AUGMENTATION OF COMMUNICATION SKILLS & ETHICAL VALUES IN MEDICAL CURRICULUM

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The health education is undergoing a revolutionary change across the country after almost two decades

It is in this process that , certain hidden curricula until date are being unravelled & it’s a process that is going to support in the effective moulding of Indian Medical Graduates, as per the norms laid down by the statutory body.

The communication skills expected from the doctor towards the patient , patient’s relatives & society , have, received less attention till recently. it was primarily learnt through observation . Observing the senior - professionals either ~~in~~ at the bedside clinic or Outpatient clinics was the mode employed for imbibing communication skills.

This sort of learning is like the tip of the iceberg . There are several less visited areas of expertise ,which need to discussed ~~,~~ and imparted to the medical students by us- the medical teachers .

As Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth or SBV, we are ever committed to following the statutory norms . Thus, we are committed to the implementation of the AETCOM module ,in letter, spirit and action. Attitude, Ethical values and Communication skills are integrated into the AETCOM model for the larger benefit of the medical students . Health profession is an interplay of Knowledge ,skill & attitude . Attitude involves change in behavior that includes communication & ethical values . it involves behavioral science , medical ethics & communication skills involving cognitive & affective domain . This will strike a harmonious balance between the academic knowledge & collate the five major roles of Indian medical graduates How to do this??AETCOM module is the answer for this …..it is a longitudinal program that spans from first year to final year , having 27 modules to be discussed in a period of 140 hours .

5modules in 34 hours –first phase , 8 modules -37 hours – second phase, 5 modules in 25 hours –third phase & 9 modules in 44 hours in final phase .

The AETCOM module is run through out the MBBS program right from from first to final year, in a seamless manner with more emphasis given to communication skills & ethical values .

SBV is always committed to both qualitative & quantitative educational mastery. This would signifythe fact that medical professionals should be moulded with a healthy mix of academics, patient care for which the attitude, ethical values and communication skills are absolutely essential.

The program will involve all the departments of the corresponding phase , the evaluation of the learner will be done by the faculty in charge of the module as per the designated protocol.

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