The Impact of Enquiry-Based Learning on Phase II MBBS students in Microbiology

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INTRODUCTION

- Learner-driven acquisition of knowledge
- Inquiry promotes self-directed learning
- Fosters higher level thinking through exploration

OBJECTIVE

To examine the impact of enquiry-based learning on student engagement, critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

METHODOLOGY

Type of study: Observational study.

Timeline: 3 months

Inclusion criteria: Phase II MBBS students Study Setting: Large & Small Groups in Classrooms

Sampling technique: Convenient

Results

	Pre test	Post test	P Value
Participants	42	42	
Mean	44.86	49.69	0.042
Variance	151.02	91.88	



"The greatest teacher is experience

Learner driven approach Feedback

...Higher confidence with enquiry skills is useful for my career"

"... Understanding limitations in my knowledge"

"...Increased interest and comfort level within my group"

Ethical Committee Clearance

Pre Test on Topic

Orientation to topic

Group discussion

Image 1-Question Framing



Image 3-Sharing with others

Questioning and conceptualisation

Investigation into the topic

Analysis to interpret the findings and conclusion

Sharing with others

Post test on Topic

Data Analysis

- . MCQs in Pre and post-test
- Paper-based anonymous Feedback and Reflections
- MS Excel & Google forms to collect &
- Student t/ Z test for p-value. (≤ 0.05 level of significance)

Hypothesis

generation

Image 2- Interpretation

Reflections

- Group working in coordination towards a common goal
- I will prioritise teamwork over individual participation
- Understanding of each person's strengths and weaknesses

Guided and Open-ended enquiry

Collaborative learning with peers helps understanding concepts

Discussion & Conclusions

- Moon, J. A. et al (2019): Complex task into simpler subtasks
- · Nadkarni, A. et al (2023): Greater engagement & clearer learning objectives

Present study (2024):

- Increased interest in inquisitive behaviour of learners
- Improved scores after the exercise
- · Promotion of a climate of curiosity

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