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Changing the Paradigm for Study in Pharmacy during the Crisis Period

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Teaching graduate and postgraduate students in pharmacy is tough as compared to child education. For the children, they are in the learning stage, and systematic education helps them to grow up faster. They can grasp many things easily, whereas in the case of graduate students, the average age of students is above sixteen years and they come with previous knowledge which helps them to oppose the new study of pharmacy. Pedagogy cannot be applied properly for such students, and andragogy is a better option for them. Another typical problem is associated with the language. The basic study in pharmacy is done in the English language in major countries. The students came from vernacular languages often face difficulties during the study and lose their interest in pharmacy education.

Though the pharmacy teachers are trying to overcome such problems of students through classes and to create interest in pharmacy subjects through different newest techniques. Another serious problem came due to COVID-19. Lockdown was announced in different countries to protect all people from this serious infection. It created a critical situation in the education sector including Pharmacy. People were confined to their homes. Normal study in the classroom was badly affected.

If a problem arises, a suitable substitute for the same is searched. Thus, a similar solution was found for education as well, the online classes. Many universities and colleges instructed their faculties to teach through online method.

Now the time came for up-gradation of faculties as well as for students to be ready for the new platform. Faculties are required to learn different online teaching methodologies through different online workshops as well through online teaching courses. Students are also required to learn online techniques to get lessons from concerning teachers.