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Disorders Of Sexual Differentiation Academic Curriculum

In India, a student enters medical college, after finishing 10+2 years of education, in order to earn the basic degree of MBBS.

Most school or junior college curriculums do not include any education about sex, sexual orientation or disorders during this 10+2 stage and the first time that most students are exposed to this is at the MBBS level.

During MBBS, students are taught about “Disorders Of Sexual Differentiation” in the subjects of Anatomy, Physiology and Medicine. Additional details are taught in Surgery and Gynaecology, as also at the MD (Medicine), MCh (Urology and Plastic Surgery) and DMC (Endocrinology) levels.

However, this evinces little interest among prospective medical practitioners, since eunuchs do not usually go to them for addressing their hormonal problems. The primary reason for this lack of interest on the part of eunuchs is poverty and the lack of definitive treatment of the condition.

The scope of this book is limited to providing a general and basic knowledge about such conditions and disorders, which are intended for the purpose of defining a general framework within which, the broader social and other issues afflicting the eunuch community need to be addressed.