

PLANNING HEALTH PROFESSION

The conduct, aims, or qualities that characterize or mark a profession or a professional person is the hallmark of professionalism and a profession is a work plan requiring specialized knowledge with often long and intensive academic preparation¹.

Medical Profession is a unique system requiring the support of auxiliary services rendered by Nurses, Laboratory Technicians, Surgical Assistants, Scientific Researchers and many others as a team while a Medical Doctor is the team leader. Thus in this area a lot of professional planning and intensive training is required².

In the modern world health plays a major role in economic development. If the planned health services are executed, economic achievements can be meted out. In Pakistan over the period of last five decades there has been extensive progress in health profession. Similarly auxiliary services have developed in Pulmonology, Ophthalmology, Community Medicine, Emergency Medicine, and Disaster Management bearing very useful results. Orthopaedics has also contributed a lot to health improvement in the improvement of life style for transforming disabilities to improved physical output³.

The contribution of Medical Professionals like Laboratory Technicians for better diagnostic & prognostic fields; management of tuberculosis by paramedics, community optometry in general village population and medical curative support in accidental injuries is remarkable which gives us an insight to develop graduates in areas like pharmacology & therapeutics & drug discovery. Microbiologists have also contributed to control diarrhoea, measles, polio and iron deficiency anaemias in general population¹.

I am sure if we pay more heed to develop graduates to support medical auxiliaries we can provide excellent paramedical team to provide useful professionals to our society as well the world over. This would also divert the attention of youth to positive social & economic activities uplifting the standard of life in moral values.³

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