challenges to Medical Education Due to Covid-19 Pandemic

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**1. Teaching Learning:** As we all know that Covid-19 is transmissible disease, so all education systems including medical education have stopped the traditional teaching learning. Online or virtual learning gain importance because it helps in continuation of education as well as prevented transmission of the Covid. Though it has its own pros and cons, still it helped in continuation of the medical education. Virtual learning augmented all the three domains that are cognitive, affective and psychomotor. Psychomotor domain can be augmented up to know level only. Virtual learning cannot replace the traditional learning but it will be supplementary to each other. Now blended learning (traditional + virtual) concept has been emerged and well accepted by all.

**2. Examination:** Medical examination differs from all other education system examination. It includes testing of various practical as well as clinical skills of the students. But in this pandemic situation MUHS, Nashik has conducted successfully all UG & PG examination with almost standard level, by providing SOPs related to conduct of examination as well as SOPs related to Covid positive students. Here also technology helped as external examiners from outside states conducted by using various virtual platforms.

**3. Pressure from parents and peer groups:** In pandemic parents are under stress about their wards'

future and also having fear in mind of getting Covid infection. But parents and students have taken admission to the medical course voluntarily and such pandemic or epidemic situations are an integral part of medical education system. Government has also labelled medical students as warriors and we all know there is risk of death of a soldier in a war. So proper counselling of parents and peer groups can reduce the stress.

**4. Administrative issues:** All stakeholders related to the medical education have fear and stress related to their health. Counselling and proper precautions can help them to reduce their stress. With proper planning and implementation the administrative issues related to medical education can be dealt successfully.

**5. Conclusion:** Covid-19 is not only challenge to the medical education but also all aspect of human life. This pandemic had irreversible and permanent effect on the world and has taught new things to all the humanity. Medical education has also tackled all the challenges that has been faced during this pandemic.

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