

Pharmacy Education and Training II: Listening to students

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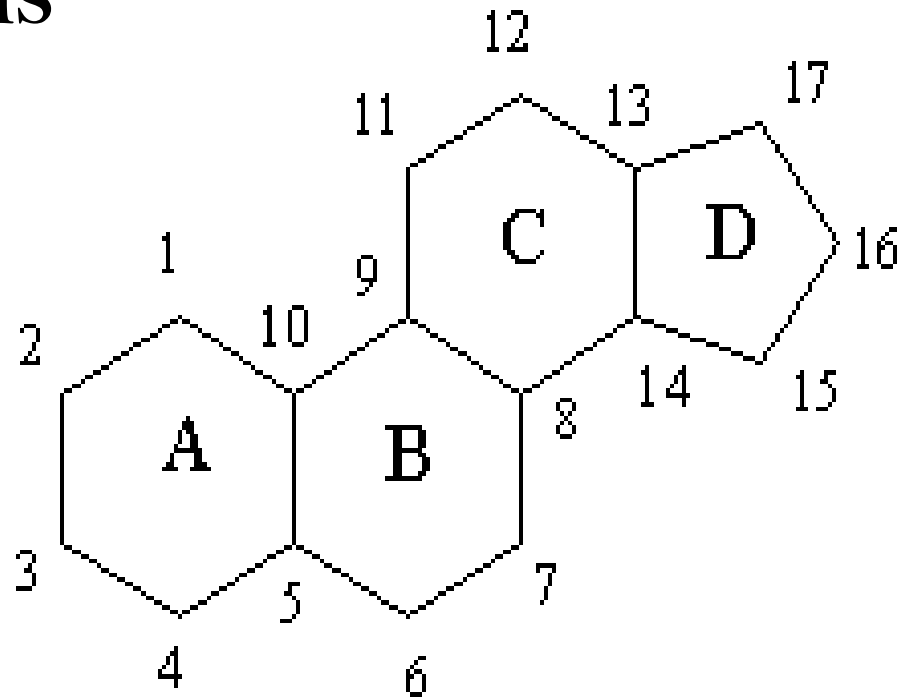
OUR BACKGROUND

- **Undergraduate degree:** Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours)
- **Postgraduate Degree:** Master of Science in Pharmacy
- **Current course:** Doctor of Philosophy



OUR STUDY

STEROID SYNTHESIS



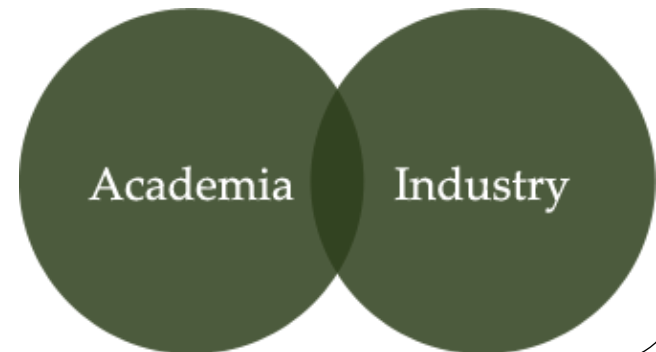
OUR STUDY

DISTRIBUTION OF ANTI-INFECTIVE AGENTS IN THE PERIPHERIES



POST- GRADUATE EDUCATION

- Changes in the Higher Education Sector in response to a **rapidly developing industry**
- **Demand** from industry and academia is **growing**
- **Supply must meet demand** and consequently number of **post graduate studies** is **increasing**



POST- GRADUATE EDUCATION

- It is important that expertise is acquired from different countries and shared to satisfy and keep up with a **more competitive global economy**
- Various forms of expertise- **drive change** and help in important decision making



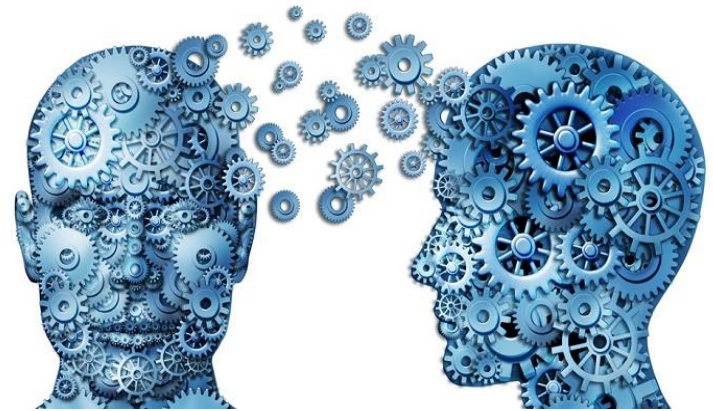
POST- GRADUATE EDUCATION

- There are **diverse challenges** which one can meet whilst undertaking post- graduate studies
- Why and how students undertake these studies is the **driving factor for evolution** and change of current trends and ways of thinking



REASONS TO TAKE UP POST-GRADUATE STUDIES

- Thirst for knowledge or curiosity
- Specialise in a preferred area
- Improve job opportunities



POST-GRADUATE EDUCATION

- Post graduate education can offer **advantages** on various levels:

- **PERSONAL**
- **NATIONAL**
- **INTERNATIONAL**

- Post-graduate education- **investment**



ADVANTAGES

- Self-esteem
- Self-respect
- Confidence
- Competence



ADVANTAGES

- Self-actualisation
- Self-fulfillment
- Discipline
- Time-management



ADVANTAGES

- Stable work environment
- Reputation
- Contacts
- Flexibility



ADVANTAGES

- Improve research and investigative skills
- Contribute to field of specialisation
- Improve employment prospects
- Increase job opportunities



CHALLENGES

- Busy schedule
- Lack of resources
- Limited tools
- Procrastination



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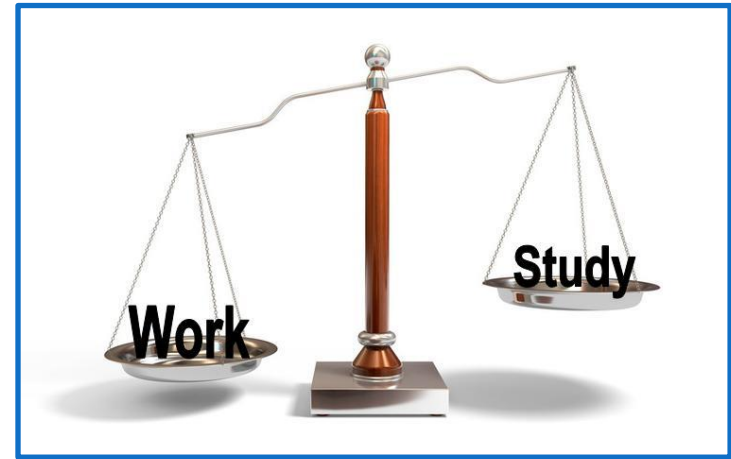
CHALLENGES

- Limited expertise in particular country
- Skill for data analysis and interpretation
- Skill to write publishable material
- Difficulty with delivering oral presentations



CHALLENGES

- Financial
- Difficulty with working in a research team
- Inadequate planning- time management- work and study
- International students e.g. culture shock



SUPERVISOR

- **Relationship** with supervisor is very **important**
 - GOOD (it will help build strong team and relationship)
 - BAD (negatively effect results)

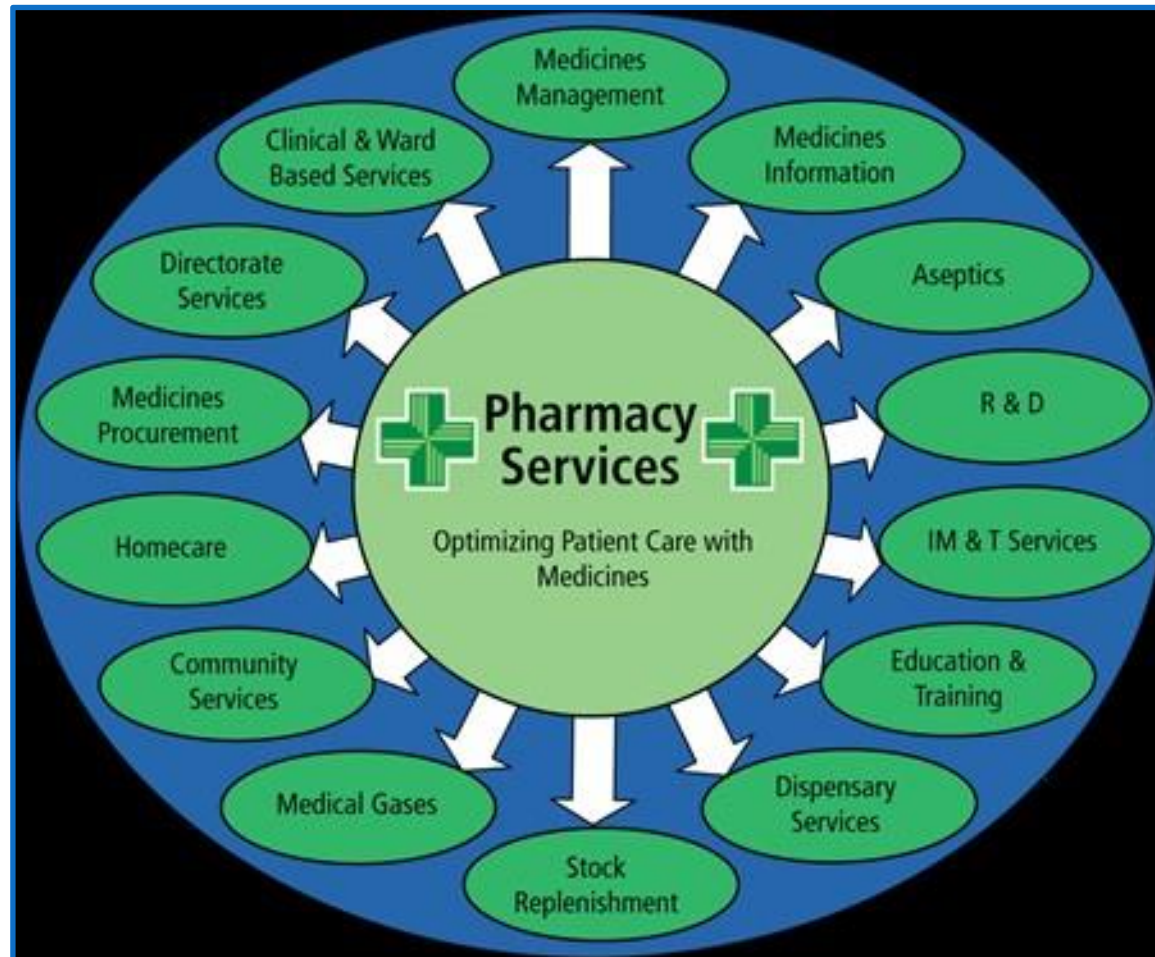


PHARMACY PROFESSION

- One of the strong points of the pharmacy profession is that it is **varied and diverse** where one can choose to specialise in any of the many fields and sectors available according to one's preference.



PHARMACY PROFESSION SPECIALISATIONS



FUTURE



CONCLUSION

- Post- graduate studies- **goal-oriented** venture
- **Values** and **beliefs** help shape **goals** and **desires**
- **Motivation** is directly related to **commitment**

motivation
is what gets you started.

commitment
is what keeps you going.