Sir,

I have read the editorial by Prof. Memon, (December 2013). I respect his views, however, I could not understand few things.

Editorials of scientific journals, magazines and newspapers are taken as official policies of the journals/papers and institution itself.

The editorial which I am talking about has highlighted multiple problems, shows contradictions and ambiguities. I humbly request that these may be clarified.

The editorial starts with the problems of female doctors outnumbering male doctors. I know it is a worldwide phenomenon but is it a problem? Does CPSP (JCPSP being the official spokesman of CPSP) oppose the induction of female candidates in Medical Colleges and revert back to female quota system of pre 1972 era? I think the readers of JCPSP deserve a clear answer to this.

The next problem highlighted in the editorial is of the brain drain. On the one hand, the editor is complaining of brain drain and in the same editorial he is taking credit that the CPSP has improved the standards of postgraduate training to the extent that our specialists are being demanded overseas. Which part of the editorial should be taken as policy of CPSP? An opposition to brain drain (and, therefore, the government and concerned authorities should enact legislation to stop doctors to go abroad for jobs) or we should celebrate our success of producing efficient postgraduate who are welcomed abroad with open arms?

I agree that overemphasis on publish or perish is not in the best interest of profession particularly in our setup.

As regards EBM (Evidence Based Medicine) and other systems, I have witnessed many experiments but we are still at the same place and plane as far as our undergraduate medical education is concerned.

In evaluation, it started with full essay type questions, then changed to many different types of multiple combined with SEQ and long essay. Community based medical education, Community Oriented Medical Education (COME) and other experiments are giving way to EBM.

I request the professionals to sit down and evolve a system which is best for our country.

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