# The Medical Odyssey: Post-MBBS Career Insights

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# Pre and para-medical NEET PG seats to become more clinically oriented

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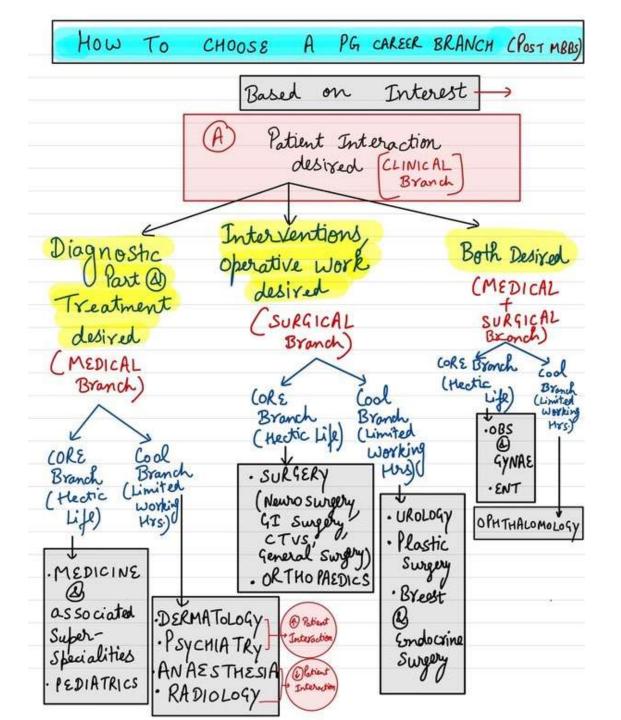


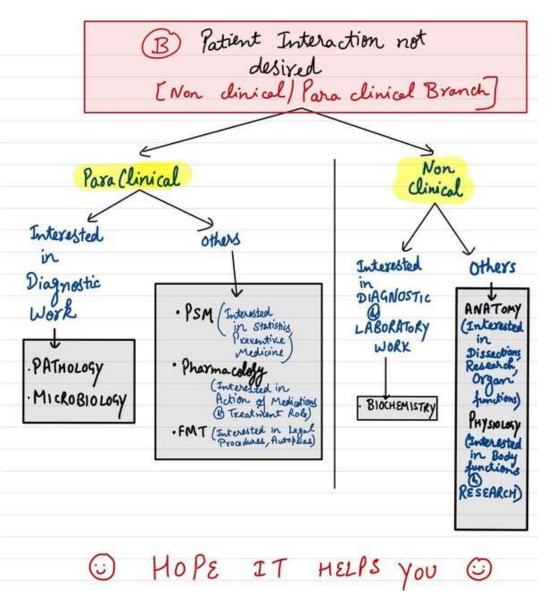
After five rounds of admission counselling, as many as 1,456 NEET PG seats have been lying vacant for the 2021 academic session. This was revealed by Bharati Pravin Pawar, Minister of State for Health in a written response to a query in Lok Sabha on whether the seats had remained vacant after exhausting all permissible rounds of counselling.

Lack of opportunities in terms of jobs and financial stability in certain pre and para medical specialisations causes disinterest among students, leading to the vacant seats. The Ministry of Health is taking proactive steps to bring these seats under the ambit of 'clinical' so that post completion of the degree, students become job ready.

#### Root cause

Clinical streams remain the favourite among NEET PG aspirants while certain pre and para-medical streams like Pharmacology, Anatomy, Physiology, Biochemistry, and Microbiology are not preferred, says Dr Abhinav Arun Sonkar, professor and head of surgery, King George's Medical University (KGMU), Lucknow. "These streams offer the opportunity only to become a faculty member or get into research. Unfortunately, both of these have lost their charm today," he says.





#### Overview





Academics

Research

Industry and organisations

Others roles







### Academics

Senior residents

Assistant Professor Associate Professor

**Professor** 

## Research

- In ICMR (Indian Council of Medical Research), CSIR (Council of Scientific & Industrial Research) as medical scientist
- In Clinical Research Organization (CRO)
- NGO's

#### Pharmaceutical industry

- Areas of clinical trials
- BA/BE studies
- Basic science research
- Product development R & D
- Marketing
- Pharmacovigilance
- Administration and finance



# Roles in Pharmaceutical industry

- Medical Advisor
- Drug safety physician
- Clinical trial coordinator
- Medical writing
- Clinical Research associate







Infection Disease Control/Prevention Specialist



Environmental microbiologist



Food quality assurance scientist



Food and cosmetics

Disease surveillance and epidemiology

Health promotion and education

# Public health

Environmental health

Public health policy and administration

#### Research associate

WHO – Field work

**Epidemiologist** 

Public health – state

Consultant

Practice



Hospitals, nursing homes and health centres

Government or private research agencies

Government healthcare departments

Defence Force – Army, Navy or Air Force

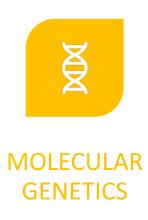
**Indian Railways** 

Non-Government Organisations (NGOs)

# Future scope















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## Opportunities abroad

#### Links to refer

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