

Supplement 1. The Final Version of the Questionnaire

Title of the project: Survey on attitudes and perception of students joining MBBS about the course and its outcome

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Survey questionnaire

Participant ID:

Date:

Serial no.	Question	Response
1	Mention your date of birth. DD/MM/YYYY	
2	Indicate your gender.	a. Male b. Female
3	How would you describe the place where you lived for the past two years before joining MBBS?	a. Village in India b. Town /city in India c. Abroad
4	How would you describe your place of permanent residence?	a. Village in India b. Town /city in India c. Abroad
5	Do you have any family member who is a doctor (holding or doing MBBS degree)?	a. Yes b. No If Yes, indicate their relationship to you. a. Grandparents b. Both parents c. One of the parents d. Siblings e. Other relatives
6	How many attempts did you take to get into MBBS course after completing 12th standard?	a. One b. More than one
7	When did you decide to study medicine?	a. Never b. Before completing class X c. After completing class X d. Not sure
8	Did you ever seek professional advice or counselling regarding your career choice?	a. Yes b. No
9	What was your mindset regarding your career choice after completing class XII?	a. MBBS was my only choice b. MBBS was my first choice but was considering other options c. MBBS was not my first choice

10	What would you have done if you were unsuccessful in joining MBBS?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. I would have joined MBBS abroad b. I would have waited for another year to join MBBS c. I would have joined any course related to health care (such as Bachelor of Dental Surgery, nursing, allied health sciences, etc.) d. I would have joined any course unrelated to health care (such as engineering, arts, sciences, humanities, law, etc.)
11	Who was the most influential person in making the decision to join MBBS?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. My self b. Parents c. Relatives d. Friends e. Teachers f. Others (please specify)
12	I believe that I was mature enough to take the decision of joining MBBS (to choose my career) after my school education.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Strongly disagree b. Disagree c. Neither agree nor disagree d. Agree e. Strongly agree

13. Rate the following factors on a scale of 1–5 (**1=least to 5=most**) that **motivated** you to join MBBS.

Motivating factor	Rating
Study a subject that interests me	
To train and be a “doctor”	
Wide career options after MBBS	
Self-employment is possible	
Past experience in hospital environment	
Illness in self or family	
Doctors as role models	
Prestige and respect in society	
One of the noble professions	
Opportunity to become first doctor in the family/village	
Opportunity to serve people	
Opportunity to achieve financial stability	
Opportunity to travel abroad for higher studies/work	
Opportunity to work in rural/remote locations	
Opportunity to settle in urban areas	
Others (please specify)	

14. Rate the following factors on a scale of 1–5 (1=least to 5=most) that might have **de-motivated** you to join MBBS.

De-motivating factor	Rating
Long duration of study period	
Long period to settle in life	
Highly competitive field	
Insufficient time for hobbies	
Insufficient time for family	
Less opportunities in India for higher studies	
Bond after MBBS	
Necessity to do at least a postgraduate degree after MBBS	
Not enough scope for MBBS graduates to practice medicine	
Need to work for long hours with comparatively less salaries	
Others (please specify)	

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15	Which broad area of service do you wish to work in the future?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Medical field b. Surgical field c. Diagnostic lab based field d. Teaching related field e. Medical research f. Medical administration g. Not sure h. Others (please specify)
16	What is your career goal?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. To practice medicine as a general practitioner with MBBS degree alone b. To do postgraduate degree and then work in health care system c. To do super-speciality degree and then work in health care system d. Not sure e. Others (please specify)

MBBS: Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery.